

GPI LEADS “DREAM”, THE AI-DRIVEN PROJECT EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

A One Health research initiative on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases supported by the Apulia Region

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GPI, an Italian multinational specialising in digital healthcare, has signed an agreement with the Apulia Region to launch **DREAM** (*Digital therapy and aRtificial IntElligence for patients Assistance and treatMent*), a research project investigating the onset and progression of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's by analysing their relationship with the environmental and climatic conditions of a specific geographical area.

Led by GPI in partnership with Advice Pharma, DREAM harnesses artificial intelligence to develop predictive models that will support the creation of early diagnostic tools and improve the management of patients living with these conditions. The project is a practical application of the **One Health** approach, which recognises human, animal and environmental health as part of a single interconnected system. It places data at the centre of prevention, creating value for both patients and healthcare professionals.

The project builds on an established research pathway that GPI has already successfully validated in a related field. The Group previously developed a predictive analytics system capable of forecasting emergency department attendances and hospital admissions for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases by combining environmental and climate data from a specific area with historical healthcare data provided by a leading Italian health authority. This work demonstrated how the integration of environmental data, clinical expertise and artificial intelligence can support more efficient care pathways, and now provides the scientific foundation for the DREAM project.

"With DREAM, artificial intelligence is taking healthcare research in a new direction, bringing together clinical, environmental and climate data in increasingly sophisticated ways," said Antonio Colangelo, GPI's R&D Director. "Should the patterns we are investigating be confirmed, the significance of DREAM will extend well beyond Apulia. It will provide a replicable analytical model that can be applied in any territory, enabling healthcare systems to anticipate people's healthcare needs more effectively."

The project will run for 36 months and involves approximately €6.2 million of eligible industrial research and experimental development expenditure, of which €3.5 million relates to GPI. It is supported through funding under the Apulia Region's programme for investments by large enterprises, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Italian Ministry of Economic Development.

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Gpi's mission is to make the healthcare systems sustainable through their digitisation, so that everyone can receive high-quality care. **Sustainability and social impact** are the guiding principles and play a crucial role in the strategic and investment assessments of the Group, aware that the solutions and services provided to the community have an impact on the quality of life of individuals.

For over 35 years, driven by a patient-centric vision, Gpi has been working to support healthcare systems by providing the skills and innovative tools necessary to improve prevention and treatment processes. This is achieved through the strategic use of advanced software, technologies, and cutting-edge services.

The Group's strategy is designed to meet the evolving requirements of the constantly changing healthcare sector and to facilitate entry into international markets.

The unwavering commitment of its 7,800 employees and a customer base of more than 9,000 across 70 countries, yielded € 546 million in revenue, an EBITDA of € 118 million in 2025.

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