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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.

>Save the date: ICARE4EU Symposium<

A final ICARE4EU symposium will take place in **March 22nd 2016** in **Brussels**. More information will follow in the following newsletter.

BMJ Blogs

A new blog by [Iris van der Heide](#) about the latest developments in the ICARE4EU project has been posted on the BMJ website. This is the fifth blog in a series that will be posted during the course of the ICARE4EU project. The first blogs were written by [Daphne Jansen](#), [Ewout van Ginneken](#), [Anneli Hujala](#), [Francesco Barbabella](#) and [M.Gabriella](#).

Case reports: innovative integrated care practices from eight European countries

Of the 101 innovative integrated care initiatives that were included in the database, eight promising initiatives were selected for a site visit by two of the project partners. These initiatives were considered promising because they encompassed innovative ways of delivering integrated care for people with multimorbidity. Site visits were completed in Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. Currently, the reports of the [Finnish POTKU Project](#), aimed at improving patient-centred care for people with chronic illnesses, the [German Gesundes Kinzigtal project](#), a comprehensive population-based integrated care programme and [the Dutch INCA model](#) are published online. The results of the remaining site visits will be published soon [on the ICARE4EU website](#).

State of the Art report

The ICARE4EU team is currently writing a state of the art report aiming to provide insights into current practices of integrated care for people with multimorbidity in European countries. The current report will describe the state of the art in 30 European countries and provides information on various characteristics of the 101 integrated care programmes for people with multimorbidity in European countries that were identified in the ICARE4EU project. The report will be published [on the ICARE4EU website](#) at the end of July.

ICARE4EU at the IAGG congress (April 2015, Dublin)

ICARE4EU partners presented as part of a Workshop "Caring for people with multiple chronic conditions: policy and practices" at the IAGG IAGG-ER 8th International Congress "UNLOCKING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND" in Dublin. Please view the presentations by: [M.Gabriella Melchiorre](#), [Sanne Snoeijis](#), [Verena Struckmann](#), [Sari Rissanen](#) and [Francesco Barbabella](#), on behalf of all ICARE4EU project partners. All congress abstracts can be viewed [here](#).

ICARE4EU at the EUPHA conference

The latest results of the ICARE4EU project will be presented at the [EUPHA](#) (European Public Health Association) conference “Health in Europe - from global to local policies, methods and practices” in Milan, Italy, 14-17 October 2015. All partners will present as part of the workshop ‘Innovative care practices for people with multimorbidity in Europe’.

Multimorbidity conference

The Directorate General for Health and Food Safety will organize the [conference](#): ‘Which priorities for a European policy on multimorbidity?’ on 27 October in Brussels. Participants will be invited to exchange views on the current understanding of multimorbidity and initiatives undertaken in Europe in order to identify gaps and potential initiatives to make multimorbidity a priority in public health policy in Europe.

Save the date: 3rd world congress on Integrated Care (November 2015, Mexico City, Mexico)

The 3rd World Congress on Integrated Care and the 8th National Congress of Integrated Medicine will take place in Mexico City, 19 to 21 November 2015. The aim of this year’s conference with the topic: “Co-producing High Quality People-Centered Integrated Care for ALL” is to exchange knowledge, experience and new ideas in the design and delivery of integrated health and social care. The abstract deadline is extended until 10 July.

Evaluation of the ICARE4EU project in Italy

The Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing INRCA is one of the over 50 so-called IRCCS (Italian acronym identifying institutes which are officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Health as excellence centers in their field, thus deserving additional funds for research activities, beyond their daily clinical routine). INRCA is the only one operating in the field of geriatric and ageing research. Periodically, the IRCCS-status is audited via, among other things, a so-called “site visit” by a ministerial commission, whose aim is to assess the institute’s achievements and decide whether to confirm or not this status. This assessment includes many different aspects, including research projects such as ICARE4EU, which will be briefly presented and possibly discussed (besides being part of a publication edited by INRCA) during the site visit, which will take place on 14-15 July 2015.

WHO: public consultation process

The WHO global strategy on people-centred and integrated health services is made up of two linked documents: 1) the strategy itself, which presents a compelling case for a people-centred and integrated health services approach, along with a look at the way forward, and 2) an overview of good practice, which presents a number of case studies and the evidence on the benefits that people-centred and integrated care can bring to people, communities and countries.

A public consultation process is now under way for people with an interest in people-centred and integrated health services. The ALLIANCE would encourage members to respond with their views where possible. You can access an [online survey](#) which aims to review the strengths and weaknesses and gather input to inform its implementation. The deadline for responses is 15 July 2015. Results will be compiled in a report to be published in the coming months.

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