

PRESS RELEASE

Change Management in integrated e-care: SmartCare research to test and assess the viability of integrated services across Europe - site visit in Trieste (Friuli Venezia Giulia Region)

TRIESTE, February 23rd, 2016 – Representatives from regional districts and from the Strategic Direction executive management in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) participated in an international scientific research on Change Management coordinated by Twente's University (NL) within the framework of the SmartCare project. The objective was to assess the impact of ICT- supported integrated care on formal/informal, health and social care collaboration. FVG has a long-standing experience in integration of care services and pathways. Researchers interviewed top management executives as well as domiciliary and district nurses, physiotherapists, district physicians, specialists, GPs, and social workers participating in SmartCare Project. The whole top-level management of the AAS1-Triestina was actively involved in the event.



Top-level management of AAS1- Triestina involved in Change Management research

FVG Region, with the operational-executive leadership of Trieste's Local Health Authority n.1 (AAS n°1 – Triestina) is the lead partner of the EU-supported project SmartCare Project and main coordinator of the European Consortium which gathers all the project partners. SmartCare is an EU-supported project to test and assess the viability of integrated eCare services across Europe to promote domiciliary care of elderly, frail European citizens. SmartCare's focus is to generate empirical evidence and practical experiences to support other European regions to integrate healthcare, social care, informal care and user's self-care for

different health/living conditions along integrated care pathways. The project started in March, 2013 and will end in August, 2016 with the participation of 23 regions and their key scientific stakeholders.

As stated by Nicola Delli Quadri, MD, Trieste's Health Authority's n°1 Special Commissioner " This European project is particularly relevant for the development of international research and for the promotion of IT-supported integrated care to promote health and well-being in domiciliary settings for all European citizens".

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