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Main product: Vigo

**Aim:** To radically improve access for post-stroke patients to qualitative rehabilitation, thus enabling faster and more effective recovery





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# Enhancing post-stroke patients' quality of life through digital therapy

# **O** The project

#### The idea

We develop digital therapy for stroke recovery that provides personalised treatment on demand, through a software application. Unlike traditional rehabilitation specialists, Vigo is available 24/7, the help lasts as long as the patients need it, and costs 10 times less than current alternatives.

The EIT Community and its alumni communities constantly provide young entrepreneurs and start-ups with unique opportunities.

#### Inspiration

After two years of stroke care research, I decided to help by addressing the shortage of human resources in healthcare and improving access to high-quality rehabilitation.

#### Unique selling points

Relying on artificial intelligence allows the provision of personalised care with minimal involvement from human rehabilitation experts. Also, we use evidence-based therapies and tools that focus on stimulating patients' motivation, such as nudges, gamification and performance tracking.



#### Supported by:





#### EIT labelled programme:

Master in Innovation and Health Care

## Challenge:

High quality, accessible rehabilitation for post-stroke patients

#### Prizes:

Grand Prize winner at a Deep Tech Atelier competition in Latvia, Innostars Awards Finalist

#### Societal impact

Only 10 per cent of all stroke patients recover completely because standard recuperation processes are often late or low-quality. Through timely and optimal rehabilitation, Vigo has the potential to help millions of stroke survivors and their families regain quality of life.

## EIT Community support

EIT Health and its Alumni Network helped us through pitch training, workshops and access to conferences.

# The nominee

## Entrepreneurial spirit

I have always been curious and wanted to do good. Becoming an entrepreneur in this field was therefore the right path for me.

### Rewarding moments

Getting some of the best experts on board was definitely a defining validation. Other than that, I'll always remember the first time stroke survivors used Vigo and said that they had been waiting for something like that.







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