LEONARDO PROJECT – english summary

The project main goal is to support development of Central Eastern European Network (CEE) for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (A1ATD) diagnostics and treatment that will function within AIR (Alpha One International Registry) European network of medical centers specializing in A1ATD.

Partners
1. The National Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases/ Poland (Coordinator)
2. Hannover Medical School/ Germany
3. Institute of Pneumophthysiology “Marius Nasta”/ Romania
4. PJ SAFARIK University, Faculty of Medicine/ Slovakia
5. Leiden University Medical Center h/o Academisch Ziekenhuis Leiden/ Netherlands
6. UMHAT “Dr. Georgi Stranski” Pleven EAD, Clinic for pneumonology and phthisiatry”/ Bulgaria
7. Vilnius University Faculty of Medicine/ Lithuania
8. Università degli Studi di Pavia/ Italy

The project is designed to address specific CEE regional educational needs, therefore its aims are:

• to develop individualized training program for respiratory professionals: physicians, physiotherapists, laboratory staff involved in A1ATD diagnostics and medical care in CEE; program will be tailored according to specific country needs

• to develop educational materials for respiratory professionals in national CEE languages

• to create awareness of A1ATD problem and patient needs in CEE

• to promote A1ATD European network in CEE European countries

Project Stages:

Stage 1: Central Eastern European Network establishment: assessing local needs and potential to launch close cooperation both regionally as well as within the existing European network (AIR)- workshop

Stage 2A: Training visits

Stage 2B: Focus group workshops

Stage 3A: European network AIR conference in Warsaw

Stage 3B: Educational materials for respiratory professionals and dissemination of results