



ELLAN - European Later Life Active Network

Ageing population

Europe faces severe population ageing in the near future. 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. Higher education institutions have a crucial role in meeting this challenge.

Project promoting European cooperation related to ageing

During the project, the consortium of 26 partners conducts the analyses on European level of

- older people's thoughts on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of health and social care professionals when working with older people
- research and literature on competencies required in older people's care
- professionals' views of desired competences for all working with older people
- social and health care students' opinion of factors inhibiting or facilitating working with older people
- innovative learning approaches to working with older people – exemplars of good practices across Europe

Results

The main aim of the project is to develop an agreed Core European Competencies Framework for working with older people. The Framework will be used for curricula development and improvement. As the framework is adopted in all the partner countries as basis for education of bachelor level students, the quality of curricula related to ageing and working with older people will be improved. Moreover, the framework of core competencies enables the evaluation of professionals' proficiency, and supports to acknowledge the need for further training as well as focusing the training in order to enhance proficiency.

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