

MEETINGDEM

Adaptive Implementation and Validation of the positively evaluated Meeting Centers Support Programme for people with dementia and their carers in Europe

MEETINGDEM aims to implement and evaluate the innovative Meeting Centres Support Programme (MCSP) for community dwelling people with dementia and their family carers, in three European countries: Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom. This person-centred approach has been positively evaluated and adaptively implemented in 118 meeting centres in the Netherlands. Demonstrated benefits include high user satisfaction, reduced behavioural and mood problems, delayed admission to residential care, higher carer sense of competence, and improved collaboration between care and welfare organizations.

By adaptively implementing MCSP in other European countries, according to user needs, culture, health and social care systems, substantial numbers of people with dementia and carers in these countries can benefit from this support as well, while care providers and policy makers are provided with tools for effective dementia care.

In each of the participating countries an implementation plan and materials will be developed first, after which MCSP will be implemented and evaluated on its impact on behaviour, mood and quality of life of people with dementia and carers and its cost effectiveness. Based on these evaluations recommendations for implementation of the MCSP across the EU will be provided. The project will be carried out in 3 years.

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