



For the Wellbeing and Dignity of Older people

### What is WeDO?

WeDO is a European project cofinanced by European Commission Directorate General for Employment and Social affairs under the call for proposal for a Pilot project on Preventing Elder abuse launched in June 2010. It is coordinated by AGE Platform Europe, a European network of more than 160 older people's organisations. The project gathers 18 partners from 12 EU member states.

**Its overall objective is to develop a lasting and growing European partnership of organisations committed to work together to promote the wellbeing and dignity of vulnerable and disabled older people and to prevent elder abuse through the promotion of quality long-term care.** The project began on the 1st December 2010 and will run until 30 November 2012.

The project aims at enabling all interested stakeholders to discuss, exchange experiences and good practices both at national and EU level, and to develop together a pro-active approach to elder care based on commonly agreed fundamental principles.

It will seek to develop a **voluntary European Quality Framework for Long-Term Care** in institutional, community and home care settings. This framework will comprise a set of fundamental principles that all partners will develop together and will agree to adhere to, using the European Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of older people in need of long-term care and assistance developed by the EUSTACEA project as a basis.

The Partnership will also develop a **European Partnership Guide** which will include **recommendations for participatory quality development, control and labelling tools.** These tools will be based on the European Quality Framework and will be adaptable to different national/regional structural and legal contexts. They will seek to help Member States implement the European Quality Framework and European Charter by translating them into concrete achievements and better quality delivery for Long-term care service users.

**Coordinator:** AGE Platform Europe

#### Partnership

- EDE (European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly)
- Austria: Austrian Red Cross
- Belgium: Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Czech Republic: Zivot 90
- Finland: National Institute for Welfare and Health and Helsinki University
- France: National Foundation of Gerontology and UNCCAS
- Germany: BAGSO, German Center of Gerontology (DZA) and ISIS
- Greece: 50+ Hellas
- Ireland: Third Age
- Italy: Anziani e non solo, FIPAC
- Netherlands: ANBO
- Slovenia: MZU
- Sweden: SPF

#### For more information

Project webpage: [www.age-platform.eu/en/wellbeing](http://www.age-platform.eu/en/wellbeing)

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## First EU event

**22 June 2011 - 9.30—16.00**

Meeting venue:

Jaarsbeurs, Jaarsbeursplan 6, Utrecht (Netherlands)

*Interpretation provided from English into French and German*

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**ANBO**



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## Morning session: 9.30 – 12.20 chaired by ANBO

9.00 – 9.30 Registration of the participants

### 9.30 – 9.50 Welcome and presentation of the project

Welcome by ANBO (10 min)

Presentation of the project by Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General AGE Platform Europe (10 min)

### 9.50 – 10.35 Feedbacks from the first meetings of the coalitions at national and european levels

Overview of the feedbacks by Maude Luherne, AGE Platform Europe, WeDO Project coordinator (10 min)

Interventions by the Steering group members (20 min)

Questions/remarks and feedbacks from the participants (15 min)

### 10.35—11.00 Coffee Break

### 11.00 – 12.15 Round table on the proposal for EU Quality framework for Long-term care

Presentation of the proposal for an EU quality framework for long-term care by Anne-Sophie Parent, AGE Platform Europe.

Followed by reactions from:

- Fritz von Nordheim Nielsen, European Commission, DG EMPL Active Ageing, Pensions, Health Care, Social Services
- Kartika Liotard, Member of the European Parliament and co-chair of the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational solidarity
- Kai Leichsenring, Researcher at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
- Anthony Polychronakis, Senior Policy Advisor of Department Policy, Research and Direction (Domestic Violence) of GGD Rotterdam-Rijnmond
- A. (Aaf) Tiems MA, Senior Policy Adviser, Department of Social Support, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

*Reactions from the project partners and from the floor*

12.15 – 12.20 Explanation of the afternoon working groups

**Lunch Buffet 12.20—13.20**



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## Afternoon session: 13.20 – 16.00 - Chair: AGE

13.20 – 13.30 Endorsement of principles from the EU Quality framework by all the participants

13.30 – 14.45 Working groups: How to improve quality of long-term care at national and European level?

Based on the discussion participants will have had at their first national coalition meeting and on the principles of the draft EU quality framework for long-term care, they will try to see how they can reach some of the principles and find common recommendations to improve quality of long-term care at EU level and at national level.

Each group will have to discuss and if possible agree at least on one recommendation and explain if the recommendation is addressed to a particular target group and how it is linked to one or various principles of the EU quality framework.

Each working group will be chaired by a Project partner or a member of a national coalition and supported by another Steering Group member who will be in charge of taking notes.

The chairs and note-takers will meet to coordinate the break-out sessions' recommendations to be presented during the conclusions.

14.45 – 15.45 Presentations of the work of DZA and VUB

To help national coalitions get a clearer understanding of what is feasible in term of quality tools and participatory methodology, DZA and VUB will present their respective experience and participants will be able to raise questions:

- Doerte Naumann, Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen (DZA) on the implementation of the German Charter of the rights of people in need of long-term care
- Dominique Verté, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) on the work of the Belgian Ageing Studies on the involvement of older volunteers in decision making
- Question time

15.45 – 16.00 Conclusions of the meeting

- Summary of the conclusions from the working groups
- Next steps and evaluation of the meeting
- Conclusions (AGE and ANBO)

