



## ICARE4EU Newsletter No.2, August 28 2014

The [ICARE4EU](#) project wants to improve the care of people suffering from multiple chronic conditions. It aims to identify, describe, and analyse innovative integrated care programmes for people with multi-morbidity in 31 European countries, and to contribute to more effective implementation of such programmes and models.

During the project (from 2013 to mid 2016), members of the ICARE4EU consortium will keep readers of *The ICARE4EU Newsletter* informed about recent project developments.

### BMJ Blogs

A new blog by [Anneli Hujala](#) about the latest developments in the ICARE4EU project has been posted on the BMJ website. This is the third blog in a series that will be posted during the course of the ICARE4EU project. The first two blogs were written by [Daphne Jansen](#) and [Ewout van Ginneken](#) read the [first blog](#) and [second blog](#).

### Country factsheets

The first results of the ICARE4EU programmes in the form of four Country Factsheets are available on the ICARE4EU website since June 2014. These country factsheets describe the 'state of the art' regarding policy and practices to provide integrated care for people with multiple chronic conditions in [Finland](#), [Germany](#), [Italy](#) and [the Netherlands](#).

### Next steps of the ICARE4EU project

Thus far we have already identified over 140 integrated care programmes for people with multimorbidity in the 31 countries. The next step in the project will be to select the criteria for good practice of the identified programmes. According to these criteria, eight programmes will be selected for further exploration. Our international research teams will study this data from several perspectives, including patient centeredness (the Netherlands), use of e-health technology (Italy), financing systems (Germany) and management (Finland).

### ICARE4EU at the EUPHA conference

Dr. Mieke Rijken will present the ICARE4EU project at the [EUPHA](#) (European Public Health Association) conference "Mind the gap: Reducing inequalities in health and health care" in Glasgow, Scotland, 11-22 November 2014. The presentation will be part of the workshop *Integrated care: A roadmap for Europe to innovative patient-centred chronic disease care*, organized by the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases and EUPHA section on Health Services Research.

### INCRA Open Day in Ancona, Italy

Dr Maria Gabriella Melchiorre will give a presentation on the ICARE4EU project at [INRCA](#) (National Institute of Health & Science on Ageing, Italian Public Institute in gerontology and geriatrics) OPEN DAY event on 20 September.

### INNOVAGE project

As part of the [INNOVAGE](#) project (Social Innovations Promoting Active and Healthy Ageing, 2012-2015, funded by the EU, FP7) a pilot test of a web platform for family carers across Europe was completed. This platform supports family carers in their everyday tasks of providing support to frail and ill persons. The pilot was carried out in

three countries (Germany, Italy and Sweden), and will be now followed by an evaluation. Next, the platform and its services will be offered across EU-27 member states through the [EUROCARERS](#) (the European federation of organisations representing carers and those involved in research on caregiving) website. The coordination of the pilot, evaluation and implementation activities is carried out by INRCA (principal investigator: Dr. Giovanni Lamura; project manager: Dr. Francesco Barbabella). For more information please refer to [f.barbabella@inrca.it](mailto:f.barbabella@inrca.it)

### **Article on discourses of multimorbidity**

An article on discursive construction of multimorbidity, authored by ICARE4EU project researchers from Finland and the Netherlands will be published in the Journal of Health Organization and Management. The pre-published version of this article Hujala A., Rijken M., Laulainen S., Taskinen H. and Rissanen S.: *People with Multimorbidity: Forgotten Outsiders or Dynamic Self-Managers?* is available [here](#).

### **Eurohealth publication**

A new publication 'Caring for people with multiple chronic conditions in Europe: Finland, Germany, and the Netherlands' by [Verena Struckmann](#) and her ICARE4EU colleagues, describing some preliminary project results, will be published on 5 September in a special Health Forum Gastein issue of [Eurohealth](#), the quarterly journal of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

### **Open EU calls in the field of active and healthy ageing**

We invite you to take a look at the updated list of open EU calls potentially interesting for stakeholders working in the field of active and healthy ageing [here](#).

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