



Care group Espria consolidates IT storage environment with assistance of Proact

The Espria Group has just signed a four year contract with Proact for supply of storage infrastructure which will form the basis for further consolidation of its IT infrastructure.

This IT infrastructure will eventually merge diverse environments from amongst others GGZ Drenthe, Evean, Icare, Zorggroep Meander, Kruiswerk West-Veluwe, De Trans and De Kraamvogel.

Consolidation of the ICT infrastructure will offer Espria a high-availability, reliable central platform which can offer complete support to Espria staff. This will ensure that Espria can continue to offer optimal care to its clients.

"Slim reuse of existing IT resources and simple architecture has led Espria to a cooperation with Proact," says Olav Palm, IT Manager at Espria. The platform will be constructed with a high end NetApp storage environment. "Proact will contribute its expertise and cooperation through a four-year maintenance and support contract that it undertakes independently as an organisation," says Frans Walet, Business Unit Manager Healthcare at Proact.

Construction to realise this NetApp platform will be carried out by both organisations in the coming months. The high-availability Factory Metrocluster is suitable for optimal use of data, performance, growth and management interfaces.

Lucas den Os, Managing Director Proact Benelux, is pleased with the agreement, "It is really great to think that we are entering into a cooperation with the Espria Group. Espria's clients include people of all ages who have a handicap or need for support. Espria ensures that they maintain control of their own lives and can continue to be active in the community and we at Proact are pleased to do our bit by supplying a reliable storage infrastructure."

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About Espria (www.espria.nl)

Espria offers solutions in the area of care, residence and services to people young and old. The Espria care group consists amongst others of the organisations Evean, Icare, Zorggroep Meander, GGZ Drenthe, De Trans, De Kraamvogel, Zorgplaats.nl and an active members association ([Members association](#)). We work 'care-wide' and on this basis also organise services for our clients. From maternity care, child care and healthcare for juveniles to home care, care for the elderly, mental health care and care for people with special developmental needs.

A few Espria key figures (2010):

Number of FTE: 11,332

Sales in million 776.8

Members 800,000 (370,000 families)

About Proact

Proact is a specialist in storage, archiving and securing large volumes of mission-critical information. As an independent integrator, Proact provides systems, support and consulting services within its focus area of data storage and archiving.

The Proact Group has more than 640 employees and conducts business in Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden. Proact was founded in 1994 and its parent company, Proact IT Group AB (publ) has been listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm since 1999 under the symbol PACT.

Additional information about Proact is available at www.proact.eu