

Final report: Dementia support and service centres in Austria and Czech Republic

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The immediate scientific goal of the project has been to compare and evaluate some aspects of Dementia care in Austria and in the Czech Republic.

The main goal of our initiative has been to establish closer collaboration between our centres (Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Preventive Medicine, Danube University Krems and CELLO – Centre of Expertise in Longevity and) and to establish regular exchange.

The actual goal has been to involve our centres in the broader European collaboration, to develop a collaboration to better understand, describe and evaluate dementia care in Austria and in the Czech Republic.

Following measurable goals in the application were:

- 1. Comparison of different systems of care and family support centres (A,CZ, NL – publication in a scientific journal)**
- 2. Information leaflet for municipalities**
- 3. Conference/Seminar held in Prague WAD – September 2014 Dementia and municipality
(invited Austrian speakers)**

Methods:

- a) Consultations of current research projects of both teams (on long-term care and dementia care, dementia centres).
- b) Site visits and on site evaluation in care centres in Austria and Czech Republic (using indicators that have been developed by research teams).
- c) Workshops focusing on dementia care and care centres, preparation of final document which will be presented at the conference.
- d) Final conference.
- f) Scientific publication.

The project has been implemented according to the allocated resources and the planned schedule (the AKTION steering committee decided to finance first meetings of Czech and Austrian teams in Prague and Krems and limited its time to the first semester of 2014 – by June 2014).

15 – 16th April: Meeting in Prague: Dr. Stefanie Auer and Mag. Ursula Kienberger.
Czech team represented by: Dr. Iva Holmerová, Dr. Hana Vaňková, Dr. Petr Wija.

Site visit: Centre of Gerontology, Day care unit for persons with dementia, Contact point of the Czech Alzheimer Society.

Discussion with members of Czech Alzheimer Society and staff members of the Centre of Gerontology on possibilities of future collaboration, involvement in international projects and publication (comparison of Czech and Austrian dementia care systems – draft of an article). Consultations of current research projects of both teams. Possibilities of international projects to be discussed during the next meeting in Krems.

11 – 12th June: Meeting in Krems: Dr. Iva Holmerová, Bc. Lenka Lukešová, Mgr. Eliška Rolfová (International Department of the Faculty of Humanities).
Austrian team represented by: Dr. Stefanie Auer and her team.

Site visit: University Krems Campus

Second draft of the article on dementia care in the Czech Republic and Austria was prepared.

Future possible collaboration discussed: Erasmus +, Marie Curie programme, possible PhD joint programme on dementia.

Results of the Project:

Measurable goal 1. Comparison of care systems in Austria and Czech Republic: Draft of an article of dementia care has been prepared and will be prepared for publication by the end of 2014 (electronic communication).

Other measurable goals were not achieved (due to restriction of funding and time).

Both centres have been involved in the broader international collaboration in the Danube region within the DANDEC network (coordination by Prof. Alexander Kurz, Technical University in Munich).

Despite substantial restrictions of project budget and time we have achieved its main goal: our centres have established regular and effective collaboration. We have been involved in the broader international (Danube) collaboration. We have also drafted the common publication – scientific article comparing Austrian and Czech dementia care systems.

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