



ValueCare Press release

We are pleased to announce an exciting new project, funded by the European Commission, through the "Horizon 2020" research and innovation programme within ICT (Information and Communication Technologies).

This inspiring project aims to deliver personalised integrated (health and social) care services, better outcomes for older people, improved care experience and improve the satisfaction of health and social service providers. ValueCare also proposes greater efficiency in the use of resources and coordination of care in a setting that ensures trust of users and policy makers about data access, protection and sharing and standardisation that can be replicated in EU. The project's multidisciplinary consortium includes stakeholders from the whole supply chain of the digital health and social care environment, in order to maximize its chances of success.

The consortium, made up of 17 partners from 8 EU countries, includes the Erasmus Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Vodafone Innovus Anonimi Etaireia Systeematon Epikoininias Aytomatismou kai Efarmagias Pliroforikis, Vidavo S.A., Caritas Diocesana De Coimbra, Azienda Unita Locale Socio Sanitaria N 2 Marca Trevigiana, Istituto Per Servizi Di Ricovero E Assistenza Agli Anziani, Sveuciliste U Rijeci, Medicinski Fakultet, Universitat De Valencia, Iatriko Athinon Emporiki Anonymos Etaireia, Fundacion De La Comunitat Valenciana Para La Promocion Estrategica El Desarrollo Y La Innovacion Urbana, University College Dublin, National University Of Ireland, Dublin, Echalliance Company Limited By Guarantee, Simahia Gia Tin Olokliromeni Frontida, Age Platform Europe, International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC), Senior Europa Sociedad Limitada.

The consortium, led by the Erasmus Medical Centre, has been built to guarantee the full coverage of the scientific, technological, clinical and social competencies, and to gather the viewpoint of different actors necessary to develop, test and evaluate the concepts, paradigms, protocols and interventions related to VALUECARE

Cáritas Coimbra will lead the pilot in Portugal and have a leading task related to Ethical guidelines.

Cáritas has been specifically active on the matching between digitalization and end-user needs (both primary as secondary end-users) and therefore has developed high skills on the assessment and compliance of Ethical issues and on the development and evaluation of pilots of digital tools.

Valuecare provides a significant contribution on one other major area of Cáritas work, which is the co-creation and broad implementation of smart healthy age-friendly environments across Europe, with a special focus on citizen engagement and integration of care. In this domain, we expect to improve policy and field experiments that allow the Portuguese system to improve its health & social care, aiming at better quality of life for the citizens and increased competence and cost-benefit for the involved organisations.

The project, which kicked off in December 2019, will span over a four year period and the consortium is already working in the development of their respective solutions.