Artificial Intelligence Supporting Cancer Patients Across Europe

Press Release │ ASCAPE launches its Open Call for external proposals to join fight against cancer

EU, (September 14, 2020). On Monday, September 14th, the EU-funded ASCAPE, a research project that uses Information Technologies to improve the quality of life and health of cancer patients, initiates an Open Call for healthcare providers, research centers, and SMEs to test and evolve ASCAPE's platform.

Cancer treatment is a long-time process that is not only confined to hospitals and clinics. In addition, during the last years has prevailed a trend to more patient-centric frameworks and approaches in cancer treatment. ASCAPE's value proposition lies at allowing the better use of health-related data for the benefit of cancer survivors by developing AI models that improve their Quality of Life (QoL) while reducing costs to the healthcare systems and improving access to services. For the duration of this project, ASCAPE is focused on the training of AI algorithms in two types of cancer: breast, and prostate. Our long-term vision is to create a framework where multiple healthcare stakeholders will share knowledge about various types of cancer to help doctors make informed decisions enabling them to provide a better Quality of Life trajectory to their patients.

To increase the impact of our effort, ASCAPEs launches an Open Call to invite external partners to join our vision. Through this call, we are primarily looking at:
   a) Evaluating the efficacy and applicability of our solution and test our AI models in, external to the ASCAPE, **healthcare providers**, **research teams** or **SMEs** in the field of healthcare.
   b) Enhancing ASCAPE's efficacy and expand its application to other types of cancers or medical conditions by calling **AI/ML-specialized SMEs** or **research teams** to train our AI models with datasets or provide AI/ML algorithms models to be incorporated in our solution.

To achieve these goals, ASCAPE will offer to the selected beneficiaries:
   a) A lump sum of 250.000 €
   b) Access to the ASCAPE AI models/platform
   c) A comprehensive view of the ASCAPE platform architecture
   d) Technical & business coaching
   e) Publicity/visibility

The launch day of the ASCAPE Open Call will be September 14, 2021, and proposals from the third parties will be admitted by December 10. To find more information on the terms and conditions of the Open Call and the respective sub-calls, please visit our page at **Funding Box** at **ascape-opencall.fundingbox.com** and read the Guide for Applicants and the sub-calls descriptions.

ASCAPE H2020 Action consists of a consortium of 15 partners, from 10 countries involving big companies, SMEs, research centers, and universities.

To find out more about ASCAPE, please visit the project Web site at: **www.ascape-project.eu**

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