

# Advancing Competences in the European Senior Service Sector ACE

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## The development of job profile of “Senior Service Worker”

In many European countries there are numerous job profiles developed in the field of social, caring and nursing professions. The range of alternatives and similarities between job profiles and activities they involve was recognized by the partners in discussions and identification of job profiles in their countries. Although, partners achieved consensus on the job profile of “Senior Service Workers”, however, it was recognized that there is no easy way to carry recognition or validation of acquired skills in these fields across the national borders. The partners are going identify such learning outcomes that are common across the partnership borders, group them into units and create job profile of "Senior Service Worker" adoptable in European countries.

The partnership will apply these units in preparing innovative training system for senior service providers' employees and for development of learning outcome based on ECVET, which will support better job transparency and workforce mobility in the senior care services sector across national borders within the European Union.

The proportion of the population in the EU member states aged 55 and over is about to grow by 48 % in forty years between 1990 and 2030 (from 25 % to 37 %, Eurostat, 2012). Moreover, the senior population is a moving target for senior care services and the established ways in which these services are provided today will not work in the future.



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## Attention to learners and respect to seniors

Special attention to the quality of training courses will be paid during the development of “Senior Service Workers” profile on basis of which future service providers will be trained. The quality of courses is expected later to translate into such treatment of future clients where maintaining their honor and dignity is respected by the service provider.

The spirit of partnership and trainings we are going present illustrated by the words of Duncan Sinclair

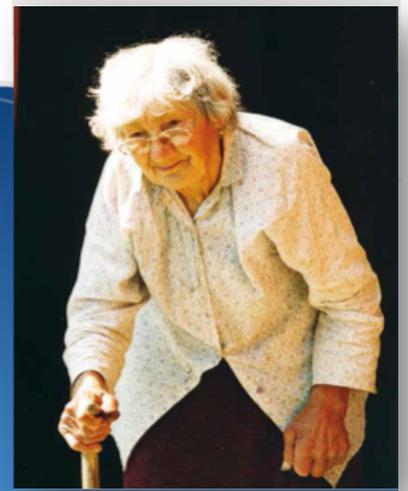
<...I want to be considered a person, not a patient, regardless of how much I then depend on a panoply of physicians, nurses, personal support workers, therapists and pharmacists. I want the values that are central to my being to be respected, then as now. I want to remain Duncan Sinclair, not the incontinent, demented old guy in bed in Room 6. And, I want to retain my dignity. The hospital gown may be garb convenient for my caregivers, but its propensity to expose my nether regions to hallway passersby is as far as it gets from dignified.>

<...I want to avoid suffering. This is less about avoiding pain and discomfort than it is about maintaining my status as a person with the right to make my own decisions, including decisions about my very existence. Modern pharmacology has made available tools to alleviate pain and suffering – good palliative care – and to die with dignity at a time of my choosing. I want the choice.

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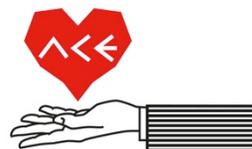


*Duncan Sinclair is emeritus professor of physiology and a fellow of the School of Policy Studies of Queen's University. He recently joined the board of TVN, Canada's frailty health network, and was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in April.*



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<http://sidmc.org/ace/>



# The ACE project achievements

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting took place in Bremen, Germany, 30, June- 2July, 2015*

The German partners team hosted international ACE project partners group, local experts and stakeholders of seniors service sector in the building of ibs Academia in Bremen.

Director of ibs e.V. Gudrun Schemel welcomed the participants and gave a short overview about ibs activities, the goals and experiences in European projects.

The coordinator of the project Karel VyhnaI presented the achievements of the project and lead discussion on administrative activities, financial rules, quality management and reports.

The host partners Elisabeth Lanwer-Eilers and Dagmar Koch-Zadi leads the working session of the job profile and training program for “Senior Service Worker” development. The partners revised draft version of job profile in national work group.



*The project team during the next project meeting*

Each partner team presented they remarks and discussed the issues have to be considered in the future job profile and project development steps.

Project partner Danguole Boguseviciene presented Project Dissemination Plan and explained the concept of project dissemination and tasks for each partner.

By the end of meeting Elisabeth Lanwer-Eilers and Dagmar Koch-Zadi presented final conclusion on the initial brainstorming of expectations of the partners. Coordinator Karel VyhnaI collects the questionnaire of self-evaluation, which result shows the working methods of the workshops are appropriate approach to come to agreements and good collaboration.

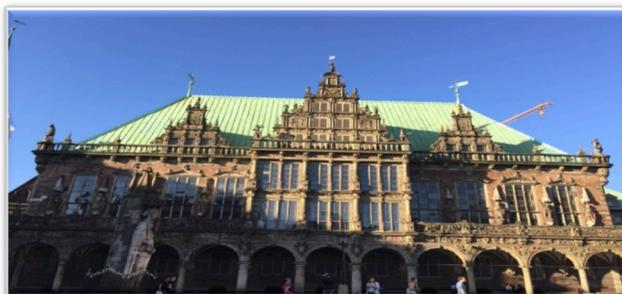


## Practical visits

On the second day the partners visited the “Familienzentrum Mobile” in Bremen Hemelingen. Gaby Dönselmann Leader of the project “Aufsuchende Altenarbeit” made a guided tour and explained the concept of “Aufsuchende Altenarbeit” of supporting elderly people in community in their independent living.



By the cultural part of program partners have short tour of old town, visited Bremen town hall and Roland statue, St. Peter cathedral and of course made photos by The Bremen Musicians.



## Senior Jokes

“My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to “Incorrect.” That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me...  
“Your password is incorrect.

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