



Project factsheet - Assessment grid

PROJECT OVERVIEW	
Project Ref. No.	DRP0200240
Project title	Danube Region Programme
Acronym	Caring Communities
Priority axis	4. - A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region
SO	4.2 - ISO12OtherActionsCooperation
Lead partner	Diakonie Baden
Lead partner country	Deutschland (DE)
Lead partner legal status	Private!
Project duration	30
Total Interreg Funds	2353252.41
Total Eligible Budget	2941565.54

Project Summary

The quality of life of care-dependent persons and the opportunity for beneficiaries to remain in their home environment for as long as possible depends on what types and scope of support are available locally. However, local communities in the Danube Region (DR) cannot tackle major challenges in the field of homecare and community-based services by themselves anymore, e.g., serious shortages of care staff and volunteers, overburdened informal caregivers, lack of enhancing and integrating digital support systems in daily routines. Rural areas face even greater problems in providing comprehensive and sufficient services and support. Therefore, the project aims to build capacities & interregional collaboration structures of different kinds of public and private actors to initiate transformative impact on homecare and community-based services to improve the quality of living of care-dependent persons in rural and urban areas of the DR. To achieve this objective, we develop and test three types of capacity-building programs and related activities: In the framework of Governance and System Innovation Program (SIL) participants jointly develop solution to system challenges that prevent qualitative and effective delivery of services (AT1.2). The Regional Innovation and Capacity-building Program (Accelerators) offers space and professional support to actors who already developed an innovative solution, which has the potential to be further enhanced, disseminated, and scaled. Both program types facilitate improved and intensified public-private cooperation on eye-level focusing to solve problems in the field. The Programs are jointly developed in AT1.1, tested in 9 countries (AT1.2/AT1.3) (OT1.1, OT1.2, OT1.3, OT1.4). Results will be also discussed in different kinds of policy-dialogues. The third type of program and related activities aim to build capacities for and to strengthen transnational collaboration structures in the field homecare and community-based services in the DR. To enable the transnational work on homecare challenges that are relevant of 9 involved partner countries from Germany to Moldova, we develop specific approaches that also build on existing structures of territorial cooperation (CBC, city partnerships/networks): The Transnational Innovation Program enables 10 transnational teams to develop homecare and community-based solutions. A new Danube Region Policy Collaboration Platform for Rural and Urban Actors creates spaces for sharing results of Caring Communities' project and mutual learnings on homecare sectors. Danube Region Social Innovation Summits aims to further diffuse Caring Communities' results, to strengthen political support and to create a broader transnational community of public and private practitioners (OT2.2, OT2.3). All three capacity-building programs will be documented comprehensively in a way that they are replicable by others To achieve long-term impact of Caring Communities, a transnational academic team scientifically accompanies SPO1 & SPO2 activities. They aim to build an empirically proven research framework for the

initiation of transformative impact in homecare and community-based services. Academia assesses practical work but also gives tools to practitioners to enable them to professionalize own evaluation and impact assessments. The research framework consists of (1) Formative Evaluation and (2) Social Impact Measurement Framework. (3) Research under different territorial conditions aims to provide analyses, data, and strategies to prepare the ground for innovative solutions in homecare and on systemic analysis of environments for homecare solutions. Results aim to give guidance to practitioners and policymakers how to further improve the situation of people needing and providing homecare in the DR (OT3.1, OT3.2). Our project is unique because it applies new ways and methods of collaboration between public and private stakeholders in the field of homecare and community-based services. Actors collaborate problem-focused on eye-level, leaving classic inter-institutional conflicts behind. We further develop interregional collaboration structures on long-term. Moreover, the European Care Strategy (2022) showcases the fact that we have similar challenges in Europe, but every country tries to solve it by its own. We need more transnational collaboration to tackle one of the big challenges of our time and to create more synergies. The project will contribute to the ambition of the strategy to realize more high-quality, accessible, and affordable services for care-dependent persons in the DR. The project also supports the implementation of the European Pillar in Social Rights, especially to the principle 18 long-term care, the EUSDR PA9 People & Skills and PA10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation. The project shares the ambitions of Leipzig Charta and Territorial Agenda to create just societies, where care-dependent persons have access to qualitative social services.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country	Total Interreg funds	Total eligible budget
Diakonie Baden	Diakonie Baden	Deutschland (DE)	413814.88	517268.60
UHEI	University of Heidelberg	Deutschland (DE)	190247.99	237809.99
Grünhof	Grünhof e.V. - Association for societal innovation	Deutschland (DE)	162052.72	202565.90
TÖÖSZ	Töosz - Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities	Magyarország (HU)	172480.00	215600.00
Szamossályi	Municipality of Szamossályi	Magyarország (HU)	24000.01	30000.02
FSSB	Federation of Social NGOs in Bulgaria	Bulgaria (BG)	159700.00	199625.00
IPS-BAS	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Bulgaria (BG)	84897.60	106122.00
Bansko	Municipality of Bansko	Bulgaria (BG)	39876.00	49845.00
Caritas Wien	Caritas Vienna	Österreich (AT)	185595.48	231994.35
FONT	Federation of Social NOGs in Transylvania	România (RO)	159922.40	199903.00
Brasov County	Brasov County	România (RO)	30012.00	37515.00
ACT G	ACT Group	Hrvatska (HR)	175949.20	219936.50
PFZG	Faculty of Law	Hrvatska (HR)	94385.38	117981.73
MODS	Network of Organizations for Children of Serbia	Serbia (RS)	97464.00	121830.00
RISP	Republic Institute for Social Protection	Serbia (RS)	24000.00	30000.00

Mozaik	Mozaik Foundation	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	215254.75	269068.44
AMC	Association of Municipalities and Cities BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	32000.00	40000.01
Agapedia MD	Agapedia Moldova	Moldova (MD)	91600.00	114500.00
TOTAL (EUR)			2353252.41	2941565.54

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country
Diakonie Baden	Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Integration (Departments Care; Community-based Development)	Deutschland (DE)
TÖÖSZ	Ministry of the Interior (Mol)	Magyarország (HU)
FSSB	University of Ruse	Bulgaria (BG)
ACT G	Association of cities of Croatia	Hrvatska (HR)
Caritas Wien	AAL AUSTRIA	Österreich (AT)
FONT	Covasna County Council	România (RO)
Agapedia MD	Ministry of Labour and Social Protection	Moldova (MD)