

Newsletter November 2011

WeDO project launches its website !

The WeDO project just launched its website : www.wedo-partnership.eu ! You will be able to find examples of [good practices](#) gathered by the project partners coming from different countries and on different aspects of quality of life for older people in need of care and assistance. A list of [online resources](#) as well as an [updated information](#) on related events, publications is also available. A related newsletter will be released every month to inform on the latest news on a wide public. You will also find information on the [13 coalitions](#) of stakeholders who are active within the WeDO project and be able to contribute by sending us examples of good practices.

The EuROPEAN Project releases its final publication!

This European Reference Framework for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect was developed within the scope of the EuROPEAN project (2009-2011), with support from the European Union, DG Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion as a pilot project on preventing elder abuse.

Next Steering Group: 24 and 25 November 2011

The steering group of the WeDO project will meet on the 24 and 25 November to discuss the latest version of the EU Partnership guide. On the 25 November, a common meeting is organised with the members of the EU Coalition to discuss together on what could be done at EU level to improve the quality of services for older people in need of care and assistance. The meeting will take place in Brussels. More information is available in the partners' area.

WHO report on elder mistreatment in Europe

Elder maltreatment is pervasive in all countries in the WHO European Region, and estimates suggest that at least 4 million people in the Region experience elder maltreatment in any one year. Most countries in the Region have an ageing population, and one third of the population is forecast to be 60 years and older in 2050, putting more people at risk of elder maltreatment. Elder maltreatment has far-reaching consequences for the mental and physical well-being of tens of millions of older people, and if left unchecked will result in their premature death.

European Commission event "Ageing in Dignity: Designing effective strategies for tackling elder abuse" 28 November 2011

The purpose of the conference will be to take stock of the achievements of recent EU projects related to elder abuse and to exchange views about what needs and could be done at national and European level to protect the dignity and well-being of older people.

Welcome to the WeDO Newsletter !

WeDO (Wellbeing and Dignity of Older people) is a European project (2010-2012) involving 18 partners from 12 countries. It is coordinated by AGE Platform Europe and cofinanced by the European Commission, Directorate General for Employment and Social affairs. Its overall objective is to develop a lasting and

growing transnational partnership of stakeholders committed to working together to promote the wellbeing and dignity of vulnerable and disabled older people and prevent elder abuse at all levels and in all settings through the promotion of quality long-term care. The WeDO project aims to enable all interested parties to discuss and exchange experiences and good practices both at national and EU level. Together they will develop a pro-active approach to care for older people based on commonly agreed quality principles. The European Partnership Guide will include principles, recommendations, good practices and a methodology to ensure end users' participation.

In this newsletter you will find relevant information concerning the WeDO project itself but also any other relevant news concerning the projects' topics. Updates on good practices, events at EU level and national events will be available. We invite you to have a look at our new website: www.wedo-partnership.eu and to contribute to our project!

Enjoy the reading,

The WeDO project team.

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