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# Innovation for Dementia in the Danube Region

An example of transnational collaboration

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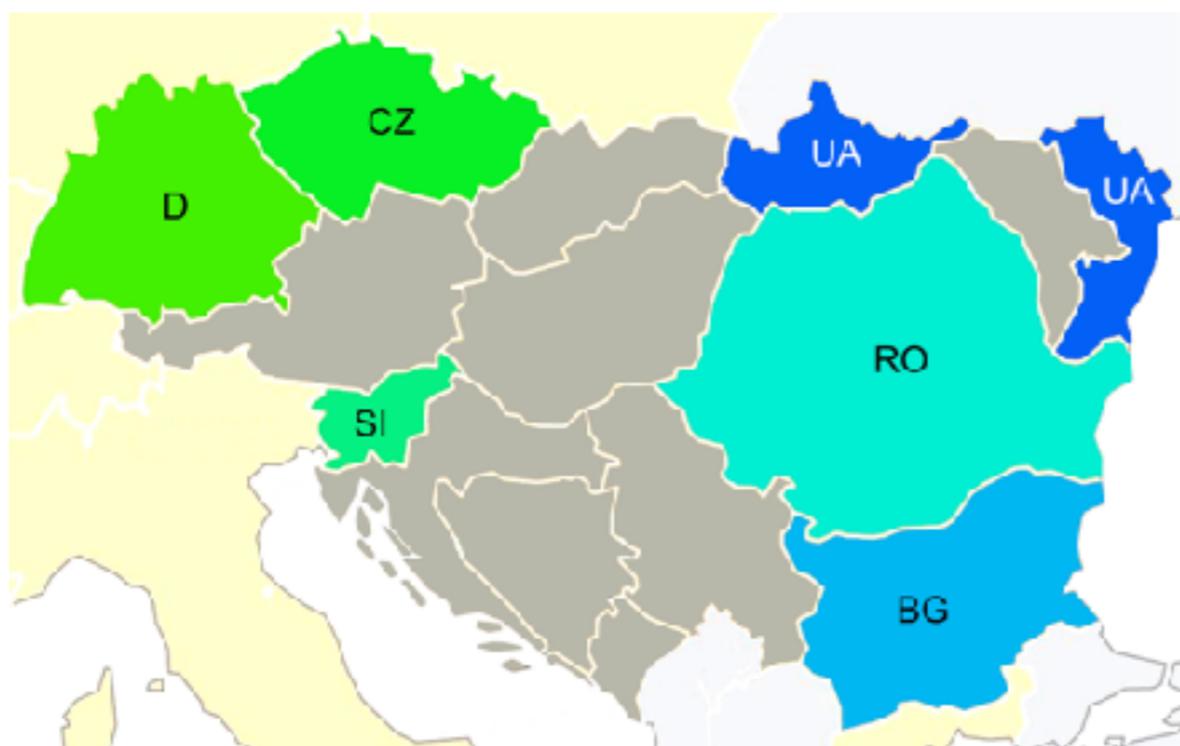
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*A stream of cooperation*

## A growing network

**DANDEC-1 (2013-2015)**



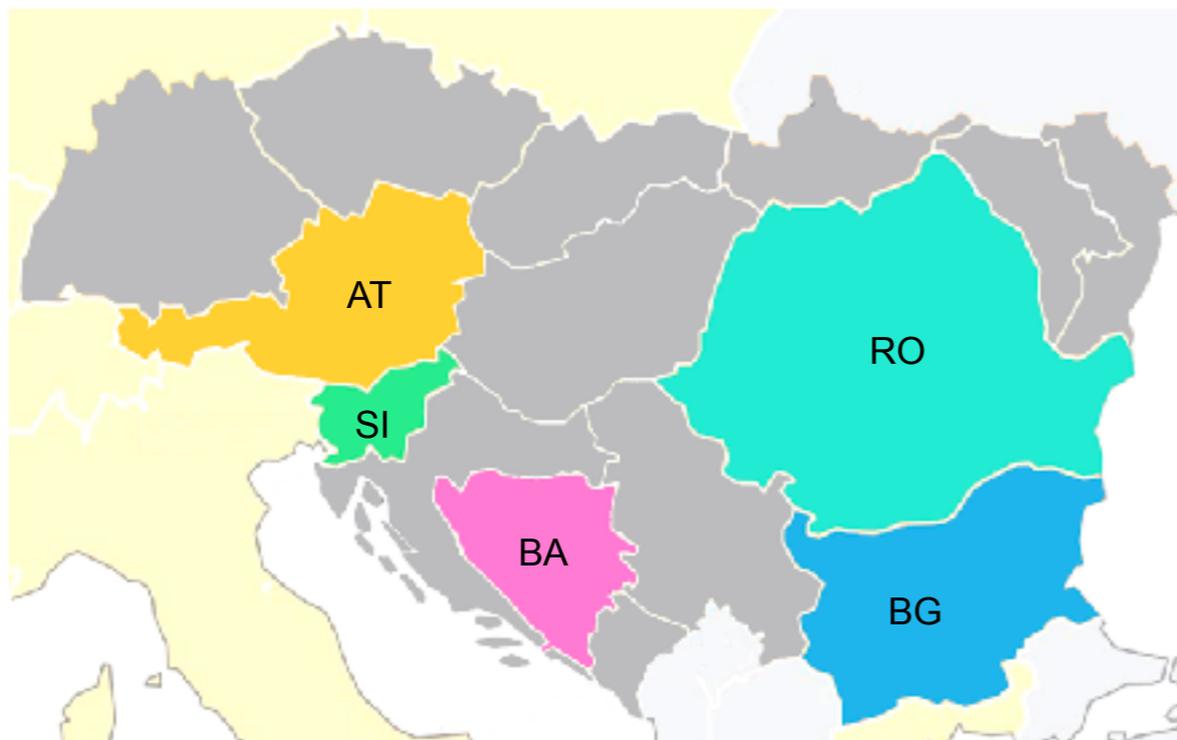
**DANDEC-2 (2016-2017)**



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und Forschung

## Supporting activities

### Outreach to policy makers (2017)



### Dementia Master Classes (2017-2019)

Workshops on multiprofessional management of dementia

- Podgorica, ME
- Belgrade, RS
- Sarajevo, BA (2x)
- Tirana, AL (2x)
- Skopje, NMK
- Zagreb, HR



## Analysis

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### Dementia care in the Danube Region. A multi-national expert survey

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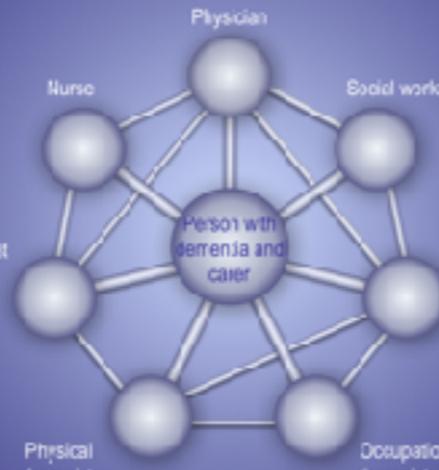
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**Background:** Dementia is a particularly severe social challenge in several countries of the Danube Region due to higher-than-average increases in population longevity, demographic increase of the elderly dependency ratio, and relative cultural rejection of health care professionals. A survey was conducted among dementia experts to obtain a deeper understanding of the dementia care structures and services in this geographical area, and to identify the educational needs of health care professionals, and the availability of assistive technology. **Subjects and methods:** A standardized questionnaire was sent out to 15 leading dementia specialists in 10 Danube Region countries regarding their professional groups involved in dementia care, availability and reimbursement of services, inclusion of dementia in professional education and training, acceptability of Internet-based education, and availability of assistive technology. **Results:** The majority of individuals with dementia receive care in the community rather than in institutions. The roles of medical specialties are disparate. General practitioners usually identify dementia symptoms while specialists contribute most to clinical diagnosis and treatment. Health care professionals, particularly those who work closely with patients and carers, have limited access to dementia-specific education and training. The greatest need for dementia-specific education is seen for general practitioners and nurses. An Internet-based education and skill-building program is considered to be equivalent to traditional face-to-face but offer advantages in terms of convenience of access. Assistive technology is available in countries of the Danube Region but is significantly underused. **Conclusions:** Dementia care in the Danube Region can be improved by an educational and skill-building program for health care professionals who work in the frontline of dementia care. Such a program should also attempt to enhance interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration, to increase the interaction between primary care and specialists, and to promote the implementation of assistive technology. **Keywords:** dementia, Danube Region, expert survey, dementia care structures, education, assistive technology

**Introduction**  
The Danube Region is a functional area defined by its river basin. It extends over 14 states, among them 7 EU-member states (Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, and Romania) and 7 countries which are not presently EU-members (Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Ukraine, and Moldova). The Danube Region has a total population of 180 million. In socio-economic regard, the region showed disparity since it included not only some of the most affluent but also some of the poorest regions in the European Union.<sup>1</sup> The prevalence of dementia among people aged 60 years and older is not uniform across

## Solution

### Interprofessional Management of Dementia



A workbook produced by

### The Dementia Master Classes

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# DAAD

## Network



- A collaborative transnational initiative
- To improve dementia care
- To enhance the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers
- To contribute to the development and implementation of national dementia plans
- 20 partners in 10 countries
- Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)



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Danube Transnational Programme  
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in the Danube Region**

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Project co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

The project addresses three major gaps in dementia care:

- Low knowledge and skills about dementia among health and social care professionals → **INDEED educates**
- Insufficient interprofessional collaboration and coordination → **INDEED connects**
- Lack of dementia-specific services and facilities → **INDEED innovates**

## **INDEED educates**

provides knowledge and skills to all professional groups involved in dementia care, complementing occupation-specific education

## **CAMPUS**



## **INDEED connects**

enhances the collaboration among health & social care professionals, promotes the use of available services and facilities

## **CONNECT**



## **INDEED innovates**

stimulates entrepreneurial engagement in dementia care by an advisory service featuring business models & good-practice examples

## **COACH**

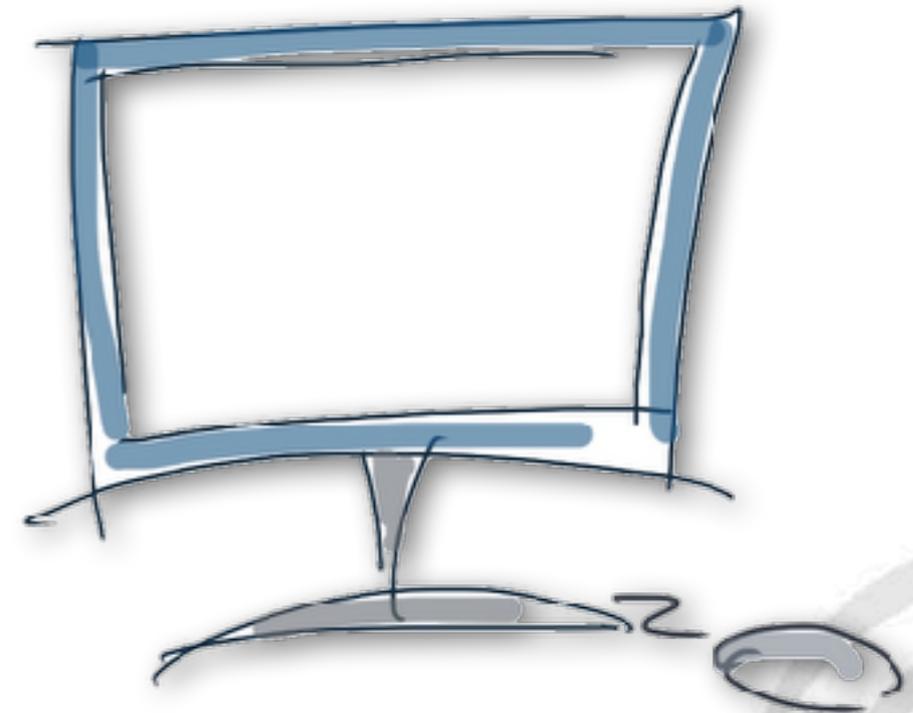


Materials for traditional presentations and workshops

Online multimedia platform



## blended learning

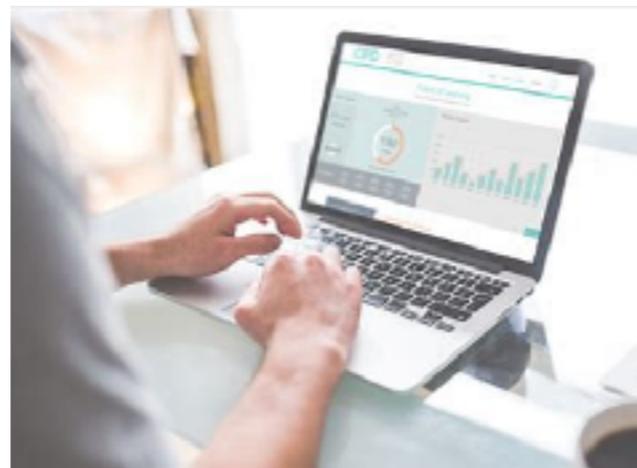


- available in 5 languages
- field-tested in pilot actions

## Workshops



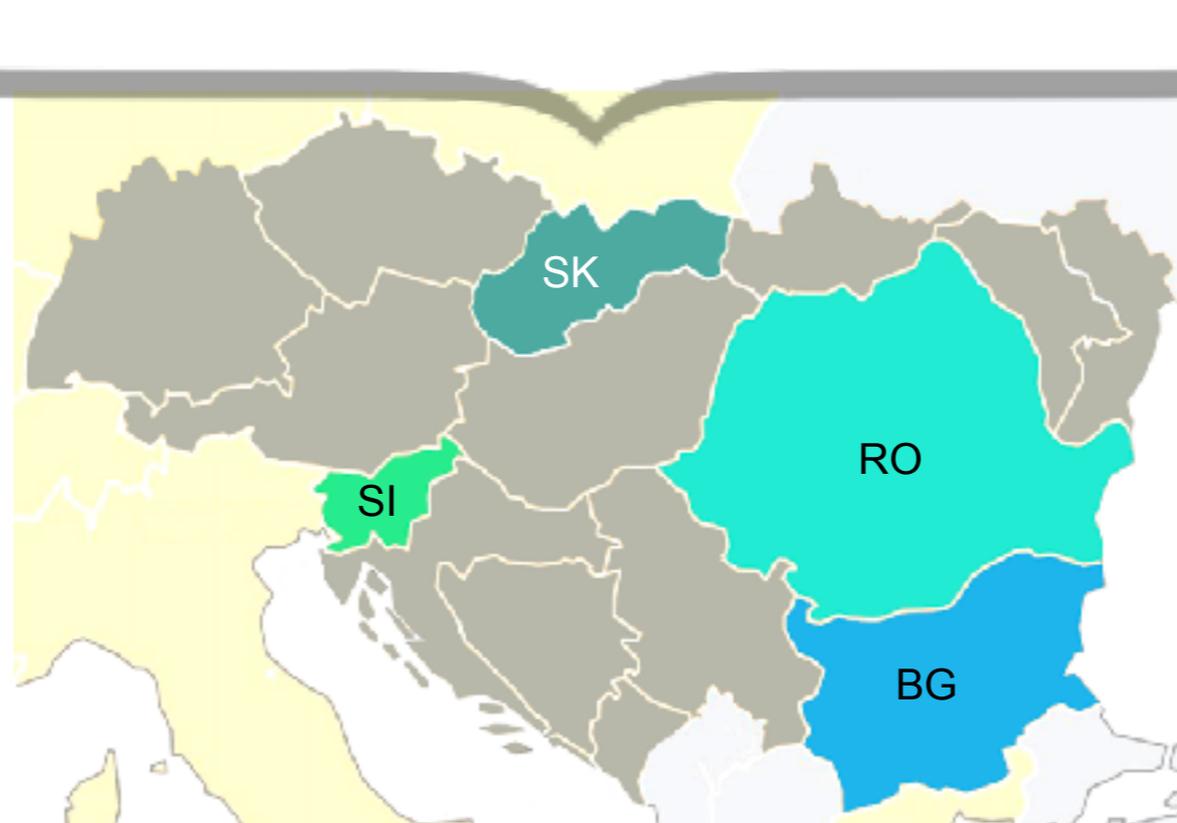
## Online platform



## Public events



In four countries



In urban and rural regions

Move beyond  
pilot borders

Provide through  
patient org's &  
universities

Secure political  
support



**Thank you!**