



### WG2 Case study profile

<b>Thematic group</b>	<b>WG2.1b. Older people and people with disabilities: Care and wellbeing</b>
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<b>Title of case study (and priority ranking)</b>	Supporting informal caregivers of people with Alzheimer promoting labour inclusion of vulnerable groups
<b>Country/region/place investigated</b>	Spain
<b>Social service sector(s) investigated</b> • Older people	Informal caregivers of dependent older people with Alzheimer from Spain
<b>Category of case study ('what' is investigated)</b> (Erase non relevant ones) • Project/initiative/experience (micro-level)	<p>This case-study is based on a programme to address sustainable services for Alzheimer's Disease and promote labour inclusion for vulnerable groups. Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is one of the leading causes of dependency among older adults in Europe, and care of these patients is primarily sustained by informal caregivers who, due to their lack of formal and informal support and advice, may provide non-appropriated care for the AD patients and suffer burden and social isolation as a result of their care responsibilities.</p> <p>Social care services are not keeping up with existent demand and this program could cover some deficiencies of the public social systems.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to respond to the needs of people with AD, informal caregivers and people in labour exclusion risk through a specialized training course in AD. The course is addressed to potential formal caregivers and other professionals that provide several daily services at home or day care centres and has been tested in the province of Castellón (region of Valencia).</p> <p>The actors involved in this project are Polibienestar Research Institute, SEAS and some local entities that have also contributed to the program development: Cruz Roja, Casal Jove, the Salomé Molina Foundation, the AEDL, the City Council of Burriana and the Association of Relatives of People with Alzheimer's Disease of Castellón.</p>
<b>Time frame considered (from when to when)</b>	The project is being developed among 2012 and 2013.
<b>Five 'perspectives'</b> (Erase non relevant ones) • Cost efficiency/quality/user satisfaction • Social and/or territorial cohesion • Labour conditions of social workers • Gender	<p>Three main target groups would benefit from this program: Informal caregivers, who had the support of AD trained people; AD patients, which would receive specific care activities; and people in risk of labour exclusion, which would be provided of skills to access to the labour market.</p> <p>The program expects to increase social cohesion by keeping and reconstructing the social ties of people with AD through intergenerational activities and preventing social breakdown of people with AD and their informal caregivers.</p> <p>On the other hand, the labour opportunities in the social and health care sector of people in labour exclusion risk would be increased through the specific training received.</p> <p>Women would specially benefit because they usually are the main informal caregivers of older people. Furthermore women are one of the key target groups to be included in the training.</p>
<b>Three processes in restructuring + crisis</b> • Cuts/rationalization/management reforms (NPM, others) • Vertical subsidiarity (administrative re-arrangements between government levels) • Horizontal subsidiarity (involvement of/outourcing to other suppliers)	In a context in which resources provided by the social care systems was not enough to meet the existing demand, the austerity measures implemented to face the economic crisis have had severe effects on old people care services. However, the demand of these services increases due to growing number of old people in Spain. Therefore, developing and evaluating innovative services of Alzheimer attention that allow responding this demand in a sustainable way is urgently needed.
<b>Specific questions/focus</b>	The main focus of this case lies in the potential of the project described to answer three different problems strengthening, on one hand, social ties of AD patients and social support of their informal caregivers and, on the other hand, offering labour opportunities related to the formal care of AD patients to people in labour exclusion risk.
<b>Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)</b>	Do you intend to set up a LSN: NO

