



Sector skills for elderly home care - An integrated framework for domiciliary healthcare Skills development  
SECTOR SKILLS ALLIANCES 2015-2018 <http://www.project-caress.eu/>

## THE CONTEXT

### DEMOGRAPHIC AGEING

is one of the most serious challenges for Europe. It calls for innovative ways to address the needs of older adults.



### HOMECARE

plays a crucial role to enable older adults to live longer, healthier and more independent lives at home.

## THE PROBLEM

### SKILL GAP

There's a mismatch between the skills older adults and their families are demanding and those offered by homecare practitioners.

## THE AIM OF CARESS PROJECT IS TO OVERCOME THIS SKILL GAP BY:

- DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING VET COURSES** : 1) BASED ON INFORMATION about professionals' ACTUAL competencies, roles and skills gaps; 2) Integrating EXISTING CURRICOLA in a "compensative" bottom-up approach
- SHARING BEST PRACTICES** through countries and professionals
- ENHANCING COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION** among professionals

## HOW WE DID IT

### COLLECTING INFO

about homecare systems and professionals in **31 EU countries**

### CLASSIFYING INFO

in **9 main categories** of professionals

### SHARING INFO

through a **web-based framework** accessible online

### PROVIDING TOOLS

supporting trainers in gaps identification and VET design

## TESTING OUR TOOLS THROUGH THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 3 PILOT COURSES

Pilots targeted 3 DIFFERENT PROFESSIONALS IN 3 EU COUNTRIES: Social-Health operators (ITALY), Registered Nurses (SPAIN), Practical nurses (FINLAND). Based on: presence lessons, work based learning, e-learning and virtual community of practice

## THE MAIN PROJECT RESULTS

### WEB-BASED HOMECARE FRAMEWORK

accessible FOR FREE in an online platform , including VET DESIGN TOOLS and enrichable by registered users

### 3 PILOTS IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY

recognized at local level by REGULATORY BODIES, they will be replicated in further editions

### VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

an online platform supporting the SHARING OF PRACTICES available for free for trainers professionals, associations, etc.

### E-LEARNING MATERIALS IN 4 LANGUAGES

93 multimedia contents, 3 videos, 60 materials for collaborative learning - free on CARESS e-learning platform.

