



Integration and analysis of heterogeneous big data for precision medicine and suggested treatments for different types of patients.



IASIS & RADIO: Two success stories in H2020 healthcare challenges

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RADIO Basic Facts

- **Title:** Robots in **assisted living** environments: **Unobtrusive, efficient, reliable and modular** solutions for independent ageing
- **Topic:** PHC-19-2014 - Advancing active and healthy ageing with ICT: service robotics within assisted living environments
- **Contract No.:** 643892
- **Budget:** € 3.8M



The RADIO Action and Concept

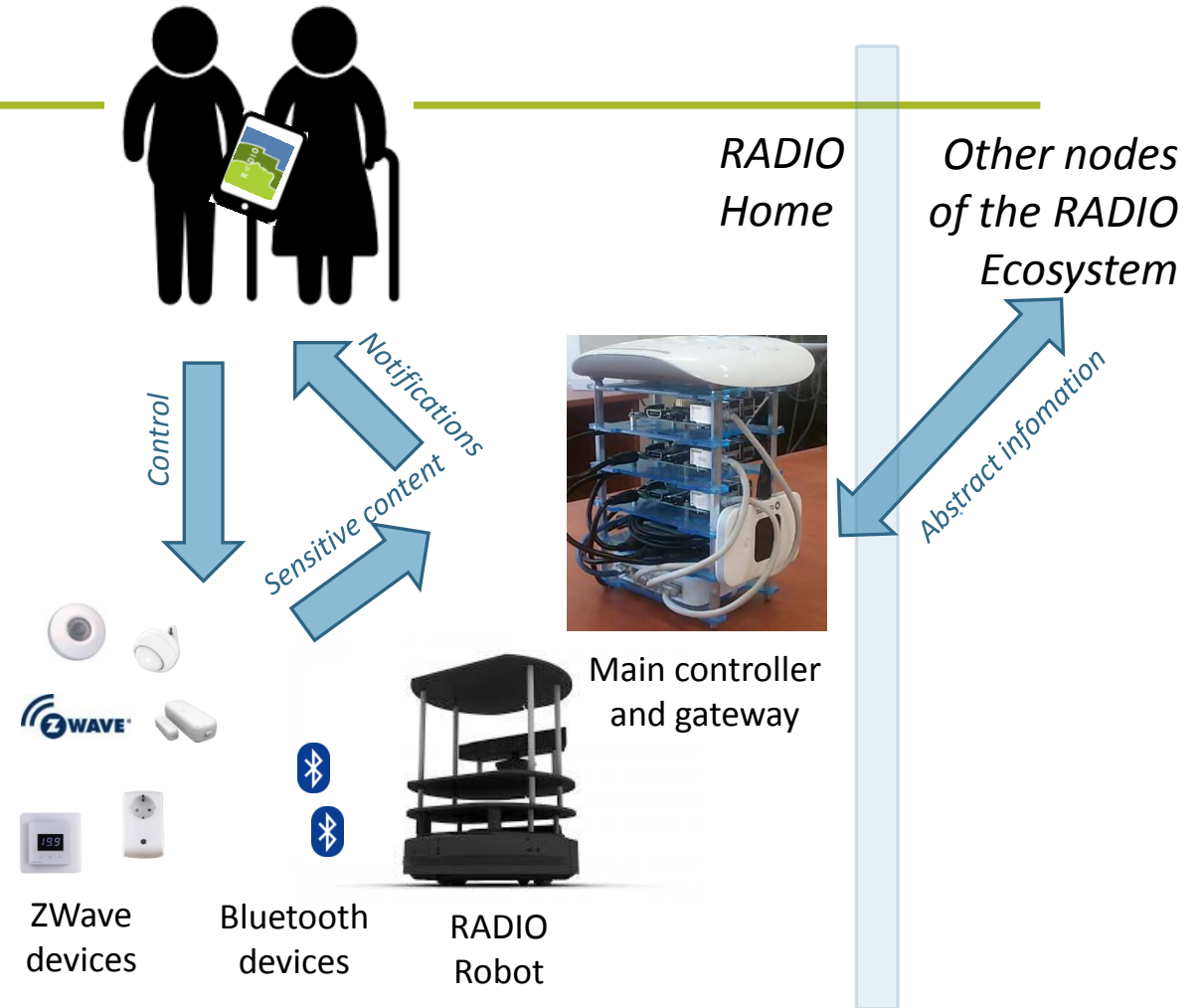
Advancing active and healthy ageing with ICT: Service robotics within assisted living environments



- Clinical monitoring for assessing ability to live independently alone
- No stigmatization
 - All monitoring hardware also assists at home
 - Robot finds and guides
 - Using home automation also provides monitoring data
- No functional obtrusiveness
 - Primary users are never asked to charge, use, wear, remember to do anything whatsoever to be monitored

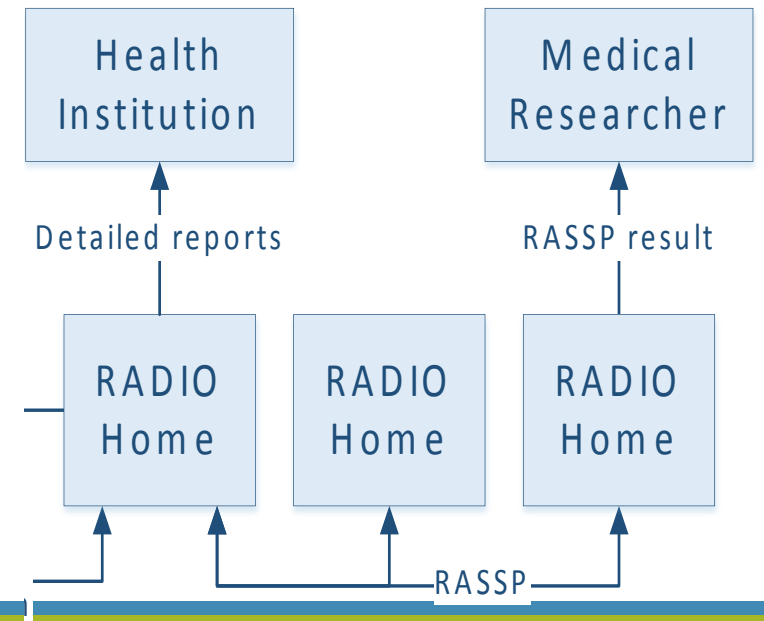
The RADIO System

- Home automation
 - Activities: using appliances to prepare meal, leaving home, watching TV
- Mini-rack with three Raspberry Pi's
 - Off-board computations, prolonging robot's battery autonomy
- The RADIO Robot
 - Motion analysis, audio analysis, object tracking in laser scans
 - Measurements: walking speed, bed transfer speed
 - Activities: medication intake



The RADIO Ecosystem

- Privacy-preserving peer-to-peer distributed computation of statistics
 - Facilitates medical research over sensitive data
- Core conceptual infrastructure and algorithms existed
 - But were never worked into a full, implementable communications protocol
- We designed and implemented protocol and stack
 - Backend software for nodes and for “researcher” node
 - R library that hides RASSP details to provide statistical functions (t-test, average, etc.)
- In addition to usual access control
 - Health professionals see detailed reports about person they are responsible for



iASiS Basic Facts

- Title: Integration and analysis of **heterogeneous big data** for **precision medicine** and suggested **treatments** for different types of patients
- Topic: H2020-SC1-PM-18-2016 - Big Data supporting Public Health policies
- Contract No.: 727658
- Budget: € 4.3M
- Project Officer: Gisele Roesems



Motivation

- Epidemiological data analysis is not sufficient for public health policies in the era of personalized/precision medicine
- We also need explanations, e.g. why a treatment ought to work better for one type of patient than another
- Therefore, we need to combine **breadth** (across a population) with **depth** (e.g. personal genome) in the analysis
- Big data analysis can address both breadth and depth, under the appropriate framework. **That's iASiS!**



Vision and Objectives

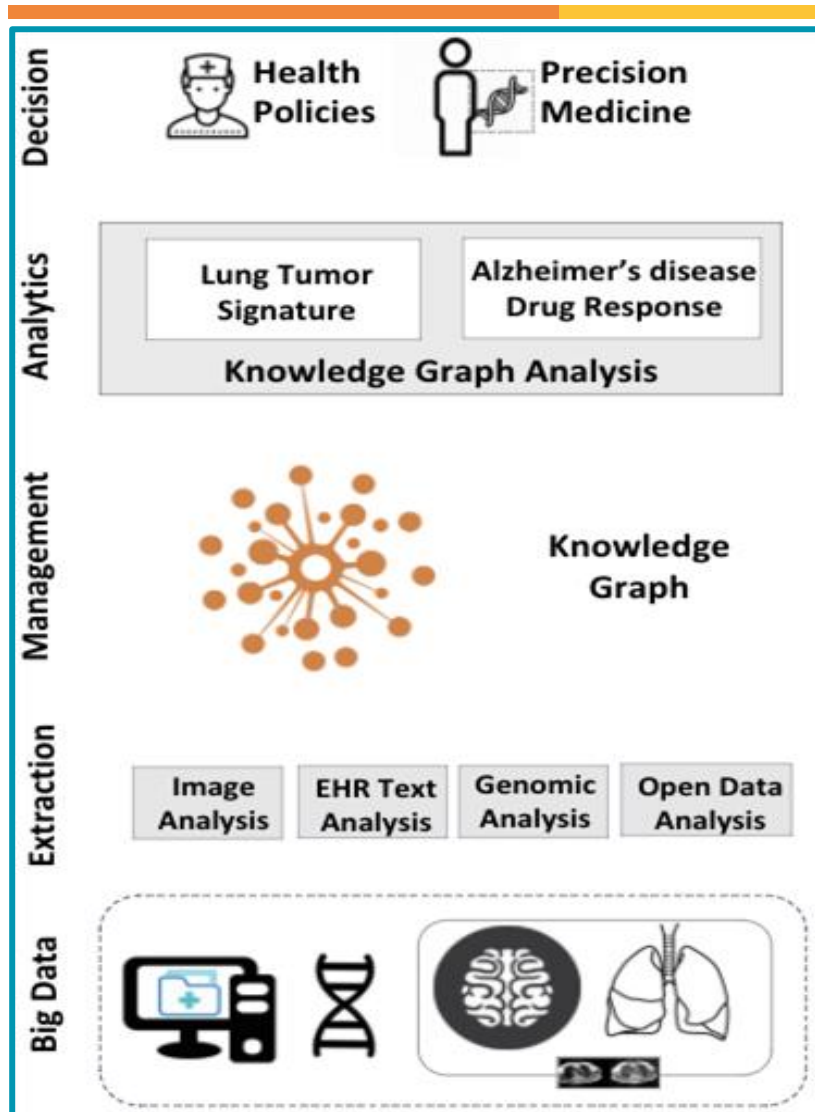
iASiS Vision:

Turn clinical, pharmacogenomics, and other **Big Data** into **actionable knowledge** for personalized medicine and health policy-making

iASiS Objectives:

- Integrate automated **unstructured** and **structured** data analysis, **image** analysis, and **sequence** analysis into a **Big Data** framework
- Use the iASiS framework to support **personalized diagnosis and treatment**

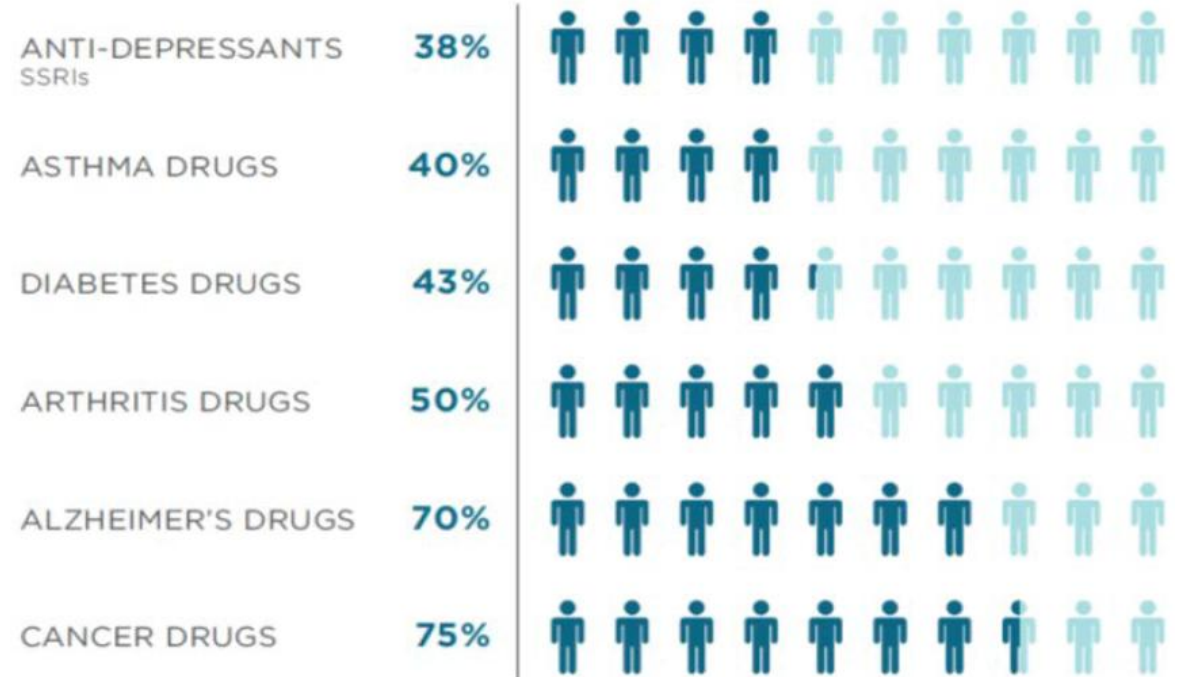
The iASiS Framework



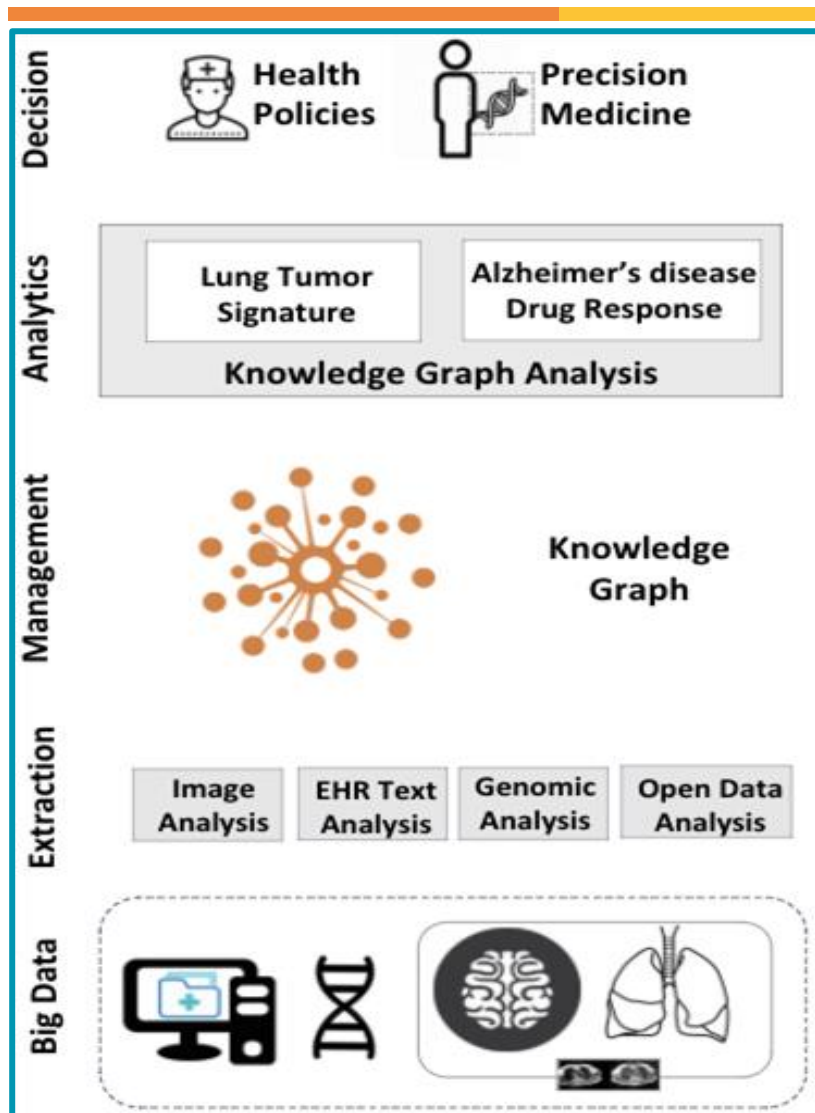
• iASiS focuses on **two use cases:**

- Lung cancer
- Alzheimer's disease

• General-purpose drugs are often ineffective

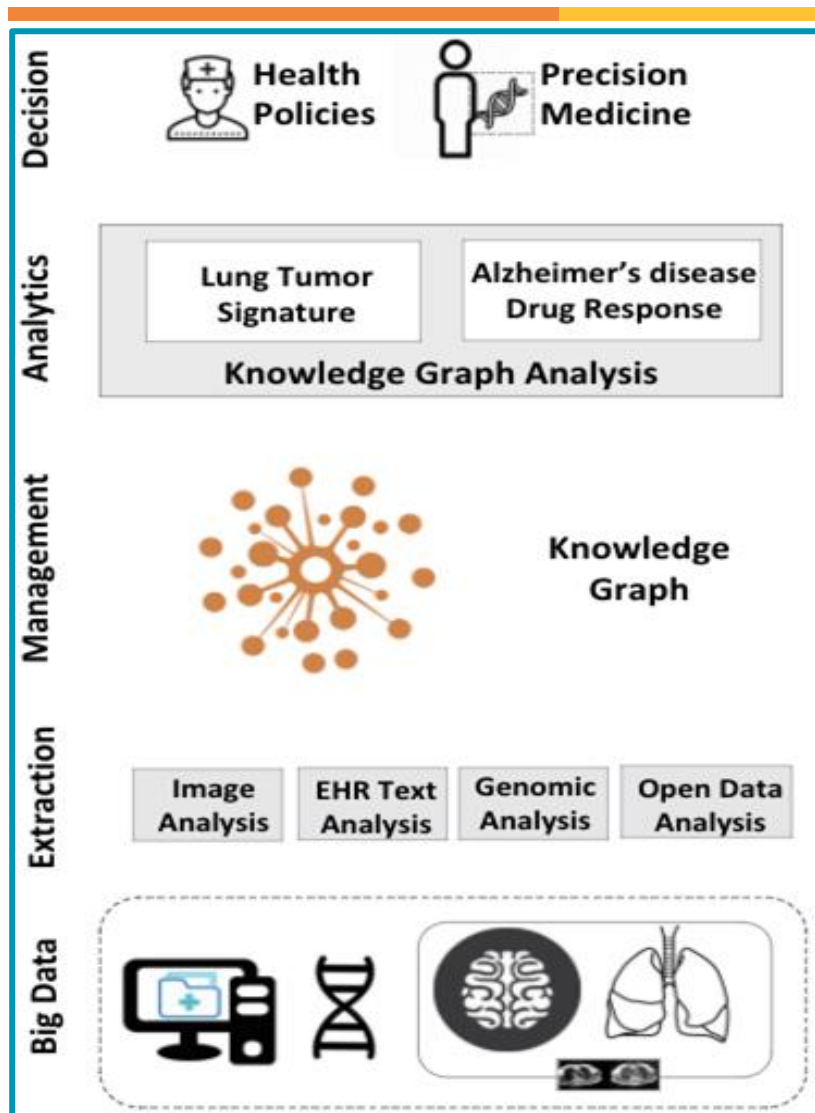


The iASiS Framework



- iASiS **analyzes:**
 - EHRs (English & Spanish)
 - MRI & PET/CT images
 - Genomic data (e.g. liquid biopsy samples)
 - Related bibliography (e.g. PubMed)
 - Biomedical databases (e.g. DrugBank)
 - Biomedical ontologies (e.g. GO, UMLS)

The iASiS Framework



- Extracted knowledge is fused in the iASiS **knowledge graph**
 - Unified semantic schema
 - Linked data
 - Machine-processable knowledge
- iASiS **end-users can:**
 - Perform natural language questions
 - Receive answers along with justifications
 - Identify patterns in patient populations
 - Make informed decisions
- All steps of data management and analytics enforce **privacy** and **access** control

Lung Cancer Pilot

Motivation:

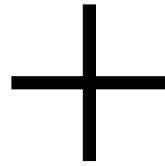
- Lung cancer among the **most**
 - common and **deadly** diseases
 - **costly** cancers
- Lung cancer is a **heterogeneous** disease. Characteristics differ among
 - **patients**
 - **tumor regions**

iASiS will enable:

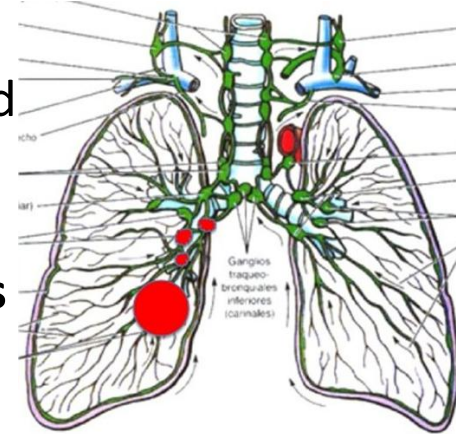
- **Discovery** of correlations among **tumor** spread, prognosis, response to treatment
- **Unraveling** molecular mechanisms that predict response to different **tumor types (signatures)**

Lung Cancer Pilot Data

- EHRs in Spanish
- PET/CT Images
- Genomic Data/Liquid Biopsy Samples



- Pharmacological knowledge extracted from **publicly available datasets**
- **Biomedical ontologies and taxonomies**
 - terminology standardization
 - semantically describing the EHRs



Alzheimer's Disease Pilot

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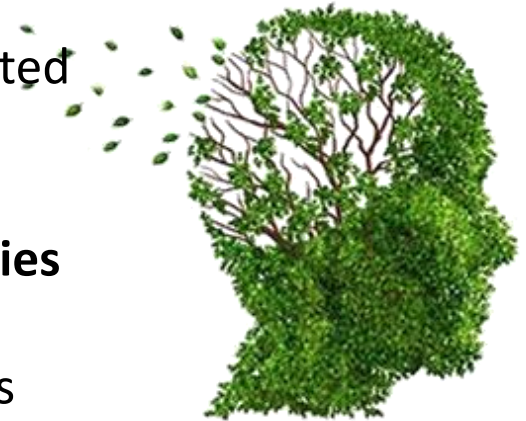
- Approximately, **10% of people** over 65 suffer from Alzheimer's
- **Heterogeneity** of the symptoms **impedes** accurate diagnosis and treatments

iASiS will enable:

- **Discovery** of patterns **associated with** prognosis, outcomes and response to treatments
- **Association** of **medical** and **lifestyle** advice to Alzheimer's **risk** and stages of **severity**

Alzheimer's Disease Pilot Data

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 - MRI Brain Images
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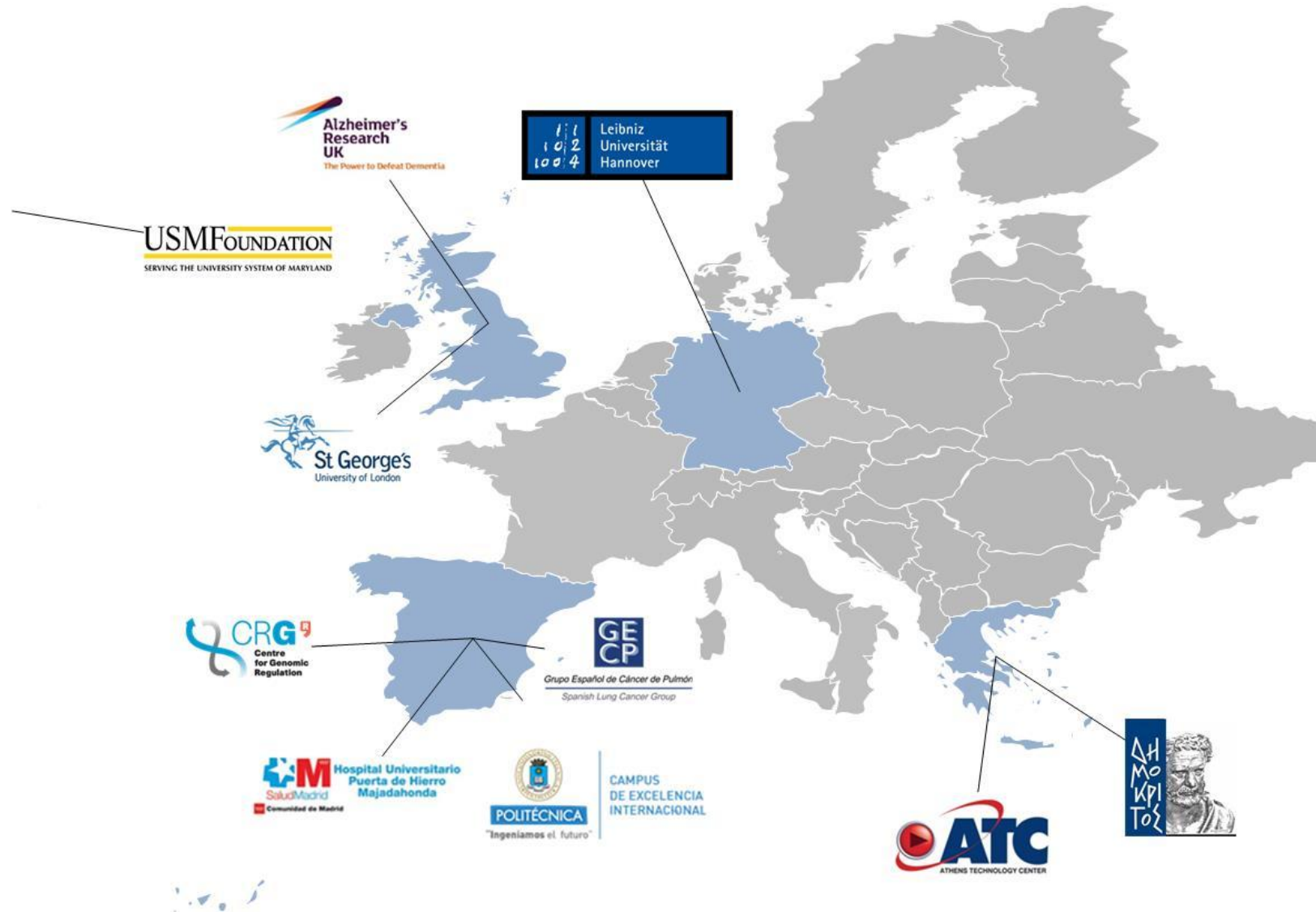
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Beyond Data Analysis

- iASiS handles **sensitive patient data** from hospitals: EHRs, MRI and PET/CT images, blood and liquid biopsy samples
- Ethics Committee led by **external advisor** to oversee the adherence to rules, regulations and patient consent per data source.
- Data management plan using **FAIR principles** and corresponding tools.
- Data **access control**, including anonymization, hardware and software protection, regulated access.

iASiS Partners



How to create success stories

- Start early – a good proposal needs time and evolution
- Clear unique project objective
- Form the Consortium:
 - Clear unique (set of) target group(s)
 - Clear set of partners – are they THE voice of the market?
- Make sure you know the current (market) situation and your starting point
 - Check the list of H2020 current projects

How to create success stories

All three sections are equally important:

- **Excellence:**
 - Focus and show **how you innovate**
 - Explain the **overall concept** underpinning the project
- **Impact:**
 - **Quantify!** Describe in a concise, yet robust, manner your baseline, benchmarks and assumptions
 - Plan activities to monitor your performance
- **Implementation:**
 - Take your time to decide **the best methodology to be applied** – can it deliver?

How to create success stories

- Design your budget “bottom-up”:
 1. define tasks
 2. Estimate efforts needed (person man-months of work)
 3. Translate person-months into EUR
- Ethics, privacy-legal issues
 - Advisory board
 - External Ethics/legal advisors

Thank you for your attention



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