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Within the KIC call 'Participate in the labour market', NWO has awarded three projects. The three consortia, consisting of researchers at universities and colleges together with public and private partners, will receive a total of about 4.7 million euros.




Purpose of the call


Many people with a disability or chronic illness are currently unable to do the work they would like to do while the labor shortage is enormous. By deploying technological and/or social innovations and removing obstacles in legislation and regulations, these people could do work that fits their capabilities and ambitions. The assigned projects will contribute to new insights and (social and) technological innovations, with the aim of structurally improving equity and an inclusive labor market.

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The awarded projects

Exoskeletons as technological support for physical workers with musculoskeletal disorders; towards a sustainable system approach, beyond biomechanics and marketing. (EXOWOMDIS) 

Don't forget the forgotten! Towards a platform-based approach for a sustainable employment of workers with a disability 

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