The winner is Elisabeth-Tweesteden Ziekenhuis from Tilburg, the Netherlands.

The Elisabeth-Tweesteden Ziekenhuis from Tilburg the Netherlands, is the winner of the GS1 HPAC Implementation Best Case Study Award. The project “Less stock, more peace in the Operating Room (OR)” is based on a business case and started in 2012 for orthopaedic implants. A four-step programme creates not only an optimised supply chain for Operation Theatres (at three different locations), but also full digital traceability for medical devices based on lot numbers on all locations and for all medical specialties. At an early stage, they managed to create increased cost awareness among surgeons and nursing staff and sponsorship from the Hospitals Executive Board. The gains are proven by data and include stock reduction, cost reduction, optimal logistic processes, increased just in time delivery as well as increased patient safety by the availability of products and traceability.
The winner is François Bisch, Logistics Engineer at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire du Pointe-à-Pitre in Guadeloupe, France.

François Bisch has been recognised for being a true ambassador for the implementation of GS1 standards in the past 30 years. At the GS1 Healthcare Conference in Berlin, he received the GS1 HPAC Recognition Award. GS1 barcodes have had a major impact on his professional life for the past 30 years, in which he started at the mass-market and moved to healthcare and hospitals. In consecutive years, François introduced in several hospitals in France the benefits of GS1 standards and worked on implementations that still stand out as good examples. He also regularly shares his GS1 knowledge and experiences at international conferences, influencing a broader audience.