

What happens with the results ?

The results will represent the basis for the development of transnational and specifically local **recommendations** for political decision-makers and professional parties involved.

The results will be:

- 1) presented at a closing event in the University Witten/Herdecke at the end of the project;
- 2) made available to interested members of the public through various mediums;
- 3) presented at conferences and congresses;
- 4) published in national and international journals.

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Where can you get more information ?

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EU Project Caring for Patients with Dementia



Improving facilities, health care
and support for
patients with dementia
(project contract number: 242153)

EU Project

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The **best possible care for patients with dementia and the support given by their relatives** is without doubt one of the greatest challenges facing Germany and all other European countries. We are delighted that the European Union has commissioned research departments from eight countries to devote themselves to this subject. The University Witten/Herdecke is coordinating the project.

Who is participating ?

- **Germany** (University Witten/Herdecke)
- **England** (Manchester University)
- **Estonia** (University of Tartu)
- **Finland** (University of Turku)
- **France** (University of Toulouse)
- **Netherlands** (Maastricht University)
- **Sweden** (Lund University)
- **Spain** (Hospital Clinic de Barcelona)

What do we want to examine ?

The basic issue is:

- What conditions have to be fulfilled in order to guarantee the best possible health care, facilities and support at the place where the patient wishes to live?

Other issues are:

- What support can be offered to assist the home carer?
- When and under what conditions is institutional care in a nursing home the most adequate support?
- What can the different countries learn from each other?

How will the project be carried out ?

The following steps will be effected in each of the eight countries in order to achieve answers to these issues:

- The care situation in the participating countries is described and analysed.

- Group interviews with patients with dementia, their relatives and carers will be carried out in order to determine good practical examples as well as possible improvements.
- Patients with dementia and their relatives will be questioned individually regarding their living situations, needs and state of health. We will be questioning
 - patients living in their **own homes** and being supported by their relatives and professional home carers, as well as
 - patients who have recently moved into a **residential nursing home**.
- Costs and benefits for the national health systems will be examined.

The results of all these steps will be gathered together and interpreted, taking the structures in each individual country into consideration.