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DEEP-RAFT is an educational and outreach research endeavor in four Eastern Europe countries (Greece, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine) for patients, doctors and healthcare policy makers. It aims at raising awareness, educating and affecting systemic change on diagnosis and treatment of Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and Venous thromboembolism (VTE).

DEEP-RAFT innovates through a co-creative approach for educational design and an active approach to learning and awareness building.

DEEP-RAFT creates evidence based, medically valid interactive educational material in the form of virtual patients and branching educational vignettes for doctors and patients. This content drives experiential workshops and Infodays at key international conferences and dates.

DEEP-RAFT content and events are created with the help of healthcare system stakeholders (Specialist doctors, patients, healthcare policy makers) custom to healthcare, cultural and technological particulars of each participating country. Active learning principles such as Scenario/Problem Based Learning facilitate hands-on doctors' education and participatory patient awareness.

DEEP-RAFT's multilayered, iterative evaluation plan covers all levels of outcomes from activity participation to community healthcare impact ensuring DEEP-RAFT's systemic and emergent healthcare impact through evidence based, co-creative, active learning, participatory approaches.

The DEEP-RAFT consortium is comprised of 4 academic partners, combining high cardiology expertise and over a decade experience in contemporary medical education, such as SBL and co-creative approaches to educational design. The consortium is led by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, since the overall project and educational technologies coordination are headed by Medical Education Informatics Associate Professor Panagiotis Bamidis and the overall clinical education and outreach is led by cardiology Assistant Professor George Giannakoulas. The consortium and its positioning ensure a wide reach across the Eastern Europe, accessing diverse healthcare systems and approaches, based on partners' existing networking (e.g. AUTH's Medbiqitous international links and ePBLnet's Eastern European networks).

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