

Summaries of Approved Projects from the 1st Deadline of the Open Call in the Frame of Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia - Croatia

The projects were approved at the Monitoring Committee of the programme Interreg V-A Slovenia - Croatia. The ERDF Subsidy Contract has not been signed yet.

Summaries of the projects were prepared by the applicants in the context of submitted project applications.

Priority Axis 3 Healthy, safe and accessible border areas (specific objective 3.1. Building partnerships among public authorities and stakeholders for healthy, safe and accessible border areas)

Project acronym: DEMENCA (349.951,26 EUR ERDF)

Lead Partner: Dom upokojecev Izola - Casa del pensionato Isola

Project Partners: Dom za starije i nemoćne osobe "Atilio Gamboc" Umag, Obalni dom upokojecev Koper – Casa costiera del pensionato Capodistria, Grad Umag, Hrvatska udruga za Alzheimerovu bolest, Nacionalni inštitut za javno zdravje

Associated Partner: Ministrstvo za delo, družino, socialne zadeve in enake možnosti, Direktorat za socialne zadeve

Dementia is a growing health, social and economic issue. As the population ages, the number of dementia patients is expected to increase, while the manner of implementing social assistance services (SAS) is not adapted to their needs. Optimising SAS for dementia patients, destigmatising the disease and preventing social exclusion is thus a joint challenge. The main goal is to “improve the quality of life of dementia patients in the cross-border area”, while the specific goals are:

- establishing permanent cross-border structures for long-term cooperation in increasing dementia patients' quality of life
- improving the knowledge and competence level of people who influence dementia patients' quality of life through SAS and the creation of a living environment,
- reducing the stigmatisation and social exclusion risk of dementia patients.

The project will yield trained personnel, cooperation within Working Groups, improved competences of planners who affect the creation of the living environment, the introduction of ICT in Home Help service, the newly-introduced Home Help in Umag, and the reduced stigmatisation of dementia. This will benefit dementia patients and their families as well as all professionals using developed materials and utensils who are involved in training, and institutions participating in Working Groups.

The approach is based on vertical and horizontal agreement. The need for cooperation

stems from the traditional connectedness of the area, which lacks more cooperation on the institutional level due to the border. It is vital to standardise the SAS offer, the methods of recognising dementia symptoms, to ensure an easier inclusion of dementia patients into society, especially in using services in the cross-border area, and to strengthen the affiliation of stakeholders with joint events. It is innovative to exceed the “it-cannot-be-done” mentality and look for optimisations within the given framework.

Project acronym: STAR (605.998,14 EUR ERDF)

Lead Partner: Občina Hrpelje-Kozina

Project Partners: Obalni dom upokojencev Koper – Casa costiera del pensionato Capodistria, Inštitut Antona Trstenjaka za gerontologijo in medgeneracijsko sožitje, Dom za starije osebe Kantrida Rijeka, Primorsko-Goranska Županija

Associated Partners: Ministrstvo za delo, družino, socialne zadeve in enake možnosti, Ministarstvo Socijalne Politike i Mladih

STAR Project addresses the common challenges: ageing of population, which is typical for the entire PA and increases the need for social protection services; inequalities in accessing quality social services; low efficiency and unexploited potential of social protection institutions in cross-border cooperation. The project's main aim is to strengthen the partnership to develop new forms and upgrade existing models for de-institutionalisation of long-term care, required to increase the involvement and empowerment of elderly population and to enable their independent living at home as long as possible. The project's target will be achieved based on establishing a cross-border sustainable cooperation structure between institutions and interest groups operating between local administration and social security stakeholders. This will address the long-term care issue in the PA in a comprehensive manner and will develop joint plans regarding forms and methodologies for care outside institutional framework in the area, also with support of line Ministries of the RS and HR. Through exchange of best practices, cross-border cooperation will enable timely and effective addressing of the ageing issue and long-term care in PA. Project will establish an innovative integrated system for de-institutionalisation of long-term care on different levels, in line with modern guidelines focusing principally on the recipient, its wishes and needs. The project's contents and main outputs are: cross-border program for development of de-institutionalisation of long-term care, professional training for formal and informal social care providers and pilot project setting up 2 innovative forms of long-lasting care (day centres in RS, household teams in HR), to be used by long-term social care recipients, local authorities and by the elderly who will be given the chance to live independently at home as long as possible, to be included in social life and consequently, to enjoy a better life quality.