

AMiCo NEWSLETTER

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AMICO - Assessment of Migrants' Competences in the Elderly Care

The Transfer of Innovation Projekt AMICO

Due to demographic change in Western European societies, there is an increasing demand for personnel in the Elderly Care. This demand can only be covered by personnel from abroad. The Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation project "AMiCo – Assessment of Migrants' Competences in the Elderly Care" addresses this fact. Within the 2 years of its duration (October 2012-September 2014), the project aims at developing a self assessment tool (AMiCo tool) for assessment of vocational competences in the Elderly Care and a website with country specific and vocational specific information.

Partners of the AMICO project are experts in the field of elderly care and consulting, training and vocational providers from Germany, Italy, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. beramí berufliche Integration e.V. is the project coordinator.

Promotion of the mobility of elderly care professionals within Europe

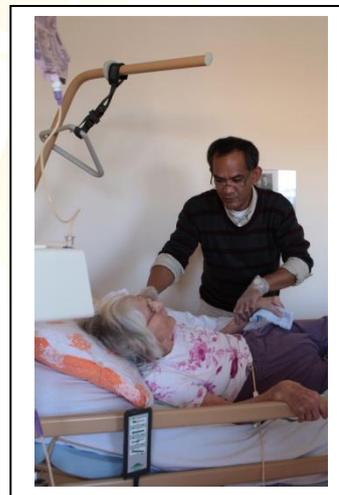
The main objectives of the AMiCo project is to promote the transparency regarding competences requirements in the elderly care in the countries involved and to promote mobility of qualified personnel in the elderly care sector in Europe. In fact, due to the heterogeneity of vocational education systems in Europe the assessment of qualifications is quite difficult, thus hindering the professionals' mobility. Persons wishing to work abroad need information on possibilities of acknowledgement of their qualifications, further VET, requirements regarding the professional profiles in the receiving countries, and language trainings to prepare for the

challenges they will face on the receiving labor market.

The AMiCo web page and AMiCo tool not only offer information and orientation to Elderly Care professionals from Romania and Poland regarding the labor market of their receiving country. They also enable facilities of stationary Elderly Care, providers of ambulant care services and placement agencies in the field of private Elderly Care, to hire personnel according to their professional competences and qualifications. Of course, the AMiCo products may also be used by organizations in the field of vocational education and advice, employers and key actors of the labor market (e.g. labor agency, job centers).

The AMICO Self-Assessment Tool

The AMiCo Tool is a moodle based self-assessment which aims at providing the above mentioned crucial orientation.



With exercises and questionnaires on hygiene, nutrition, mobilization, environment, first aid, communication, ethic and cultural sensitivity in the elderly care competences that were acquired formally, informally

or non-formally will be assessed. The AMiCo tool www.amico-tool.org provides the users with comprehensive feedback regarding their level of vocational competences, it allows for the identification of correspondences/ discrepancies, and gives them recommendations for the acquisition of supplementary competences



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which are necessary for the aspired activity in the country of destination and that should be acquired before migration.

The AMiCo "certificates"

At the end of the self-assessment the users can download two documents: 1) one which "certificates" that he/she have completed the self-assessment and includes the list of competences she/he has been positively assessed; 2) the second document lists the country of destination, the qualifications existing in this country, the skills that have been assessed and the maximum of ECVET-points reachable with the self-assessment.

The first document can be included in the application dossier. This will provide the potential employer or consultant at the employment agency with important information about the competences in the elderly care sector.

Please note at this point that the AMiCo-documents are **not** official certificates of professional qualifications.

The AMiCo website

The multilingual hosting web page AMiCo www.amico-online.org comprises detailed information about Germany, Italy, Poland and Romania: information about the labour markets in the elderly care sector, about the professions, the recognition authorities and procedures, about vocational trainings, further qualifications and their providers, addresses of consultant bodies, information on the prerequisites for entering the trainings, training contents and costs, language level required and other useful information and links.

Implementation of ECVET in the elderly care

The AMiCo project also aims at implementing ECVET - the European system

for accumulation and transfer of credit points in Vocational Education and Training - in the field of Elderly Care in the countries involved. ECVET is an appropriate instrument to allow for transparency, but many employers, key actors and policy makers are not familiar with it. The AMiCo tool aims at making professionally relevant competences visible using ECVET points. The points are not official recognized but they are intended as an orientation for the users. The multilingual website will be ready by the end of June.

AMiCo Tool has been tested with end users

In April the AMiCo self-assessment tool has been successfully tested with 33 end users in Germany, Italy, Poland and Romania. The testing focused on usability of the platform and clarity of questions, but also on potential usefulness of the tool from end-users perspective. On the basis of the results of the testing some technical improvements were necessary as well as some simplifications in the German language version. The final version of the tool will be available by the end of June.

AMiCo FINAL CONFERENCE

23 September 2013

Spenerhaus am
Dominikanerkloster

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

AMiCo final conference

The AMiCo final conference will take place on 23rd September 2014 in Frankfurt. The self-assessment tool and the website will be presented. European experts in the field of migration and elderly care will participate.

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