The ELLAN project - European Later Life Active Network

Background

This workshop focuses on ELLAN (European Later Life Active Network) project, which is funded by the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme, and includes partners from 26 higher education institutes across Europe. The main aim of ELLAN is to develop an agreed European Core Competencies Framework (the ECCF) for health and social care professions working with older people. The topics in this workshop will emphasize ELLAN’s research outcomes and experiences.

Relevance

Workshop is strongly related to the sub-theme Innovative and sustainable teaching for health and social care education. ELLAN aims at promoting European cooperation and exchange of innovation and good practice related to education of those who will work with older people. Thus, the desired outcome is to reach better quality of higher education related to the older people care.

Aim

In this workshop research outcomes and experiences are shared in a dialogue in order to gain versatile knowledge about the competencies that are needed for working with older people. At the same time workshop functions as part of the quality assurance of the knowledge gained so far in ELLAN, as the participants will be end users and experts on this area.

Participants

Target group is teachers, social and health professionals and any stakeholders with interests within the older people care. They are at key position when utilizing and benefitting of the ECCF.

Methods

Workshop starts with short presentations of research results accomplished so far in ELLAN’s work packages (15mins). This leads participants to understand the protocol used to form the ECCF.

Workshop continues with active group working of themes: how to understand competences; defining the ECCF – the fundamentals, the ones which are less-domineering but worth to notice; utilization of the ECCF in higher education institutions and with associate partners. (60mins)

In the end of the workshop, final note regarding the use of competences is gathered. (5mins)

Expected outcomes
Participants will:
share and receive knowledge related to the improvement of quality and use of competences in social and health care education;
develop a wider picture of essential competencies for working with older people.

**Keywords**

Competences, Older people’s care, Innovative teaching