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## **INNOVATION FOR DEMENTIA IN THE DANUBE REGION**

**Reference No.** DTP2-087-1.2

**Project acronym:** INDEED

**Project title**

Innovation for Dementia in the Danube Region

**Programme**

Danube Transnational Programme

**Lead partner organisation**

Technical University of Munich

**Project Duration**

07/2018 to 06/2021, 36 months

**Programme priority**

PA1. Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

**Programme specific objective**

SO1.2 Increase competences for business and social innovation

**Project summary**

As a consequence of demographic change, dementia is a growing societal challenge in the Danube region. However, the quality of dementia care lags behind European standards in terms of knowledge, skills and cooperation of healthcare professionals, availability of specific services, and use of assistive technology. The Danube region also suffers from emigration of healthcare workers. The main objective of INDEED is to improve dementia care in the Danube region and contribute to the implementation of national dementia strategies with the scope of enhancing the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers. In a collaborative effort of partners from 10 countries INDEED creates an information and skill-building intervention for institutions involved in dementia care and their members or employees, including health and social services, professional associations, governmental authorities, public administrations and private enterprises. The intervention comprises 3 modules: an interdisciplinary training (CAMPUS), a networking tool (CONNECT), and a business consulting service (COACH). INDEED will enhance the competences of multiple professions that engage in dementia care, enhance their collaboration and coordination, improve the quality and delivery of services, and foster the development of innovative care facilities and business models. The intervention will be delivered in blended-learning format and will be evaluated in pilot actions in four countries. It will be disseminated to the above mentioned target groups including health and social policy makers. INDEED is innovative since it simultaneously addresses three major unmet needs in dementia care, delivers coherent information and training for all relevant professional groups, and combines traditional learning formats with web-based education technology. INDEED also pioneers by promoting cross-border knowledge transfer and exchange of best practices in healthcare.

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### ***Project budget***

1,726,514.27 €

### ***Description of the partnership***

The consortium comprises ten project partners and ten associated strategic partners from six upstream countries (AT, CZ, DE, SI, SK) and four downstream countries (BA, BG, HU, RO), thus covering 82% of the geographical programme area. These countries were selected because they represent the cultural and economical diversity of the Danube region. They also differ with regard to the urban-rural gap regarding access to professional training and availability of services. Furthermore, the ten countries represent different maturation levels of dementia care and national dementia strategies. The multi-dimensional heterogeneity encourages transnational, mutual knowledge exchange of care models and practical solutions. It is also an ideal test bed for the development of the cross-border educational and training strategy. In line with the quadruple helix principle, consortium members represent academia, business, public authorities, and civil society. Almost half of the partners are represented by females, ensuring gender balance. The majority of partners have previously collaborated in three projects where a research network in the Danube Region has been established (DANDEC 1-3). Partners were chosen on the basis of their expertise and commitment.

Most have previously participated in EU-funded projects. They have varying financial resources for prefinancing which explains the not perfectly balanced budget. The academic partners include four universities representing leaders in the field of dementia, one university providing excellence in economics and business, and one national research centre. The business partners provide outstanding expertise in e-learning software development and assistive technology. The public authority sector consists of national health and social ministries and one national medical chamber. The civil society division combines national patient organisations, one research-supporting non-governmental organisation and one dementia service provider.

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### List of project partners

Role	Official name in English	Acronym	Country
<i>LP</i>	Technical University of Munich	TUM MED	GERMANY
<i>ERDF PP1</i>	The Brain Company GmbH	TBC	AUSTRIA
<i>ERDF PP2</i>	Vienna University of Economics and Business	WU	AUSTRIA
<i>ERDF PP3</i>	Bulgarian Society of Dementia	BSD	BULGARIA
<i>ERDF PP4</i>	National Institute of Mental Health	NIMH	CZECH REPUBLIC
<i>ERDF PP5</i>	Social Cluster Association	SZK	HUNGARY
<i>ERDF PP6</i>	Romanian Alzheimer Society	SRA	ROMANIA
<i>ERDF PP7</i>	Memory Centre Bratislava	MCB	SLOVAKIA
<i>ERDF PP8</i>	University of Ljubljana	UL	SLOVENIA
<i>IPA PP1</i>	Alzheimer Association A&R Sarajevo	Association AiR	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
<i>ASP1</i>	Federal Ministry of Health; Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	FMZFBiH	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
<i>ASP2</i>	Medical University of Sofia	MU Sofia	BULGARIA
<i>ASP3</i>	City of Zagreb	CoZ	CROATIA
<i>ASP4</i>	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia	MoHCRO	CROATIA
<i>ASP5</i>	University of Zagreb	UNIZG	CROATIA
<i>ASP6</i>	MEDIWARE corp.	MW	CZECH REPUBLIC
<i>ASP7</i>	Bavarian Research Alliance GmbH	BayFOR	GERMANY
<i>ASP8</i>	Bavarian State Ministry of Health and Care	StMGP	GERMANY
<i>ASP9</i>	German Alzheimer Association	DAIzG	GERMANY
<i>ASP10</i>	Slovak Medical Association	SkMA	SLOVAKIA