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In this newsletter we would like to summarise the project activities undertaken during the first year and a half. This is a EU funded eHealth project which officially began in July 2008. It has brought together partners and collaborating institutions from 8 European countries.

eDESDE-LTC aims at developing an operational system for coding, mapping and comparing services for Long-Term Care (LTC) across Europe in order to facilitate semantic interoperability in this field and to improve access to LTC information. Due to semantic variability and service complexity, existing national listings of services do not provide an adequate framework for patient mobility.

The system will include a toolkit with the following components:

- ✓ an instrument for standardized classification, description and utilization of main types of care for persons with LTC needs in Europe (DESDE-LTC). It incorporates basic descriptors and indicators in 6 European languages;
- ✓ a coding system with a coding list and a glossary of terms;
- ✓ a training package on semantic interoperability in eHealth (coding and listing of services for LTC) that includes a Case Book; and
- ✓ an eDESDE-LTC website.

The project is structured in 7 Work Packages (WP) with one of the partners acting as WP leader. During this year and a half we welcomed the participation of the following collaborating institutions.

#### eDESDE-LTC Partners

##### **Austria**

- University of Vienna (UNIVIE)

##### **Bulgaria**

- Public Health Association (PHA)

##### **Norway**

- SINTEF Technology and Society (SINTEF)

##### **Slovenia**

- Sociomedical Institute at Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences & Arts (SRC SASA)

- Izobraževalno raziskovalni inštitut Ozara (IRIO)

##### **Spain**

- PSICOST Research Association (PSICOST)

- Obra Social Caixa Catalunya (OSCC)

##### **United Kingdom**

- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

#### Collaborating institutions

##### **Bulgaria**

- Ministry of Health. National Center for Public Health Protection

##### **France**

- OECD - Health Division

##### **United Kingdom**

- Department of Mental Health Sciences

##### **Italy**

- Centro Studi e Ricerche in Psichiatria ASLT02

##### **Spain**

- Alacant University

- Catalan Department of Health. General Division of Planning and Evaluation

- ETEA Universidad de Córdoba

- Department of Statistics and Operations

Research. Polytechnic University of Catalunya

- Equity and Health Department. Municipality Jerez de la Frontera

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### How will we do it?

The eDESDE-LTC group will develop the system based on previous experience in related systems for mental health in Europe (ESMS), and in Spain for disabilities (DESDE) and ageing (DESDAE). A Delphi panel made by 7 partners will develop a DESDE-LTC beta version. This version will be translated into 6 languages and feasibility will be tested in 6 countries using nominal groups. A final version will be developed by the Delphi panel with this information. Then a website, training material and course will be carried out. eDESDE-LTC will be piloted in 2 EU countries. National health and social agencies, NGOs as well as international organisations will also participate. Usability will be analysed and the impact analysis will also be made.

### What have we done?

#### **WP 1. Project coordination (Lead partner: PSICOST)**

PSISCOST has been responsible for coordinating project activities, following-up project progress and organising work meetings both online and on-site.

#### **WP 2. Dissemination Plan (Lead partner: LSE)**

A project dissemination plan was prepared incorporating the feedback received from all partners.

### Organization of international conference

Psicost co-organised with Obra Social Caixa Catalunya the *1st International Conference on Bridging Knowledge in Long Term Care and Support* ([www.bridgingknowledge.net](http://www.bridgingknowledge.net)) which took place in Barcelona in March 2009. All partners of the eDESDE-LTC Group had an active participation in the organisation and development of the Conference including the structuring and definition of the conference programme as part of the Scientific Committee as well as the organisation of the event. Project members also participated with keynotes lectures, symposium and poster presentations and as session chairs. The coordinator of the rapporteur summary is a project member. Several eDESDE-LTC collaborating partners presented at the conference. These presentations are available online and at the conference supplement published on June 2009 by the International Journal of Integrated Care ([www.ijic.org](http://www.ijic.org)).



presentation of the IJIC Conference supplement.

So far, two press releases have been made which have helped increase awareness of the project. The first took place in Barcelona after the International Conference on Bridging Knowledge organised in March 2009 (see below). The second took place in Brussels in June 2009 on the day of the

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**WP 3. Quality Assessment Plan (QAP) (Lead partner: UNIVIE)**

A Quality Assessment Plan (QAP) was prepared incorporating the feedback received from all partners.

In addition, every partner has received from UNIVIE the Translation Evaluation Form which was filled for the first translation of the eDESDE-LTC instrument in the partner languages.

**WP 4. Development of the coding system and schedule (DESDE-LTC) (Lead partner: PSICOST)**

The preliminary version of the DESDE-LTC Instrument and Coding System instrument was developed the Psicost Group and was distributed to partners at the kick-off meeting. In addition, all partners have translated the instrument and coding system, from English to their national language.

The current DESDE-LTC version is continuously updated based on partner feedback drawn mainly from nominal group sessions in their countries. For example, changes have made in the instrument regarding service definition, territorialisation levels, description of Main Types of Care, and cut off points. This revision process has helped clarify sections that were confusing or not “user-friendly”.

We currently, have the Coding system beta 1 version and the Instrument beta 1 version.

**WP 5. Website (Lead partner: Obra Social Caixa Catalunya)**

The domain of the project website is [www.edesdeproject.eu](http://www.edesdeproject.eu). A link to the website was added in the general website on knowledge transfer developed by PSICOST: [www.bridgingknowledge.net](http://www.bridgingknowledge.net).

The website will go online on February 2010.

Website sections include: About eDESDE-LTC; Participants; DESDE-LTC Toolkit; DESDE-LTC Training Package; FAQ; News and events; Reference documents; Links and Download Area. In addition, access is provided to the eRoom (area reserved for partners) and to a UNIVIE website for Comments and Assesment of website.

**WP 6. Training package (Lead partner: PSICOST)**

All partners sent to Psicost vignettes which will be included in the Training Programme

Training will be developed as a video tutorial including the course and support material. Two researchers from Psicost will tutors during in the training programme.

**WP 7. Pilot study and usability (Lead partners: PSICOST and PHA)**

On April 2009, the Psicost group selected the definitive catchment areas included in the pilot study: Madrid in Spain and Sophia in Bulgaria. Indicators for a standardised sociodemographic description of the pilot areas has been made. The analysis of available information for the screening phase of impact analysis is underway.

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### Project meetings

25-27 September 2008: Kick-off meeting (Vienna). The host partner was the University of Vienna.

7-8 March 2009: 2nd project meeting and second management meeting (Barcelona). The host partners were Obra Social Caixa Catalunya and Psicost.

8 June 2009: 1<sup>st</sup> Skype conference after the country meetings. All partners participated on the Skype conference

22 June 2009: 3<sup>rd</sup> Management Meeting (Brussels).

August-October 2009: 2<sup>nd</sup> Skype Conference. Coordination group organized Skype conferences with all partners for discussing results from second nominal group sessions.

1 December 2009: 4<sup>th</sup> Management Meeting (Barcelona)



### Upcoming activities

- 11-13 November 2010: Final project meeting (Reus, Tarragona)

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