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Europe makes Berlin – fit for the future

innovative | climate-conscious | integrative | sustainable

In order to promote joint development, the EU Regional Fund (ERDF) supports regions across the EU. Berlin, its companies and people also benefit from EU funding policy. By 2027, EUR 680 million will be allocated to the Berlin ERDF programme, which, together with the necessary national co-financing, will grow to around EUR 1.7 billion.

These funds are used specifically to promote sustainable growth, strengthen future-oriented industries and further expand our city as a hotspot for highly innovative startups. With more than a third of the budget, climate protection and energy efficiency are stronger than ever in the ERDF programme. An additional focus lies on implementing measures to develop disadvantaged urban areas.

Exciting ERDF projects can be discovered everywhere in the city!

Mika – digital and personalized therapy support for cancer patients

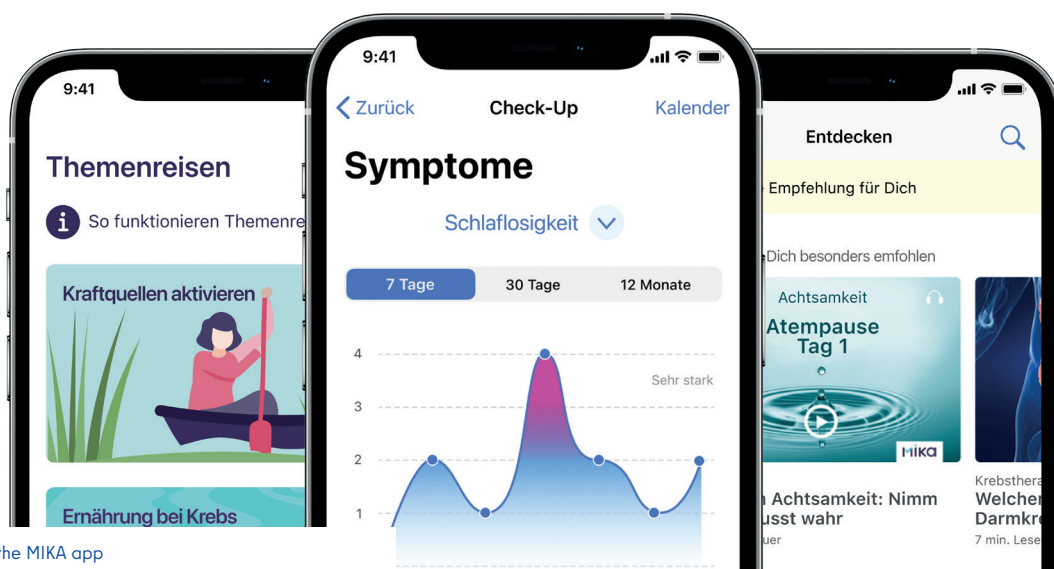
Statistically, nearly every second person in Germany will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. Such a diagnosis entails significant physical and psychological challenges for affected individuals, such as depression or anxiety disorders. The digital platform „Mika“ aims to alleviate these challenges and restore self-determination and quality of life to cancer patients.

„We developed Mika to give cancer patients a sense of self-determination and to improve their quality of life.“

Dr. Gandolf Finke and Dr. Jan Simon Raue, the founders of the Digital Health company Fosanis and developers of the „Mika“

Dr. Gandolf Finke, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Fosanis GmbH

app, had people in their personal circles who were diagnosed with cancer. This made the founders acutely aware of the need for psychological support, even though comprehensive psycho-oncological care is not guaranteed throughout Germany.



Screenshots of the MIKA app

INDIVIDUAL AND EFFECTIVE

The digital therapy support „Mika“ is already used by more than ten thousand people in Germany alone. Patients are accompanied around the clock during their illness. The program includes exercise routines, dietary recommendations, mindfulness exercises, as well as electronic patient reports that track their stress, symptoms, and side effects. Studies show that using the „Mika“ app can demonstrably reduce psychological stress.

ERDF PROMOTES TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS

Among other fields, all content is rigorously reviewed by experts in psychology and cancer medicine, to continuously promote technological advancement as it proves fundamental for the Digital Health company's economic success. One example of digital progress is the „Recommender“ function, which enables personalized support content and ensures that more than twice as many app functions are used.

THE ERDF IN ACTION IN BERLIN

The Program for the Promotion of Research, Innovation, and Technology (ProFIT) supports Berlin-based technology-oriented companies and research institutions by financing innovative projects, research, development, market preparation and market launch. Expanding the „Mika“ development team alongside collaborations with leading institutions in oncology and psycho-oncology provides innovative solutions for oncological care as well as it creates high-quality jobs in Berlin.

The ERDF makes Berlin fit for the future by

- fostering highly innovative methods and products through collaborations between research and businesses, and expanding research and innovation capabilities,
- establishing Berlin as a technological hub for Digital Health

FUNDING

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Innovations

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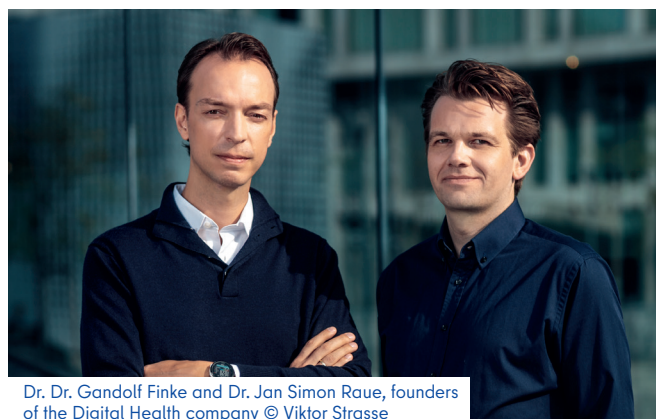
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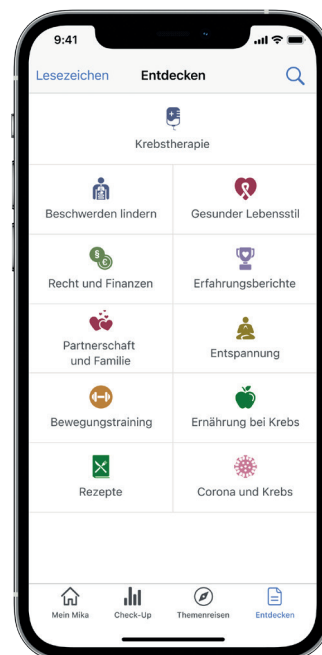
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Through daily check-ups, patients can record their symptoms



The MIKA app strives to provide comprehensive support to its users