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Launch of the E.L.M.I. project

Enhancing Labour Market Integration

of elderly family carers through skills improving

The progressive ageing of the population is a problem that nowadays all countries throughout Europe have to face. Therefore also the challenge for the health and social care systems will be very huge and the work of informal carers as major care providers will remain crucial or will become even more important.

Unfortunately the financial crisis have conducted to shortages of local carers and therefore also the European Commission in its Ageing Report recommends to put the pressure on the family to insource rather than outsource care so that the informal care can become a valuable resource on the labour market.

Romania, ***Poland*** **and** ***Czech Republic*** are three of the European countries where the care for elderly people lies mostly on the family. Therefore the ELMI project follows the two aims:

- The transfer of an e-learning training course for informal caregivers from Italy to *Romania*
- The analysis of its potential transfer to *Poland* and *Czech Republic*

Furthermore, in order to support a qualified mobility of Romanian workers to Italy the training acquired by Romanian carers within the ELMI project will be recognized in Italy in the framework of an ECVET Memorandum of Understanding.

The main result of the ELMI project will be an **e-learning course** specifically targeting family carers of older persons aiming at the acquisition of skills and competences useful to provide better care but also to reduce the risk of stress and burn out. This course has been developed in Italy in 2011 and has been used by almost 400 carers so far! For more information please consult the following website: "http://corso.caregiverfamiliare.it"!

The 7 partners of the project come from 5 countries: Romania (Asociatia Habilitas CRFP – coordinator, Societatea Romana Alzheimer, Confederatia Caritas Romania), Italy (Anziani e Non Solo), Poland (University of Lodz), Czech Republic (Center for Family and Social Care), Austria (E.N.T.E.R.). ELMI is a Leonardo da Vinci TOI project financed by ANPCDEFP Romania and has a duration of 2 years (2014-2016).

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