



## ICARE4EU Newsletter No.1, June 4 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

Two blogs by [Daphne Jansen](#) and [Ewout van Ginneken](#) about the latest developments of the ICARE4EU project have been posted on the BMJ website. These are the first two blogs of a series that will be posted during the course of the ICARE4EU project.

### IFIC presentation

At the 14th IFIC Conference "Taking integrated care forward: people, policy and practice" held in Brussels in early April 2014, Sanne Snoeijs from NIVEL (the Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research) gave a [presentation](#) about the ICARE4EU project.

### We need your help

We are now in the middle of the data collection phase - an important stage of the project. Although in most countries programmes have been identified and questionnaires about these programmes have been completed by country-experts, there is still work to be done. Early impressions suggest that no such programmes exist in Hungary, Poland, and Romania. If you have heard of [eligible programmes](#) in these countries, do let us know. The good news is that currently we have already identified 161 programmes in 19 out of the 31 countries.

### Country factsheets coming soon

Four first country factsheets will be published on the ICARE4EU website in June 2014. These country factsheets will 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.

### **Other news in integrated care**

The WHO recently [launched a roadmap](#) on a framework for action towards coordinated/integrated health services delivery. ICARE4EU members were invited to a [consultation meeting in Brussels](#). Many issues were explored, including how to: scale up successful initiatives, reform fragmented provider networks, bridge the gap between social and health care, use e-health effectively, manage change, have effective leadership and govern at the right level.

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