
Project: ELCANET – NETwork on family support in ELderly CAre policies

Subject: The culture between northern and southern Europe in the area of elderly care is very different. In the northern model the emphasis is on living by themselves and in public services. (including private service providers, ngo's and associations) The southern models emphasizes the role of families as care providers. Still in both cases the families needs to be supported. In the sphere of elderly care both families and local authorities are key actors.

Municipalities will not able to respond to the increasing need of social and health care services for elderly within the existing models and solutions.

In order to create a network dealing effectively with the aforementioned problems the actions of the project aim to increase the knowledge of the managers of welfare policies and best practices at European level; to improve practical skills and deeper knowledge of how to support families or alone living elderly people; to implement new practices in studying and training programmes; to increase interaction between service providers and educational institutions.

The "actors" involved in the realization of this project are:

- A) Representatives of the local authorities that deal with services and social political representatives; managers at various levels; employees engaged in the social and elderly care;
- B) Families of the elderly;
- C) Associations that provide services to the elderly (profit and non-profit);
- D) Educational Institutions;
- E) Universities and Small and Medium Enterprises involved in the implementation of technologies in the field of communication.

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DG: Culture and Education - EACEA

Programme: Europe for Citizenship –Town twinning

Leader: Municipality of Ravenna

Partners: **Finland**

City of Pori;
City of Jyvaskyla

Italy

Unione Terre Verdiane;
Municipality of Borgo Val di Taro

Spain

City of Cambre

Sweden

City of Mjolby

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