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## FROM EVIDENCE TO POLICY MAKING: THE RENEWING HEALTH EXPERIENCE

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The RENEWING HEALTH project, co-funded by the European Commission, has involved the Veneto Region along with other eight European regions with the aim to produce evidence-based results and decision support for EU health policies about the future largescale deployment of telemedicine in real life settings. A common rigorous methodology, based on Health Technology Assessment principles, was adopted in all the pilot sites to validate the use of Personal Health Systems for innovative types of telemonitoring services for patients with cardiovascular diseases, COPD and diabetes. According to the specific pathology addressed and the intervention modality, the services are grouped into Clusters and analysed with a common evaluation protocol. Cluster n. 7 involved a multi-centre randomized controlled trial that aims at exploring the overall impact of telemonitoring for patients with Congestive Heart Failure. In the Veneto Region a unique platform was developed to deliver telecare and telehealth services to such patients who are equipped at home with portable devices to measure their clinical parameters and detect real-time any emergency situation. All the data are transmitted to a regional eHealth centre that is the point of connection between patients and physicians.

Significant results have been obtained on clinical effectiveness, more precisely in terms of reduced access to hospital facilities, on societal-economic and organizational aspects and on user perception (patients and physicians). Starting from the evidence observed, a set of multidisciplinary recommendations have been defined as a first basis for regional policy makers who have to decide the future strategies for the healthcare innovation.