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This project focuses on the concept of diversity that includes aspects of ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation in the social context of healthcare viewed as a public space. The aim of this project is to generate systematic knowledge about how and to what degree the European norms and guidelines concerning diversity are implemented in national legal regulations in Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, and Poland and how they are realized in clinical practice in these countries. The project concentrates on the ethical, cultural, and normative aspects of integration and exclusion within the healthcare sector.

The project is being realized in cooperation of research institutions at four European universities: the Institute of the History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine at Ulm University (Germany), the Institute of History of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), the Department of Social Sciences and Medical Humanities at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Rijeka (Croatia), and the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw (Poland).

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