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### European health and social care and welfare systems for persons with dementia

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#### ABSTRACT FOR ORAL PRESENTATION



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The care for persons with dementia is involving a diversity of social and health care interventions. The systems for dementia care and services vary across European countries. However, there is a lack of knowledge about the complex system for dementia care on a European level. A more comprehensive view of dementia care provision in Europe may provide knowledge that can serve as a base for the development of best practice in the care of for persons with dementia.

The objective the study is to describe and analyse the European health and social care and welfare systems, advocacy and informal caregiver support systems for people with dementia. The presentation will focus on how data will be collected and how collaboration within the consortium will be performed.

A consortium including members from eight European countries is invited in the study. The research teams that will collect the data represents Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom. The Swedish research team coordinates the study. The consortium members will review a suggested terminology for overall issues regarding the care system for people with dementia diseases as well as national directives and financing. Further, data will comprise the terminology regarding descriptions of stages in the dementia disease trajectory, types of care provided and care providers. From this process an overall agreement for the meaning of relevant terminology are going to be obtained, and this will make it possible to describe the health and social care system for older persons with dementia disease in a European perspective. A developed template will be used for collecting data regarding health and social care and welfare system from each country included in the study.

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