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**A Family Carer is a person of any age who takes on the responsibility of looking after a close family member, a relative or friend, who cannot manage at home without help because of frailty, illness or a mental or physical disability.** This population is not static, but changes as people move in and out of the caring role, with the majority of people providing care at some point in their lives. The diversity of Family Carers with respect to age, ethnicity, social financial backgrounds is great and the work they do is almost always unrecognised.

The challenge for our society is to recognise the role that Family Carers occupy and to construct an adequate infrastructure, hence ensuring that those with caring responsibilities have adequate access to information, life long learning, flexibility and equality in working conditions and financial security. In our present environment, those who undertake the work of caring, two thirds of those being female, all experience significant difficulties and social isolation.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Leonardo da Vinci Project Family Carers Project is to establish a common protocol at a European community level, to facilitate professional accreditation of the work of the Family Carer. A common professional accreditation all over the European Union will make entry easier into the labour market. In addition, this accreditation will support meeting the job demand in an expanding sector such as home help or social services.

## MEMBERS

Seven European organisations are collaborating in the Family Carers Project . All of them are linked to training and/or the social service sectors and have proven experience in their area of expertise. These organisations are:

- **L'Institut pour le Développement et la Formation de Corse**, Corsica, France, which is the lead partner.
- **Akadémia Vzdelávania**, Slovakia.
- **Scuola Centrale Formazione**, Italy.
- **Caring for Carers**, Ireland.
- **Integra Plus**, Belgium.
- **L'ADMR** (Aide à Domicile en Milieu Rural), France (association representing professionals in social services).
- **Department of Economic Promotion, Employment, Trade and Tourism** of the Town Council of Santiago de Compostela.

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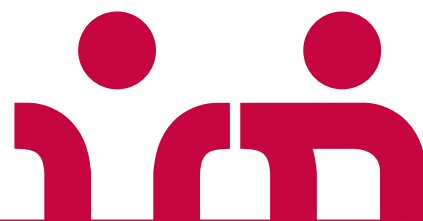
The *Family Carer* project is part of the European Leonardo da Vinci Programme. The objective is to promote a Europe of knowledge through lifelong learning which will contribute to sustainable economic growth, through job creation and greater social cohesion. To this end, the programme aims to improve transparency and recognition of qualifications and skills including those acquired through non-formal education, through validation of life long learning.

## PROJECT

Family Carer project involves:

- Identify and create a formal classification of transversal skills, specific to the type of persons cared for (elderly, disabled, those with special needs)
- Compare this schedule of skills with the different types of qualification courses, specific to each country, in order to provide additional training for family carers, hence facilitating them to increase their competencies with a view to future employability
- Compare the schedule of competencies with requirements identified in companies in the tertiary sector
- Inform family carers about the possibility of support for professional qualification and employability;
- At bench level:
  - Support carers in the recognition process of skills acquired informally (The family carer's guide from France's Department of Health and Social Security will be taken as the reference)
  - Suggest training modules (complementary to the competencies acquired) and guidance towards relevant training organisations.
  - Propose methods of inclusion within the European Qualification Framework and the corresponding mention in the carer's employment card.

**THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE UNEMPLOYED OR THOSE ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DEPENDENTS.**



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