Innovation for Dementia in the Danube Region
An example of transnational collaboration

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How it started

A growing network


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Supporting activities

Outreach to policy makers (2017)

Dementia Master Classes (2017-2019)

- Workshops on multiprofessional management of dementia
  - Podgorica, ME
  - Belgrade, RS
  - Sarajevo, BA (2x)
  - Tirana, AL (2x)
  - Skopje, NMK
  - Zagreb, HR
Dementia care in the Danube Region. A multi-national expert survey

Introduction
The Danube Region is a functional area defined by the river Danube. It includes 14 countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Romania. In the last 20 years, the Danube Region has been undergoing important socio-economic changes, with a focus on developing sustainable and competitive economies, as well as enhancing the quality of life for its citizens. One of the key challenges facing the Danube Region is the management of dementia, a condition that affects millions of people worldwide, and poses significant social and economic challenges.

Background
Dementia is a globally recognized health problem that affects millions of people worldwide. It is a complex and multifaceted condition that requires a multidisciplinary approach for effective management. The Danube Region is home to a diverse range of healthcare providers, with varying levels of expertise and resources. This study aimed to assess the current state of dementia care in the Danube Region, identify best practices, and recommend strategies for improvement.

Methods
A multi-national expert survey was conducted to gather insights from healthcare professionals across the Danube Region. The survey included questions on the current state of dementia care, best practices, and challenges faced in the region. The data was analyzed to identify areas for improvement and to develop recommendations for optimizing dementia care in the Danube Region.

Results
The survey revealed that while there is a general awareness of dementia care, significant variation exists across the Danube Region. Some countries reported advanced care planning and end-of-life care, while others faced challenges in accessing specialized dementia care services. The study also highlighted the importance of interprofessional collaboration and the need for standardized dementia care protocols.

Conclusion
The findings of this study underscore the need for a more coordinated approach to dementia care in the Danube Region. Implementing best practices, improving access to specialized care, and enhancing interprofessional collaboration are recommended to improve the quality of care for people with dementia in the region.

Interprofessional Management of Dementia
A workshop produced by The Dementia Master Classes
Supported by the German Academic Exchange Service with funds from the Federal Foreign Office

A stream of cooperation
A collaborative transnational initiative

To improve dementia care

To enhance the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers

To contribute to the development and implementation of national dementia plans

20 partners in 10 countries

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)
The project addresses three major gaps in dementia care:

- Low knowledge and skills about dementia among health and social care professionals → INDEED educates
- Insufficient interprofessional collaboration and coordination → INDEED connects
- Lack of dementia-specific services and facilities → INDEED innovates
indeed educates

provides knowledge and skills to all professional groups involved in dementia care, complementing occupation-specific education.

indeed connects

enhances the collaboration among health & social care professionals, promotes the use of available services and facilities.

indeed innovates

stimulates entrepreneurial engagement in dementia care by an advisory service featuring business models & good-practice examples.
Materials for traditional presentations and workshops

Online multimedia platform

blended learning

- available in 5 languages
- field-tested in pilot actions
Pilot actions

Workshops

Online platform

Public events

In four countries

In urban and rural regions
Dissemination & Sustainability

Move beyond pilot borders

Provide through patient org’s & universities

Secure political support
Thank you!