

Outcome of the IHI JU Science and Innovation Panel on ideas submitted for potential IHI topics

Reference number of the idea: N° TI_001228

Improving the production and delivery of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and patient accessibility by supporting collaboration between academic laboratories and industry

Overall opinion

The idea addresses an important area of research, also identified in the [Draghi report on EU competitiveness](#) as a topic with a potential impact on European competitiveness by strengthening innovation hubs and stimulating innovation in Europe.

However, the focus is on scalability, which is not to be considered the major issue, but accessibility to quality-assured ATMPs following European regulatory standards, produced by health care provider organisations. Therefore, the SIP recommends that the idea should be further explored; however, it should be refocused on meeting regulatory standards during development regarding safety, efficacy and quality. This eventually can lead to the accessibility, affordability and availability of Advanced Therapies fulfilling European and international standards. There is a need to map existing EU Horizon Europe programs and planned calls and differentiate the scope and focus to identify the gaps not covered yet.