

PARTNER SEARCH FORM

for

Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

- I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a DEP Project
 I am planning to coordinate a Project and I am looking for Project Partners

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- TOPIC ID: DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-DIGITAL-HEALTH-STEP
- TOPIC Deadline: October 1 2026
- Deadline for the expressions of interest: September 1 2026

PARTNER INFORMATION

▪ **Description of the Legal Entity:**

- Higher Education
- Research Institution
- Public Administration
- Industry / SME
- NGO
- Other:

Please specify:

- **Description and expertise of the team:** At the Howest Digital Health Lab, we have significant expertise in digital tools that can support preventive healthcare. We have expertise in tool development but also co-creation and implementation processes. In our research we deliberately aim for a close interaction with educational programmes on healthcare and on technology. One specific example is our postgraduate programme on e-health, aimed to enhance data and AI-literacy as well as digital creation and implementation skills in healthcare professionals.

▪ **Potential role in the project:**

- Technology provider
- Data provider
- Research
- Training
- Dissemination
- Other:

Please specify:

Expertise / competence needed in case of searching for Project Partners:

- **Other areas of interest for collaboration:** We are always looking for potential collaborations on the topics of digital health and trusted technologies. Our digital health lab focusses primarily on co-creation and implementation of technology and on tools that can support preventive healthcare and behavioural change towards healthy lifestyles. For the digital part, we collaborate with the IT department with a focus on trust in technologies and topics like cybersecurity, AI, immersive technologies and web3. We perform applied research and education.

- **Already experience in EU funded projects as a:**
 - Coordinator: YES x NO
 - Partner: x YES NO

- **Project experience and track record:**

Upscaling Health Tech labs for Accelerating Innovations is a European EFRO-project that gave rise to our digital health lab infrastructure.

ReTrack is an internally funded research project where we (co-)develop and test a digital tool to support the continuation of healthy habits and prevent relapse of obesity after a residential care trajectory at the hospital. We also apply the concept of personal datapods to support data transfer through different stages and care actors of a patients' care journey.

Power up wellbeing! Is an internally funded research project where we develop AI-algorithms and digital tools to support stress-detection and management in cognitively strong students.

Yet is a project supported by local governments where we co-developed a digital tool that engages youth to actively contribute to spatial planning

RUN-EU is a European university network and exchange programme

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