

About the project

Partners from 4 European countries are collaborating to develop innovative approaches within the CARE4U project, funded with the support of the European Commission within the Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership programme. The aim of the Care4U project is to improve the skills and competencies of caregivers through the exchange of practical knowledge provided by healthcare professionals, as well as to promote employability and the ability to work at EU level thanks to national guidelines on methodologies and best practices in each country. This exchange of skills and competencies will be facilitated by ICT through an online learning platform available in multiple languages (English, Spanish, German, and Romanian) that will allow uploading, sharing and consuming content. The platform will offer learning opportunities tailored to the individual needs of adult students.

2nd transnational project meeting

The second transnational meeting of CARE4U platform was hosted by BEST *Institut für berufsbezogene Weiterbildung und Personaltraining GmbH* (Vienna) on 24th May 2018. During the meeting, the main objective was to agree on the content to be included in the platform and the mock-ups for the layout presented by HI-Iberia. There was also some time allocated to management, dissemination and IO4 status and planning.

Next transnational meeting will be hosted by BIM (Belfast) in January 2019.

Outcomes

The Care4U project reaches a new phase with the design of its interfaces that will allow the exchange of knowledge between caregivers to improve their capabilities. The materials on the platform will be available to institutions of higher education,

as well as to organizations and entities that provide training to future caregivers. During the pilot phase, content will focus on:

- Common issues in care tasks (physical and sensory, cognitive, emotional, language, social behaviour and communication);
- Promotion of health (nutrition and diet, sleep, physical activities, socialising, fall prevention, hygiene, first aid, leisure activities);
- self-care advice (personal skill development, reflection and problem solving).

A sample of the interfaces tested by 2 users (formal or informal) of each participating country (Spain, N Ireland, Austria and Romania) can be seen in the following image:



In general, comments from end users are positive and they foresee the platform as a very useful tool to learn and to share their knowledge. One of the most relevant limitations is the language, since sometimes users will not be able to learn about subjects in which content is not in their language of origin. Therefore, this will be evaluated once the project has completed.

Regarding the platform development, the initial version delivers the basic tool functionality including login, basic profile, social network creation and content upload features. In the coming months, the platform will be upgraded to include more functionalities such as different means of interaction (video conference, messages or social exchange through forums) or content recommendations based on previous searches. The final platform will be tested in March 2019 with end users.