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# A PATIENT EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS OF DIABETES IN THE DIGITAL ERA





## Il gruppo di lavoro

LifeSTech

**Life Supporting Technologies (LifeSTech)** is a research, development and innovation group, belonging to the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) and dedicated to design, development and evaluation of services and applications based on ICT (Information and Communication Technologies), in order to create and promote new ideas, methods and technological solutions in every aspect of the value chain of organization.



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## Descrizione

### EDUCATION

Psychological and educational aspects into treatment

### VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE

Value not being included

### INTEGRATED CARE

New shift towards empowerment

### THIS WORK

Empowerment framework to integrate self-management education + value

### OPEN INNOVATION

Efforts in understanding the needs. LL implementation

### DIGITAL TOOLS

Efforts in developing m-health solutions

## Obiettivi e destinatari del lavoro

1

To **understand, explore and define** the **existing gaps** to extract knowledge on how digital tools can contribute to improving the empowerment of diabetic patients

2

To **understand the stakeholder needs towards the inclusion of digital tools** as part of the patient empowerment approach

3

To **design of a collaborative framework** to offer digital interventions to diabetic type 1 patients, promoting empowerment.

4

To **verify the proposed framework** through a case study and a socio-economic analysis

1. The extraction of missed opportunities in the development of digital educational solutions for patients with type 1 diabetes.
2. The identification and formulation of needs structured in four levels (i.e., patient, professionals, organisations and industry) allowing a holistic view of the whole ecosystem, including the Living Lab approach.
3. A new logical framework for assessing the empowerment of patients with type 1 diabetes.
4. A new way to implement an empowerment framework in real settings that fosters communication between actors and it is based on value share.



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