

## ICARE4EU Newsletter No.3, December 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), *The ICARE4EU Newsletter will keep readers informed about recent project developments.*

### BMJ Blogs

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

### Next steps of the ICARE4EU project

The ICARE4EU project has now entered the programme selection phase. This is a crucial phase, in which we will select high potential programmes from among the 110 innovative initiatives of integrated care for people with multimorbidity we've identified so far. In the beginning of 2015 site visits at the most interesting high potential programmes will be conducted. The next newsletter will elaborate on our final selection.

### ICARE4EU at the EUPHA conference

Mieke Rijken has presented 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 was 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. Please have a look at the [presentation](#).

### EUPHA pre – conference

Anneli Hujala has presented the ICARE4EU project at the workshop on integrated care organised by the Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFA) of the European Commission at the EUPHA pre-conference. Please have a look at the presentation.

### Baltic policy dialogue

Anneli Hujala and Ewout van Ginneken both attended and shared experiences and preliminary results from the ICARE4EU project at the 11<sup>th</sup> Baltic Policy Dialogue on "Investing in integrated care solutions to manage multiple and chronic conditions: analysing evidence, sharing experience and exploring implications", which took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, 13-14 November 2014. The Baltic Policy Dialogue is jointly organized by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and European Observatory of Health Systems and Policies. It is a yearly meeting of a select group of senior level decision makers in the health sector of the three Baltic States, including Ministers of Health, their senior advisers and representatives from various health authorities and stakeholder organizations.

### **Call for papers for the International Conference in Critical Management Studies (July 2015, Leicester)**

Call for papers: Alternative insights on health and social management - Tackling and solving the wicked problems. Please submit your abstracts to the sub-theme on critical views on health and social care, which will be held in the 9<sup>th</sup> [International Conference in Critical Management Studies](#), in Leicester, 8–10 July 2015. The conference theme will be 'Is There an Alternative? Management after critique'. Abstract deadline is January 31st, 2015. Please find more information at the [website](#).

### **ICARE4EU at the IAGG conference (April 2015, Dublin)**

The ICARE4EU team will give a symposium at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics ([IAGG](#)) - European region one. First the ICARE4EU project will be introduced and the aim and methods presented, followed by four presentations about the [4 country factsheets](#) for Finland, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Each country factsheet describes the policy context and innovative integrated care programmes that have been initiated in each country. Additional information will be provided on other countries, (elements of) good practices and the health system context in which these are implemented.

### **Article on Integrated Care Experiences and outcomes in Germany, the Netherlands and England**

[Reinhard Busse](#) from the Berlin University of Technology has co-authored an article "[Integrated care experiences and outcomes in Germany, the Netherlands, and England](#)". This article examines three recent efforts at care coordination that have been evaluated but not yet included in systematic reviews.

**We wish all of you a happy holiday season and a healthy and successful New Year 2015!**

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