

POLICY RECOMMENDATION CATALOGUE

How to improve the Quality of life for people with dementia? Make Dementia a Health Priority!

CHALLENGES

Dementia has a profound life-changing impact - not only on the person with dementia, but their carers, family members and friends. As it is an incurable and indolent illness, it has huge financial and social expenses.

SOLUTION: INNOVATION FOR DEMENTIA IN THE DANUBE REGION

The main objective of INDEED is to improve dementia care in the Danube region and contribute to the implementation of national dementia strategies with the scope of enhancing the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers. Partners from 10 countries create an information and skill-building intervention for institutions involved in dementia care and their members or employees, including health and social services, professional associations, governmental authorities, public administrations and private enterprises.

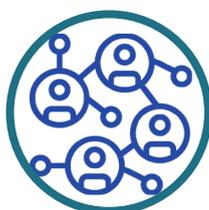
THE APPROACH

Three modules addressing competences, collaboration and innovation were developed, as follows:



CAMPUS

providing knowledge and skills



CONNECT

promoting collaboration



COACH

stimulates entrepreneurial innovation in dementia care

THE OUTCOMES

Educate!

Make dementia a part of the curricula of relevant professions

Put a focus on general physicians.

Highlight the importance of non-pharmacological interventions and social components.

Emphasise the importance of timely diagnosis and make practical supportive material. Share the international good practices.

Complement professional training by educating the civil society.

Connect!

Incorporate and support interprofessional shared learning and training in dementia strategies and plans among general doctors, physical therapist, neurologist, care givers, social workers, nurses, etc. health and social care professionals

Strengthen the role of social work as a key component of collaborative care.

Involve non-medical associated occupations groups in special dementia trainings.

Promote the formation of therapeutic teams including patient organisations.

Innovate!

Support initiatives which expand the spectrum of services for people with dementia.

Announce best-practice examples of services and support their roll-out nationwide

Facilitate entrepreneurial initiatives that enable independent living for people with dementia



MAKE DEMENTIA A HEALTH PRIORITY!