

EUROPEAN UNION GRANTS ADVISOR

Hospital Uses Funds to Update IT Infrastructure



“The EUGA programme held a seminar with the Ministry of Healthcare for all hospitals in the area. They explained the funds available for updating IT infrastructure and helped us to apply. We are so grateful for their help.”

Zita Bruncková, General Manager,
Hospital Alexandra Winter Piestany

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Situation

The Hospital Alexandra Winter Piestany, located in Slovakia, had an outdated IT infrastructure. Patient records and other hospital information were paper-based and often needed to be transferred by the patient to consultants and surgeons. The hospital wanted a system that stored information centrally and was easily accessible to the right people at the right time. Like many hospitals in Slovakia and around Europe, a lack of available funds was hindering modernisation project plans.

Solution

Following the advice of the local European Union Grants Advisor (EUGA) consultant, the hospital decided to apply for a Broadband to Regions grant scheme. In March 2006, it was awarded €190,000 (U.S.\$241,000) —95 per cent of the total cost of the project. Using the funds, the hospital was able to implement a new IT infrastructure. Patient information, appointment times, and general administration are now available over the Internet. The project also includes training for employees who need to familiarise themselves with the new hardware and software. The comprehensive IT training is conducted by Microsoft® partners in the region. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

Benefits

- Hospital Alexandra Winter Piestany awarded €190,000.
- Hospital saves time and money on administrative processes.
- Slovakian citizens receive better healthcare services.