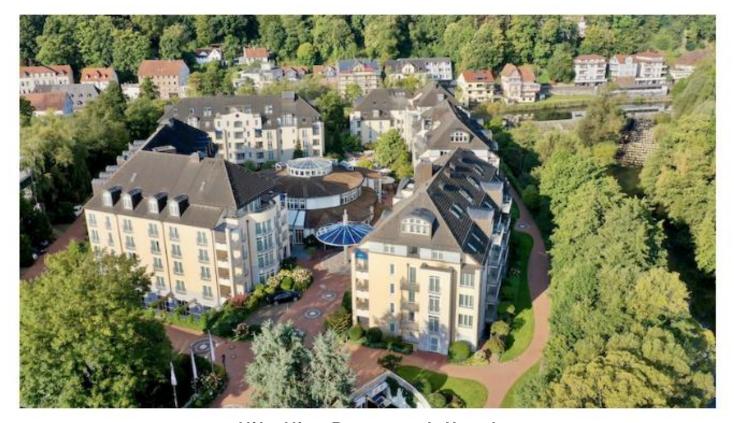


Project Overview WP1 & WP13

Sandro Rossi

Coordinator

Project Meeting - Marburg, May 22nd-23rd, 2024

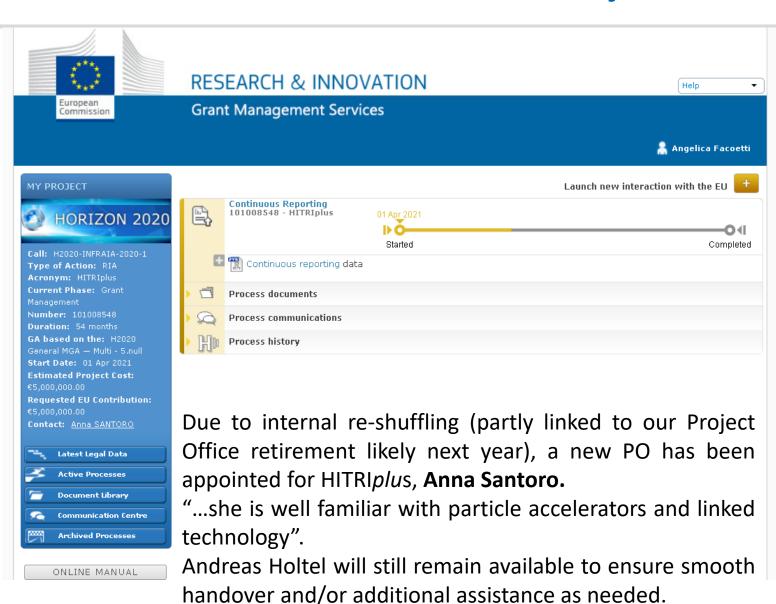


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This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101008548

New Project Officer





Anna Santoro

Expert - Reviewer



Alejandro Mazal

HITRIplus Consortium (started April 2021)



Grant Agreement number: 101008548 – HITRIplus H2020-INFRAIA-2018-2020

23 Institutes

(4 CIRT centres, 11 research institutions, 5 universities, 3 SMEs)

14 European Countries

4.5 years Project (1st April 2021 – 30th September 2025) Total budget: 5 MEuro

New Entries





Tera-Care



HITRIplus Objectives

- 1. To integrate, open up and broaden the leading European Research Infrastructure for the treatment of cancer with beams of ions, ranging from helium to carbon and to heavier ions.
- 2. To coordinate and strengthen the research programmes on heavy ion therapy of different European institutions, by promoting synergies, collaborations, innovation, knowledge transfer, new initiatives and sharing of tools and data.
- 3. To develop in a joint and coordinated way novel technologies to improve the accelerators and their ancillary systems that provide particle beams to this scientific community. These technologies will improve the present generation of facilities and will be the foundation for a next generation European design for ion therapy facilities.
- 4. To establish a European multidisciplinary community for heavy ion therapy research, aiming at improving treatment strategies and modalities by connecting physics and engineering with medicine, biology and biophysics, and to extend this community towards emerging European regions, addressing in particular new initiatives in South East Europe.
- 5. To define the main technical features and the scientific programme of a future pan-European Research Infrastructure for medical and radiobiological research with heavy ion beams, to be built in South East Europe or in another European region.



WP1: Management WP13: Ethics Requirement



WP2: Networking and Communication, Dissemination and Outreach



WP4: Innovation, technology transfer, industry relation



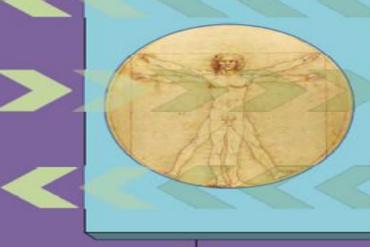
WP3: Clinical networking



WP5: Education and Training



JRA Joint Research Activities



TNA WP6 Transnational Access



WP7: Advanced accelerator and gantry design



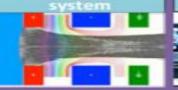
WP8: Superconducting magnets design



WP9: Advanced beam delivery



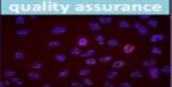
WP10: Multiple energy extraction system



WP11: Controls and safety



WP12: Radiobiology and



HITRIplus Governance

General Assembly 1 representative per Party

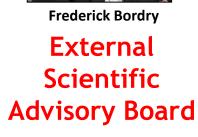


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Trans National Access TNA



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NA: Networking Activities

WP2
Networking and Communication,
Dissemination and Outreach



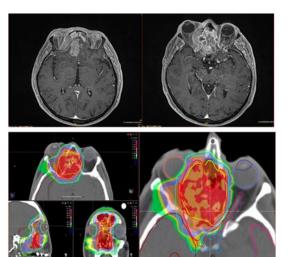


Peter Grübling, SEEIIST









WP3
Clinical Networking



Piero Fossati, MEDA

- ✓ Design one trial as a template for bringing innovative heavy ion therapy approaches in the clinics
- ✓ Set up a European registry to collect data on rare cancers treated with heavy ion therapy
- ✓ Review existing data on OARs dose costraints in use in the clinical facilities

NA: Networking Activities

WP4

Innovation, technology transfer, industry relation



Manuela Cirilli, CERN



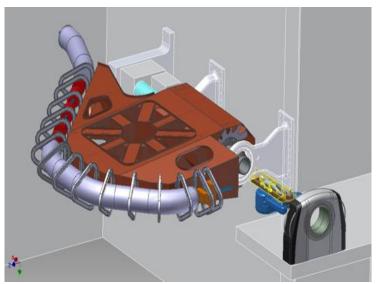


WP5 Education and training



Nicholas Sammut, UM

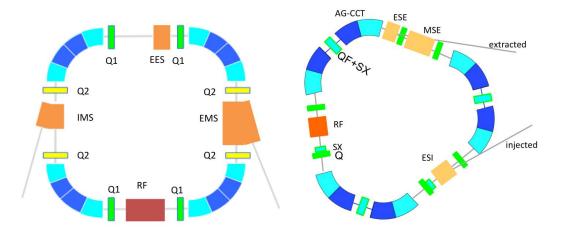
JRA: Joint Research Activities



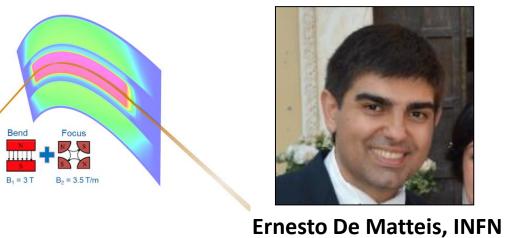
WP7
Advanced accelerator and gantry design

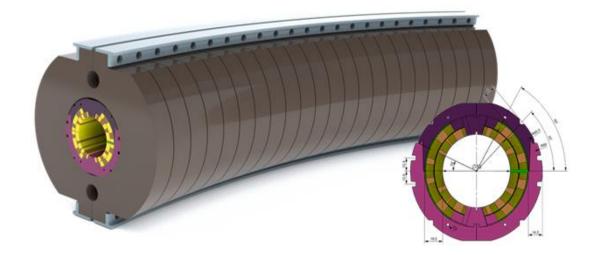


Maurizio Vretenar, CERN

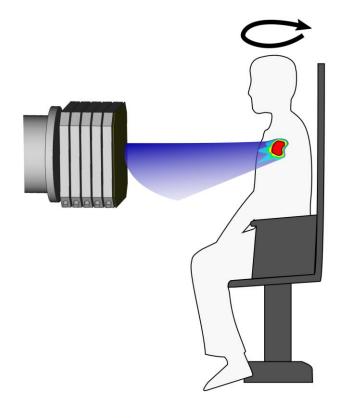


WP8
Superconducting magnet design





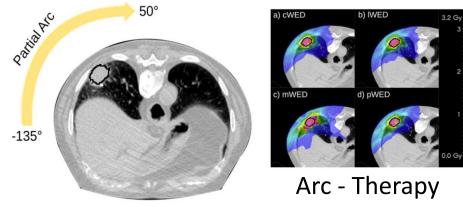
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WP9
Advanced
beam delivery



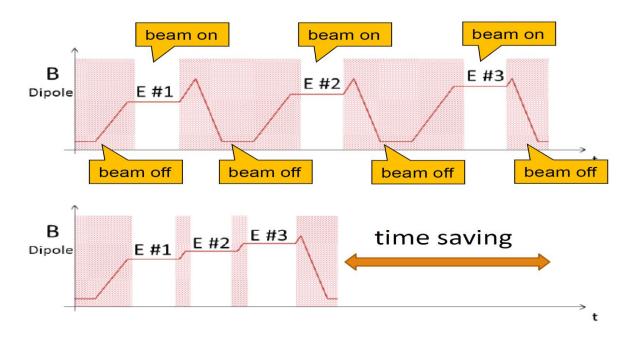
Christian Graeff, GSI



WP10
Multiple energy
extraction system



Thomas Haberer, UKHD/HIT

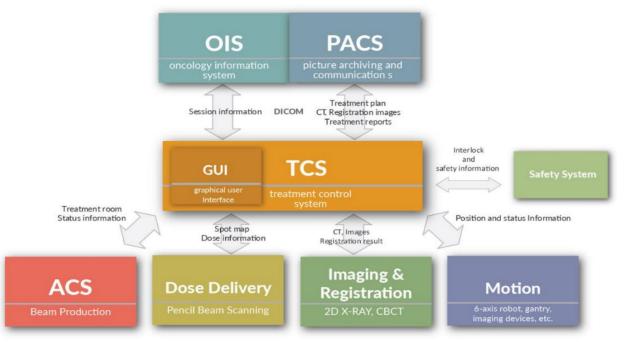


JRA: Joint Research Activities

WP11 Controls and Safety



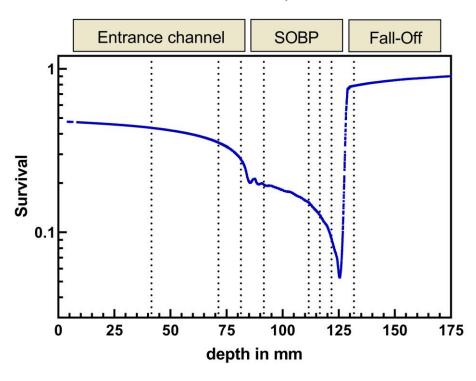
Dominik Perusko, CSL



WP12
Radiobiological Dosimetry
and QA



Ulrike Schötz, UMR



TNA: Trans National Access

	Research [h]	Clinical [h]	Total
CNAO	80	12	92
GSI	296	-	296
UKHD/HIT	72	10	82
MEDA	-	12	12
MIT	-	16	16
	448	50	498











Clinical Research Access to clinicians/medical physicists/technicians

Free travel and accommodation for a 3 days full immersion in hadrontherapy clinics to discuss and examine real research clinical cases

Research Access to perform research activities with carbon ion beams
Free beam-time, travel and accommodation reimbursement

TNA: Trans National Access

















HYBRID CME EVENTS

Hadrontherapy: status and perspectives. Development of a hadrontherapy facility: learning from the existing and Scientific day on BNCT

OCTOBER 11TH | 12TH | 13TH 2023

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Directors: Ester Orlandi, Saverio Altieri, Sotirios Charisopoulos











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Coordination meetings so far ...

Technical Project Board meeting:

- 1) April 9, 2021
- 2) June 30, 2021
- 3) July 29, 2021
- 4) September 29, 2021
- 5) October 27, 2021
- 6) November 25, 2021
- 7) January 18, 2022
- 8) February 10, 2022
- 9) March 22, 2022
- 10) April 27, 2022
- 11) June 23, 2022
- 12) July 28, 2022
- 13) October 25, 2022
- 14) November 22, 2022
- 15) January 26, 2023
- 16) February 28, 2023
- 17) April 4, 2024
- 18) May 23, 2023
- 19) June 26, 2023
- 20) September 13, 2023
- 21) November 3, 2023
- 22) January 26, 2024
- 23) March 8, 2024

WorkPackage Leaders Meeting:

- June 16, 2021
- December 12, 2022

GA meetings:

- (19 March 2021)
- June 21, 2021
- December 7, 2021
- May 18, 2022
- December 13, 2022
- June 28, 2023
- December 14, 20243

Project meetings:

- April 13, 2021 (Kick off meeting)
- December 7, 2021
- May 17-18, 2022 (CNAO, Pavia)
- June 26-28, 2023 (Riga, Latvia)
- May 22-23, 2024 (Marburg, Germany)

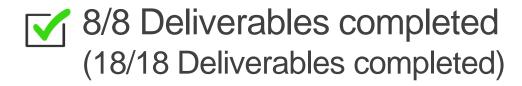
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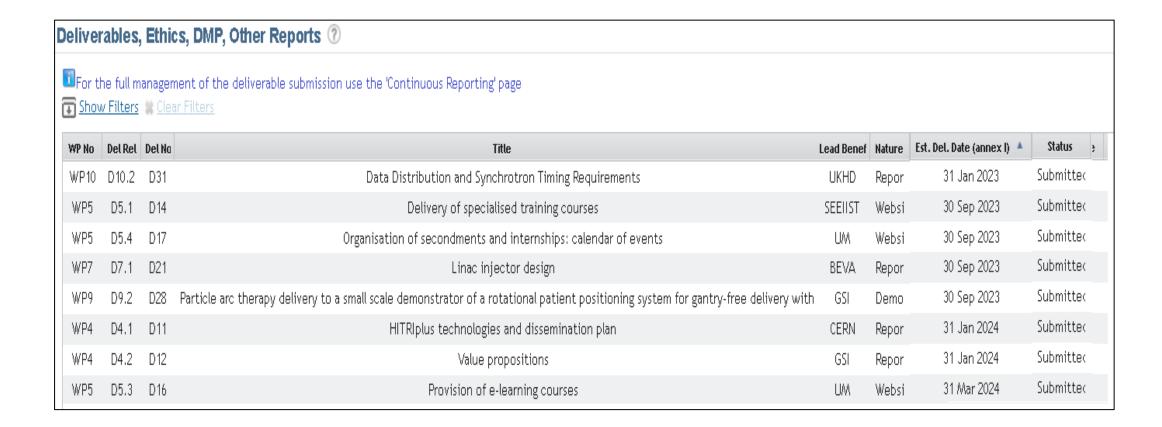
- April 28, 2022
- December 12, 2022
- June 26, 2023
- May 22, 2024

ABELII Meetings:

- November 16, 2021
- May 18, 2022
- December 12, 2022
- April 28, 2023

Deliverables





Milestones

1/1 Milestones completed (11/11 Milestones completed)

Milestone	S				
Number	Name	Lead Beneficiary	Delivery Date (Annex I)	Achieved	Comments
11	Intermediate report on the state-of-the-art treatment room, acceler	CSL	31 Mar 2022	✓	An internal report providing an overview of th
7	Linac and Gantry conceptual design, and SC synchrotron main parame	CERN	31 Mar 2022	✓	An internal report describing the basic paramet
5	Specialised Courses and masterclasses content definition	SEEIIST	30 Sep 2022	✓	The goal of WP5 is to increase the European Poo
14	Evaluation of web based registry development status	MEDA	30 Sep 2022	☑	A proposal for a web based registry to provide
1	Mid-term General Assembly Meeting completed	CNAO	30 Sep 2022	✓	The HITRplus mid-term General Assembly meeting
9	Finished simulation environment for particle arc therapy	GSI	30 Sep 2022	2	The completion of the simulation setup for part
8	Magnet Layout decision and Engineering design	INFN	30 Nov 2022		After the design comparison study (deliverable
10	Real-Time Data Generation Strategy	UKHD	30 Nov 2024		
12	Generation of a standardized dosimetry for collaborative radiobiologi	UMR	31 Jan 2025		
3	Evaluation of impact on European centres OARs constraints	MEDA	31 Mar 2025		

Publications during 2nd reporting period

19 articles, 9 conference proceedings, 9 posters

Scientific Articles 2 RP

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Summary of scientific contributions

Invited scientific talks

- S. Rossi, CNAO experience and international pe Developing Human Resources for Setting Up at
 Fossati P. Co
 - Headquarters Vienna
- S. Rossi, Ion Therapy Co Sofia, 12-13th May 202
- S. Rossi, HITRIplus He Conference, Madrid, 10
- S. Rossi, Practical exper Research: consideration
- S. Rossi, HITRIplus, Onli
- S. Rossi, Introduction to CERN, Geneva, October
- S. Rossi, IS CNAO THE R Development of a hadr BNCT. Workshop CNAC
- A.Facoetti, HITRIplus status and perspectives existing. Scientific day
- S. Rossi, Health ecosyst knowledge exchange &
- S. Rossi, Hadrontherap Annual Meeting of Arg Aires, Georgetown, No.

- Symposium-
- Fossati P. Car Therapy Sym
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- Ankita Nacha Joanna Gora. strategy in ca 2023, Vienna
- Ankita Nacha Gora, Gernot ion radiother 2023, Madrid
- Marco Duran
- M. Vretenar, HITRIplus ser
- M. Vretenar, 11-13.10.23
- E. Benedetto **HEP Projects**
- R.Taylor, Slov
- H.Huttunen.

Scientific Talks (50 speeches)

Public talks (13 events)

Webinars (9 events)

Lectures (18 events)

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Agenda Wednesday 22nd

14:00 → 14:15	Project Meeting Opening Relatori: Klemens Zink, Sandro Rossi	⊙ 15m
14:15 → 14:25	Project Overview + WP1 and WP13 Relatore: Sandro Rossi	③ 10m
14:25 → 14:35	Administrative Management Relatore: Angelica Facoetti	⊙ 10m
14:35 → 14:50	Financial Management Relatore: Chiara Marazzi	⊙ 15m
14:50 → 15:10	Presentation Networking Activities pillar and WP2: Networking and Communication, Dissemination and Outreach Relatore: Manjit Dosanjh	③ 20m
15:10 → 15:25	Coffee Break	O 15m
15:25 → 15:40	Presentation WP3 "Clinical networking" Relatore: Piero Fossati	⊙ 15m
15:40 → 15:55	Presentation WP4 "Innovation, technology transfer, Industry relation" Relatore: Sandra Elisabeth Muhr	③ 15m
15:55 → 16:05	IBA and Normandy Hadrontherapy contribution Relatori: Severine Rossomme, Virgile Letellier	⊙ 10m
16:05 → 16:20	Presentation WP5 "Education and Training" Relatore: Nicholas Sammut	⊙ 15m
16:20 → 16:30	NA Pillar Discussion Relatore: Manjit Dosanjh	⊙ 10m
16:30 → 16:50	Presentation WP6 "Transnational Access" Relatore: Marco Durante	③ 20m
16:50 → 17:00	Discussion on WP6 "Transnational Access" Relatore: Marco Durante	⊙ 10m
17:00 → 17:30	Hadrontherapy and EU clinical networks: status and perspectives Relatore: Lisa Licitra	③ 30m
17:30 → 17:40	First Day Conclusion Remarks Relatore: Sandro Rossi	③ 10m
20:00 → 21:30	Social Dinner	O 10 30m

Agenda Thursday 23rd

09:00 → 09:10	Opening Relatore: Sandro Rossi	③ 10m
09:10 → 09:30	Presentation Joint Research Activities Pillar + WP7 "Advanced Accelerator and Gantry Design" Relatore: Maurizio Vretenar	③ 20m
09:30 → 09:45	Presentation WP8 "Superconducting magnet design" Relatore: Ernesto De Matteis	⊙ 15m
09:45 → 10:00	Presentation WP9 "Advanced beam delivery" ¶ Relatore: Christian Graeff	③ 15m
10:00 → 10:15	Presentation WP10 "Multiple Energy Extraction System" Relatore: Thomas Haberer	③ 15m
10:15 → 10:30	Coffee Break	③ 15m
10:30 → 10:45	Presentation WP11 "Controls and Safety" Relatore: Dominik Perusko	③ 15m
10:45 → 11:00	Presentation WP12 "Radiobiological Dosimetry and QA" Relatore: Ulrike Schoetz	③ 15m
11:00 → 11:20	JRA Pillar Discussion Relatore: Maurizio Vretenar	③ 20m
11:20 → 11:50	Project Officer Remarks Relatore: Anna Santoro	③ 30m
11:50 → 12:20	Comments from the Reviewer Relatore: Alejandro Mazal	③ 30m
12:20 → 12:30	Closing remarks Relatore: Sandro Rossi	③ 10m
12:30 → 13:30	Lunch	O 10
13:30 → 14:30	2nd reporting period technical and financial report Relatore: Coordinators, WP leaders	③ 10
16:30 → 18:00	Visit to MIT Facility	O 10 30m

Agenda General Assembly

HITRIplus - 7th General Assembly meeting

Thursday 23 May 2024 VILA VITA ROSENPARK Congress Center, Marburg (Germany) and On line

- 14:30 → 14:40 Welcome, verification of the quorum and approval of the Agenda¶ Speaker: Sanja Damjanovic
- 14:40 → 15:10 Report of the Coordinator including the summary of the Review meeting¶ Speaker: Sandro Rossi
- **15:10** → **15:25** Second Technical Reporting Speaker: Angelica Facoetti
- 15:25 → 15:40 Second Financial Reporting Speaker: Chiara Marazzi
- **15:40** → **16:10** Open discussion on future evolutions of HITRIplus Plenary
- 16:10 → 16:20 Date for the next meeting AOB

THANK YOU!





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TNA Research



Applicant (PI)	Affiliation	Proposal title	Hours	Host	Period
Marie Vanstalle	Institut Pluridisciplinair e Hubert Curien (IPHC), Strasbourg	Measurements of damages to biomolecules in solution induced by carbon ions and their secondary fragments	30,5	CNAO	April 14/15 & May 26/27, 2023
Christophe Badie	UK Health Security Agency	Identifying specific gene signatures for different radiation qualities in human white blood cells and skin samples for biodosimetry purposes	8	CNAO	May 13, 2023
Ilaria Rinaldi	MAASTRO	Stopping power ratio measurements of electron density phantom	5	ніт	December 20, 2022
Fernando Dominguez	USC Spain	Silver atomic Quantum Clusters of five atoms (Ag5- AQCs), radiosensitizer for heavy-ion particle therapy.	6	GSI	February 11th & April 18th, 2024
Aleksandra Wronská	Jagiellonian University in Kraków	SiFi-CC – commissioning of a setup for prompt-gamma imaging	16	ніт	January 12/13, 16/17, 2023
Anne Klimpel	TU Dresden	Spectral Fibre Dosimetry for Heavy Ion Radiotherapy	6.5	CNAO	March 6, 2023
Charles- Antoine Collins- Fekete	University College London	Mixed beam image guidance for particle therapy applications	4	GSI	December 18/19, 2023
Sara Marcatili	CNRS/IN2P3, Grenoble, France	Test of TIARA detector with protons from synchrotron and carbon ions	(16)	CNAO	Summer 2024
Armin Durakovic	Cantonal hospital Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Angular distribution measurements of neutron fields generated with a typical clinical ion beams (proton and carbon) applied to anthropomorphic phantom	(16)	CNAO	May 10/11, 2024
Total 2 nd RP			76		
1 st RP			91		
Total 36 M			167		

TNA Clinical

Applicant	Affiliation	Country	Host	Number of visitors
Rogelio Robaina Escobar	AEPROT	Spain	CNAO	1*
Erika Korobeinikova	Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	Lithuania	CNAO	3
Renata Zahu	Amethyst Radiotherapy	Romania	CNAO	2
Maria Topalidou	Papageorgiou General Hospital	Greece	CNAO	2
Ghizela Ana Maria Salagean	University of Babes Bolyai, Cluj Napoca	Romania	CNAO	2
Washington Oliveira	Federal University of Bahia – Brazilian Company of Hospital Services	Brasil	CNAO	1
Juliette Thariat	Centre Baclesse	France	CNAO	1
Zsolt Cselik	Veszprém County Hospital	Hungary	MEDA	1
Alexandra Kolenova	National Institute of Children's Diseases	Slovakia	MEDA	1*
Ana Perpar	Institute of Oncology Ljubljana	Slovenia	MEDA	2*
Katalin Hideghety	University Szeged, Department Oncotherapy	Hungary	MEDA	1*
Daniel Koffler	Mayo Clinic Florida	USA	MEDA	1
Roy Holland	Rambam Health Care Campus	Israel	MEDA	2
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Linh Tran	Wollongong University	Australia	MEDA	1*





"Understanding the technology and medical indications specific to Carbon ion therapy prior to sending our own patients there is of paramount importance. Witnessing first-hand the comprehensive approach your team takes in providing state-of-the-art treatment to patients has not only broadened our knowledge but has also equipped us with essential insights into the medical indications that fit treatment at your facility. Your commitment to excellence in patient care and research is truly commendable. Additionally, it was of great importance to us to have the opportunity to visit Mr. Y.L and Mrs. B.K, during their challenging treatments. Witnessing the path and care they are receiving was impressive.

Moreover, witnessing the futuristic carbon ion technology in action was nothing short of impressive. The innovative approaches and cutting-edge technology employed at MedAustron underscore the facility's commitment to pushing the boundaries of medical science and patient care. [...].

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"[...] We strongly believe particle therapy is the future for the Baltic States. [...] The knowledge the experts at CNAO have shared with us allows us to have a better understanding of the intricacies of cancer treatment with protons and especially with carbon ions. We were familiarised with different clinical cases, treatment planning and delivery processes, as well as challenges and future directions for hadrontherapy.

The knowledge we have received in CNAO will help us to manage our expectations and envision possibilities regarding the future particle therapy centre in Lithuania or other Baltic states. Therefore, our goal is to establish a close collaborative partnership with CNAO, with a focus on actively participating in patient treatment, clinical research, as well as education and training initiatives."

Julija Joksaite (Lithuania, Medical Physicist).