



## **Eldicare Project: Press Release # 1 November 2018**

Europe is getting older: by 2080, a third of the population will be over 65. This means that there is a rapidly-increasing need for skilled caregivers who can support their own ageing family members as well as provide a professional workforce for the growing private sector.

The Eldicare Project is a "Sector Skills Alliance" funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme. It brings together 12 partners from 5 Countries (Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, UK) to identify the skills that carers of elderly people are going to need for the future, and to develop innovative approaches to training them.

The project will begin with a Training Needs Analysis that will lead to the development of two training packages that can be used across Europe, so that a certificate gained in one country will be recognised throughout the EU.

At the Kick Off Meeting, held in Athens on November 15 and 16, the partners set things in motion detailing the timeline and scope of technical activities as well as defining the management and administrative structure for project implementation.

The team from ACQUIN, led by Stefan Handke and Sofia Treskova, will take responsibility for the development of assessment schemes and guidelines for the certification of trainings. For the remainder of the project, ACQUIN's contribution will be to help develop, test and refine the curricula and materials to be produced. The project runs for two years, ending in October 2020.

### **Representatives of the 12 partners at the kickoff meeting in Athens**

