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UIA-IHF project: reducing hospital operating cost through better design.

The International Union of Architects and the International Hospital Federation have joined forces in a common project to identify how **Better design can reduce hospital operating costs**. This is an ambitious project but very much demanded by our respective members that are facing major pressure to improve efficiency of healthcare services to the population.

As you will read in the attached summary, an initial workshop hosted by TESIS (university of Florence) in June 2014 has permitted to develop an analytical framework identifying all stages where decisions can impact operating cost of hospitals. In addition a matrix has also been put together to identify the possible stakeholders for each stage of the construction from the initial concept to post occupancy phase.

We are now in a process of expanding this work and for this we are looking for expertise and experiences in reducing operating cost at any stage of hospital construction.

If you have an experience that you would like to share or if you have worked on this topic and would like to bring in your perspective and contribution, please let us know by contacting us. If you are aware of published work, including from grey literature and project documents or know persons that have worked in this field please indicate it to us. In both cases please write to info@tesis.unifi.it.

If you have an interest to be participating to this work and would like more detailed information on the outcome of our workshop you can also write to the above address.

We would like to receive your feedback by end of September at the latest as we will be moving with an extended group of participants and will be mobilizing most relevant experiences for the next step of this project in October 2015.

We are getting into a phase of major development of hospital infrastructure in many countries of the world while the role and functions of hospitals will be evolving dramatically both to respond to need of healthcare and to make best use of technology advancement.

We look forward receiving your contribution for this project that will benefit to all people and will draw a lot of attention.

Sincerely yours,

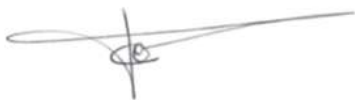
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