



POLIBIENESTAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA

POLIBIENESTAR (<http://www.polibienestar.org>) is a public research institute belonging to the University of Valencia (Spain), led by Jordi Garcés, Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor at Georgetown University, with more than thirty years of experience in training and research.

Polibienestar is composed by a **multidisciplinary team** with 24 senior and 18 junior researchers with national and European **experience in social policies** combining researchers from various disciplines such as economics, sociology, social work, psychology, political science and law among others. This diverse range of disciplines allows us to carry out interdisciplinary research, development and innovation, management, assessment and training in the fields of social welfare; social and health systems; healthcare; **social technology; assistive technologies for dependent elderly; sustainability, ICT, efficiency and quality of long-term care systems; telemonitoring and homecare.** Polibienestar also advises the Administration and private entities in the design, planning and implementation of social policies and services.

Due to our expertise, knowledge and previous research we would be interested in collaborating in the following topics from **Horizon 2020 – Information and Communication Technologies**:

- **ICT-10-2015**: Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation;
- **ICT-19-2015**: Technologies for creative industries, social media and convergence;
- **ICT-20-2015**: Technologies for better human learning and teaching;
- **ICT-24-2015**: Robotics;
- **ICT-28-2015**: Cross-cutting ICT KETs;
- **ICT-30-2015**: Internet of Things and Platforms for Connected Smart Objects;
- **ICT-36-2015**: Pre-commercial procurement open to all areas of public interest requiring new ICT solutions.

In this field Polibienestar has ample experience and as a partner can implement the following tasks:

- Assessment and promotion of innovative solutions based on new technologies in order to face societal challenges (i.e.: healthcare, ageing population, public demand regarding innovation, etc.);
- Awareness activities addressed to different target groups and issues, such as the hyper-connected age threats: privacy, responsibility, safety and fairness, among others.
- Establishment of guidelines and recommendations to empower the use of ICTs networks and platforms among citizens; and implementation and promotion of networking and capacity-building activities (i.e.: encouragement of web entrepreneurship);

- Definition of needs and requirements regarding the use of technological services and products by vulnerable groups (dependent and disabled people, people in risk of labour and social exclusion, etc.);
- Design and implementation of formal and informal training for elderly, disabled, caregivers, employees and social and health practitioners; and enhancement and assessment of smart learning/teaching environments;
- Technology usability and validation of user's acceptance, assessment of new users experience and technology impact on quality of life of end-users;
- Analysis cost-benefit of technologies and analysis of Social Return on Investment (SROI) of ICT products and services;
- Dissemination of the results and organisation of scientific and advocacy events.

Polibienestar has participated and coordinated several **European, national and regional R&D projects**. In this regard, Polibienestar is currently participating in the Collective Awareness Platforms for Improving Accessibility in European Cities Regions (CAP4Access) project funded under the **VII Framework Programme (ICT-2013.5.5)** and in several projects funded under the EU Health Programme aimed to contribute to **innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems** (APPCARE; Urban Health Centre 2.0; ASSEHS).

In addition, Polibienestar has, to date, implemented the following projects:

- **7th Framework Programme**
 - ✓ 2014–2016 Collective Awareness Platforms for Improving Accessibility in European Cities Regions (CAP4Access)
 - ✓ 2013-2016 Innovative Social and Employment Policies for Inclusive and Resilient Labour Markets in Europe (INSPIRES)
 - ✓ 2008-2011 Health systems and long-term care for older persons in Europe–Modelling the INTERfaces and LINKS between prevention, rehabilitation, quality of services and informal care (INTERLINKS)
- **FP6 Scientific Support to Policies–Programme “Integrating and Strengthening the European Research Area”**
 - ✓ 2007-2009 Free Movement and Equal Opportunities for All (LivingAll)
- **DAPHNE III, Programme of the European Commission**
 - ✓ 2014–2016 Solutions Against Violence in Europe (SAVE)
 - ✓ 2013-2014 Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV)
 - ✓ 2012-2013 BE supportive, NOT violent! Positive parenting for Happy Children (Be Supportive, No Violent)
 - ✓ 2010-2011 FRIENDS ONLINE
- **Grundtvig Programme, European Commission**
 - ✓ 2013–2015 Equal Opportunities to Social Inclusion for Autistic Children (EOSIAC)
 - ✓ 2013-2015 Meeting the health literacy needs of immigrant population (MEET)

- **Third Health Programme of the European Commission**
 - ✓ 2015–2018 Appropriate care paths for frail elderly patients: a comprehensive model (APPCARE)
- **Second Health Programme of the European Commission**
 - ✓ 2014-2017 Urban Health Centre 2.0: Integrated health and social care pathways, early detection of frailty, management of polypharmacy and prevention of falls for active and healthy ageing in European cities (UHCE)
 - ✓ 2014-2016 Activation of Stratification and Results of the interventions on frail patients of Healthcare Services (ASSEHS)
- **PROGRESS. Programme of the European Commission**
 - ✓ 2011-2013 Alzheimer: Tremplin Intergénérationnel d'insertion sociale et professionnelle
- **2007-2013 Mediterranean Sea Basin ENPI CBC**
 - ✓ 2012-2015 Project–Gouvernance de la qualité de l'air dans les villes méditerranéennes
- **AAL. Programme Ambient Assisted Living. EU Seventh Research Framework Programme.**
 - ✓ 2011-2013 Smart technologies for self-service to seniors in social housing (HOST)
- **European Commission. Education and Culture DG, Youth in action**
 - ✓ 2011-2012 European Network of Social Authorities for Youth (ENSA Y)
- **Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme**
 - ✓ 2014-2015 Thematic Network Innovation for age-friendly environments in the European Union (AFE-Innovnet)
- **Erasmus + Programme. Strategic Partnerships Key Action**
 - ✓ 2014-2016 Strengthening the nurses and health care professionals' capacity to deliver culturally competent and compassionate care

Finally, Polibienestar participates actively in two Action Groups of the **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing** promoted by the European Commission: B3 Capacity building and replicability of successful integrated care systems based on innovative tools and services and D4 Innovation for age-friendly buildings, cities and environments. In the D4 action group, **Polibienestar leads the ICT group**. It is also co-founder and active member of the board of the Spanish Technological Platform for Tourism – THINKTUR (<http://www.thinktutur.org>); within THINKTUR Polibienestar is the coordinator for the Accessibility Strategic Group (GET1).

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