
EIP-AHA: European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

ANT is member of EIP-AHA, an European Partnership for innovation on active and healthy ageing. It is a pilot action launched by the EU Commission involving all interested subjects at Regional and National level in order to promote with different policies and actions the active and healthy ageing. General objective is the increase of average age of European citizens in health by 2020.

Specific objectives are:

- To enhance healthy and quality of life of EU citizens with a focus on elderly people;
- To support efficiency and effectiveness of health and social assistance systems in the long term;
- To increase European industry competitiveness through SMEs and markets enlargement.

EIP-AHA is made of action groups, that is by a group of partners be committed to work on the same areas related to ageing, sharing knowledge and competences, giving added value to their local and national experience and identifying at EU level what should be done for facing lack of initiatives.

ANT is member of Groups A3 and B3.

Action group A3 on frailty and decline prevention:

The Action Group A3 brings together around 100 organizations, among which public health authorities, care organisations, academia, research centres, industries, patients associations and professional bodies, which have committed themselves to the **objectives of understanding the underlying factors of frailty, exploring the association between frailty and adverse health outcomes in older people and better preventing and managing the frailty syndrome and its consequences**. These organizations are implementing their own "commitments", which are measurable and concrete activities at local, regional or national level aimed at improving older people health and quality of life.

Action group B3 on integrated care for chronic diseases:

The Action Group on integrated care is a unique collaborative of partners representing around 120 multi-stakeholder commitments from national, regional and national administrations, local authorities, research centres, academia, SMES and large industry, advocacy organizations from across the EU. The commitments are measurable and concrete activities at local, regional or national level performed by stakeholders who commit themselves to promote innovative and concrete actions aimed at improving older people health and quality of life. The partners aim to reduce the avoidable/unnecessary hospitalisation of older people with chronic condition. They work towards integrated care services, that are more closely oriented to the needs of patients /users, multidisciplinary, well co-ordinated and accessible, as well as anchored in community and home care settings. Such models coordinate between levels of health services and align them with social care, along the whole health promotion and care chain. They harmonize and coordinate the management, organization and delivery of services to make sure they provide quality and efficient solutions to the needs of the patients.

Positive and innovative results tank to ANT participation to action groups A3 and B3 are the adoption by Eu Commission of two "Best Practice": the first on the importance of the subsidiarity role of ANT in Bologna's area and the second on the role of ANT psycho-oncologists in frailty prevention. Furthermore, in different occasion of B3 Group is has been underlined the importance of Third Sector next to the Public Health, very often not recognized not even at EU level.