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## Transforming healthcare: unveiling and tackling medical deserts – the OASES project

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# Context

- To create an overview of medical deserts in the seven countries (Cyprus, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Moldova, and Romania) involved in the project;
- To assess and characterize medical desert in the seven countries (at national and/or regional level) and the mitigation strategies in place and/or planned;
- To facilitate consensus regarding mitigation strategies targeting medical deserts among stakeholders in each of the seven countries;
- To provide evidence-based recommendations to mitigate medical deserts in the seven countries in the consortium.

# Methods

- Primary and secondary data, consensus building exercise, policy analysis
- Triangulation
- Multidimensional analysis

# Results

- Omnipresence of medical deserts, underscoring their pervasive nature, each country facing a unique manifestation of this challenge
- Lack of data
- Collaboration, effective communication
- A gap in awareness regarding recent policy actions and mitigation steps  
the need to recruit specialists, broadening the scope of primary care

# Recommendations to mitigate medical deserts

1. Increasing the number of Practicing HRH
2. Expanding Scope and Roles of Professionals
3. Financial Incentives
4. Reorganizing Primary Care Delivery
5. National Measures
6. Utilizing E-Health

# Discussion

- The inherent complexity of mitigating medical deserts
- The challenging terrain policymakers and stakeholders navigate
- Time is a crucial element
  
- In essence, the narrative woven through these studies emphasized not just the challenges, but the resilience and adaptability required to script a transformative healthcare future.



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# Thank you!

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