



MEET SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

MC

As the project coordinator, Metropolitan College, based in Athens, Greece, ensures the smooth management and coordination of Care4Elders. With vast experience in European health and social projects, MC leads the consortium's strategic planning, financial coordination, and dissemination activities, ensuring that collaboration and communication remain strong across all partners.

SCMA

Located in Portugal, Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Amadora is one of the most innovative social institutions, integrating social, health, and educational services under one care model. In Care4Elders, SCMA focuses on the promotion of person-centered care approaches, co-design methodologies, and professional training models that support people living with dementia and their caregivers.

HDWM

Hochschule der Wirtschaft für Management, based in Germany, contributes its academic expertise in applied research, higher education, and professional training. Within the project, HdWM is responsible for developing research methodologies, leading the needs assessment and analysis activities, and ensuring the scientific quality of the project's outputs.

PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

Care4Elders brings together six beneficiary partners from five EU countries (Greece, Luxembourg, the Czech Republic, Portugal, and Germany), as well as one associated partner (Dementia Care Directorate, Malta). This project is a European initiative committed to improving the quality of life of older adults with dementia. At its core, the project works toward promoting person-centered, integrated care, supported by meaningful technological innovation. By bringing together partners from the realms of health, social care, research, education, and digital transformation, Care4Elders sets out to learn more about the real needs of the older persons and those professionals entrusted daily with their care.



This includes identifying gaps in current care systems, developing practical and sustainable solutions that enhance daily care practices to reduce fragmentation and enhance collaboration between sectors.

Main Goal

Care4Elders is an important step within the wider community toward building more inclusive, dignified care environments that are truly responsive to the realities of ageing. This project underlines an essential message: high-quality dementia care goes far beyond clinical intervention in respecting individuality, safeguarding autonomy wherever possible, and ensuring that older adults are active agents in guiding decisions rather than passive recipients of care.

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN ATHENS

The first Transnational Project Meeting took place in Athens on 30–31 October 2024, hosted face-to-face in Athens, Greece, where all partner organisations were represented. The subjects discussed were:

- Aligning the consortium's view of project goals and responsibilities.
- The deliverables and the expected outcomes of the desk and field research under WP2 were discussed
- Reviewing financial and administrative procedures;
- Planning the next steps for stakeholder engagement and dissemination activities;
- Preparation for the coming workshops and co-design process.

This meeting reinforced the cooperation within the consortium, guaranteeing a coherent approach in the work to come.



THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Successful TPM – Athens

The transnational project meeting in Athens was an important milestone for the Care4Elders project.

Over two intensive days, partners aligned expectations, refined methodological approaches, and clarified responsibilities for the upcoming Work Packages. The meeting provided open space for open discussion, and strategic planning to fostered a collaborative spirit among all organizations.

Improved stakeholder engagement

Partners have jointly developed a growing database of European stakeholders who will support validation, co-design work and dissemination.



Completion of the WP2 Analysis Report

WP2 has been a major focus during this first project phase. All partners contributed to the comprehensive analysis of existing national needs, gaps and opportunities in dementia care. The WP2 report brings together national findings, policy mapping, and insights from professionals and stakeholders, providing a strong evidence base for the next steps of the project. Importantly, this analysis serves as a foundation for the upcoming Work Packages, guiding the development of co-design activities, validation processes, and the creation of innovative tools and models that will be delivered in the next stages of the project.

Consolidation of Internal Processes

Throughout the year, the consortium established several essential internal tools and procedures: the Project Management and Financial Handbook, reporting procedures, communication channels and quality assurance mechanisms. This ensures efficient coordination and transparent implementation.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next months, the project will move forward with key steps. On the one hand, monitoring work currently underway will be completed by a QA report prepared by APSS and internal evaluations throughout the consortium. On the other hand, partners are working on preparation of the first technical and financial report. Based on these first assessments, the project will undertake the recommended actions to reinforce coordination and enhance reporting procedures.

Future deliverables include the new mid-term QA report, as well as the report on activities carried out during the first project period. The project will also further build synergies with the JADE initiative – the European handbook promoting a person-centered, integrated, and innovative elderly care model with a focus on dementia.

At the same time, work has started on the Care4Elders training curricula; Metropolitan College is currently preparing the first draft, which will be shared with partners for collective refinement.

Finally, our next newsletter will present the main findings of the desk research: a summary of international good practices in dementia care, national policy overviews, and the priority needs identified in each participating country. These insights will constitute the basis for the subsequent phases of the project, guiding both practical measures and innovative approaches developed within the consortium.

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