

## IENE7

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Population ageing is a long-term trend. The EU-28's old-age dependency ratio is projected to increase from 28.8 % in 2015 to 51.0 % by 2080 (Eurostat, June 2016). Providing long-term care in home, is proving to be a viable and cost effective alternative to institutional care. Due to the increasing numbers of older adults and the demand for the home direct-care workers all over Europe, there is a current and, possible, future shortage of trained caregivers. In many EU Member States, migrants are filling this labour gap, providing essential care services. Migrant elderly caregivers are dealing with important challenges of inadequate education and training, low wages, minimal worker benefits, lack of career advancement opportunities, and erratic and often part-time employment. The lack of adequate training for elderly caregivers remains a major gap in workforce development.



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## The Project Partners

- *EDUNET Organization, Romania - coordinator*
- *Middlesex University, London, UK*
- *University of Almeria, Spain*
- *University of Catania, Italy*
- *Comune di Ortona, Italy*

## Project Outputs

The main tangible products of the project are:

- Training Model and Curriculum, available on project web platform, which can be downloaded and used by potential trainers to develop their own trainings;
- Learning tools, available on the project learning platform in four languages (UK, IT,ES,RO) in form of a easy to navigate course to be used by the caregivers for online learning;
- Training/learning/evaluation resources, available on the project learning platform in PDF document, which can be used both for the learners, caregivers, and the trainers for their trainings;
- A Smartphone application which can download from the project website to access the course by mobiles or tablets;
- The Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) piloted and tested available on the Blackboard platform;

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### NATIONAL SEMINAR

3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2019

### MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY

National Seminar Programme	
9:30-10:00	Arrival and registration and tea/coffee and croissants <i>Williams Building, W157</i>
10:00-10:30	Overview of the IENE programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the IENE websites and Knowledge Hub (KHub)</li></ul> <b>Professor Irena Papadopoulos</b>
10:30- 12:00	Overview of the IENE 7 project <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to share the project aims, the training model, curriculum, learning resources and the MOOC;</li><li>• to raise awareness about the advantages and challenges of using the model, curriculum and training tools;</li></ul> <b>Professor Irena Papadopoulos</b>
12:00 – 12:30	Presentation of the MOOC and how to navigate it <b>Alfonso Pezzella</b>
12:30-13:30	Hands-on experience of using the IENE7 MOOC <b>Alfonso Pezzella</b>
13::30-14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion to exchange ideas on ways to use the project results;</li><li>• Collect feedback for measuring the potential impact of the project's outputs by administrating evaluation questionnaires;</li><li>• Network, share experiences, interests and goals about caring for older persons.</li></ul>
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch and networking