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 consists of an interdisciplinary team with 24 senior and 18 junior researchers with national and European experience in health and social policies combining researchers from various disciplines such as medicine, psychology, economics, sociology, social work, political science and law among others. This diverse range of disciplines allows us to carry out interdisciplinary research, innovation and social technology, technical advice and training in the field of public policies and assessment in issues regarding: social inclusion; social and health systems; informal caregivers; healthcare, telemonitoring and homecare, social welfare, assistive technologies for dependent people, sustainability, ICT, efficiency and quality of long-term care systems and accessibility. Polibienestar also advises the Administration and private entities in the design, planning and implementation of health and social policies and services.

In addition Polibienestar has a broad experience in cooperation and participation in European networks. 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.

In this context, Polibienestar has ample experience and the capacity to do the following:

- Analysis of the state of the art;
- Research design and implementation of quantitative and qualitative methodologies and use of different assessment tools of health and social system;
- Identification, analyses and evaluation of policies, programmes and interventions-impact analysis and cost/benefit analysis and identification of inclusive and innovative health and social policies;
- Detection, design and assessment of good practices, life-styles and initiatives in the field of health promotion, active ageing, connections between formal and informal care, homecare, independently living, etc. along Europe;
- Analyses of ICT solutions contributing to improve the health, active ageing, and independent living for elderly and disabled people. In all the research and pilots, Polibienestar considers the ethical aspects of the use of ICT systems;
- Policy recommendations and guidelines to advise policy makers in different topics, especially in the promotion of integrated care and active and healthy ageing;
- Design, implementation and evaluation of trainings, pilots and awareness sessions to engage citizens in health, wellbeing, ICT, and prevention of diseases;
- Dialogue and cooperation between researchers and stakeholders and implementation of networking activities;
- Dissemination and awareness activities.
Moreover, Polibienestar is developing a new scalable, multi-agent simulation tool based in risk identification and validation that will increase the prediction capacity of governance in the long-term care policies, improving the decision making in short, medium and large term in different European regions. With this tool, Governments will be able to predict the impacts of their policies and to develop new governance models. Also, it will improve the capacity of policy makers in modelling, planning and evaluating social-health policies, at different scales, ranges and times, in the regions of European Union.

Polidienestar has participated and coordinated several European, national and regional projects, as the following:

- 2017-2020 Strengthen Community Based Care to Minimize Health Inequalities and Improve the Integration of Vulnerable Migrants and Refugees into Local Communities (Mig-HealthCare)
- 2017-2020 Social Engagement Framework for Addressing the Chronic-disease-challenge (SEFAC)
- 2017-2020 Enhancing health systems sustainability by providing cost-efficiency data of evidence based interventions for chronic management in stratified population based on clinical and socio-economic determinants of health (EFFICHRONIC)
- 2016-2018 SCIROCCO, Scaling integrated care in context (SCIROCCO), funded under the Third Health Programme of the European Commission.
- 2014-2016 ASSEHS, Activation of Stratification and Results of the interventions on frail patients of Healthcare Services, funded under the Second Health Programme of the European Commission (ref.: 529811).
- 2014-2016 Strengthening the nurses and health care professionals’ capacity to deliver culturally competent and compassionate care, funded under the Erasmus + Programme – Strategic Partnerships Key Action of the European Commission (ref.: 2014-1-UK01-KA202-001659).
- 2011-2013 HOST, Smart technologies for self-service to seniors in social housing, funded under the Ambient Assisted Living Programme (ref.: AAL-2010-3-041).
2011-2013 SOCIALTOURISM, Research for the improvement of the knowledge in social tourism accessible for all in Spain, funded by the Spanish Ministry of Sciences and Innovation (ref.: CS02010-15425).

2010-2013 THOFU, Technologies for the future hotel, funded by the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (ref.: CEN—20101019).


2007-2009 LivingAll, Free movement and equal living opportunities for all, funded by the 6th Framework Programme (ref.: FP6-2005-SSP-5-A).

Finally, Polibienestar has the capacity to lead and organise R&D activities with a wide national and international partnership and transfers the results of its research to the scientific community and society.

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