



Competencies of professional facilitators in the aging society



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A new vision of ageing and promotion of positive possibilities in older age is needed.

The challenge is how to transfer this vision into practice.

Project ELLAN (2013 – 2016) takes place with a consortium of 26 partners from 25 countries over Europe.

The main aim of the project is

... to develop an agreed Core European Competencies Framework for working with older people.

Additional aims are

... to positively influence health and social care professionals' interest in working with older people.

...to gain insight how education should be organized to encourage students to choose to work with older people.

The aims will be achieved by

- Research older people's thoughts on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of health and social care professionals.
- Research older people's ideas about the required and desired competencies of professionals working with the population in their later life.
- Explore professionals' views of desired competencies for all working with older people.

- Find out factors that influence health and social care students' views of older people and working with older people.
- Find out and share best practices of innovative teaching and learning methods.

Direct target groups of the project

- Educators and management at the partners and other higher education institutions in Europe.

Indirect target groups are students, professional communities/societies and work places, older people themselves.

Core European Competencies Framework

- Will be used for curricula development and improvement in all the partner countries/organisations.
- The framework enables the evaluation of professionals' proficiency and support to acknowledge the need for further training.



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