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A joint programme to tackle
one major challenge of our
ageing societies.

WHO WE ARE

EFID is a joint initiative created by a group of European foundations to tackle the challenges linked to dementia.

The greatest risk factor for developing the condition known as dementia is older age, and with no known cure on the horizon it remains a significant challenge for European society.

People with dementia and their families often feel isolated. Numerous myths concerning dementia inhibit meaningful communication, to the extent that people with dementia are considered one of the most marginalised and stigmatised group in society. To live well with dementia, communities must support people with the condition, enable them to use their remaining abilities and retain a sense of self.

Given the scale of the condition, its economic and social impact and the global ageing population, EFID encourages civil society to participate and take responsibility for their fellow citizens.

We're grateful to EFID for supporting us towards our common goal: create a better world for people with dementia and their carers.

EFID awardee, 2015

WHAT WE DO

EFID's mission is to improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers in Europe. Over the past phases, EFID supported organisations working on creating inclusive environments in communities across Europe. Communities are the places where citizens, policy-makers, business and civil society can join forces with people with dementia to create sustainable boroughs and promote active citizenship.

EFID AWARDS

The EFID awards "Living well with Dementia in the Community", launched in EFID 1st and 2nd phase (2012 and 2014), supported 20 projects in 11 countries that encouraged the dissemination of good practice and gave people with dementia a stronger voice in their communities.

In 2015, a new Fund has contributed to strengthen the capacity of the awardees and create a network of practitioners of dementia-friendly communities (DFCs) in Europe.

LEARNING PLATFORM

EFID acts as a catalyst for creating learning and partnerships. Three workshops on messaging, empowerment and capacity strengthening have been organised in the past years.

In 2012, EFID published the leaflet "I am still the same person – frames and counter frames related to dementia". The leaflet is an invitation to communicate differently about the condition.

In 2016, EFID will publish the study: "Mapping DFCs across Europe: a report and collection of case studies on DFCs in Europe". The research outlines the diversity of DFCs in Europe and provides examples and good practices to inspire those who want to work towards inclusive communities.

We don't consider dementia as a burden to society but rather as an opportunity to get rid of stereotypes. Our society has managed to give time to life but now it needs to give life to time.

Mapping DFCs across Europe, interviewee

