



## The RuralCare Project team actively participates in the 3rd Co-Creation Workshop for the Assessment of EaSI funded activities 2014-2020

A representation of the RuralCare consortium of partners has participated today in the 3rd Co-Creation workshop organised by the group of operators responsible for Assessing and Disseminating the Results of the Social Innovation Calls Financed by the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) 2014-2020. RuralCare's objectives, ambitions, innovative dimension and results delivered so far have been presented in order to contribute towards the participatory development of a future Social Innovation Guide.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> the last workshop of a series of three co-creation workshops was held in order to conclude main Project evidence-based recommendations for the development of a Social Innovation Guide.

The workshops have been organised by the group of operators to which the contract for Assessing and Disseminating the Results of the Social Innovation Calls Financed by the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) 2014-2020, was awarded by the European Commission, EMPL – Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EMPL.C.1 – Social Investment Strategy. The institutions responsible for conducting such assessment are namely INOVA+, Visionary Analytics, the European Association for Local Development Information (AIEDL) and Platoniq Sistema Cultural.

Against this background, the workshop held focused on one of the specific sections of the intended Guide, namely relating to Social Needs and Innovative response.

The workshop counted on a well-nourished multi-stakeholder participation representing:

- the DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion from the European Commission
- three Managing Authorities (Lithuania, Portugal and Poland),



- representatives of 17 EaSI funded projects under calls 2014 up to 2020 (among which the RuralCare project)
- moderators from the moderating group of operators, i.e. Innova+, Goteo and AEIDL.

The workshop allowed for a roundtable aimed at briefly introducing participants and the EaSI funded Project represented by each one of them. To this respect, the RuralCare Project was presented, emphasizing among differential values and main innovations intended, the delivery of home-based Long-Term Care in rural areas based on a person-centred approach in a sustainable manner. The RuralCare focus on prevention was highlighted as well, while also referring to the particular significance of proactive and integrated care at multi-level stakeholder involvement and engagement. The Life Project was introduced as one of the person-centred most innovative Project results, envisaging large expected impacts over the quality of life of elders in rural areas and potential uptake across fellow regions in Spain.

Further to the presentation of projects, some guidelines with regards to analysing the underlying needs for future social innovation projects and the design of innovative related responses were discussed with and among participants, in order to co-create with them the strands of the future Social Innovation Guide for future EaSI applicants. In this sense, the participation of RuralCare representatives was ensured by delivering views, opinions and insights to this respect.

The workshop finalised with a detailed presentation, by EC representatives, about the future intended support of social innovation by ESF+ in the period 2021-2027, by focusing on the various infrastructure (EaSI National contact points, European Competence centre for Social Innovation, Social innovation Database, National Competence Centres for Social Innovation) and funding sources (EaSI programme, ESF Social Innovation+ Transnational Cooperation at EU level, and member states support of SI under shared management) at the service of social innovation promotion and support. As far as the EaSI strand is concerned, representatives from DG EMPL, Unit 3, for the EaSI team, provided an overview of the programme's main objectives as well as programme's priorities for the coming years.

A final Social Innovation Guide General Outline was anticipated by the AEIDL, informing that it is intended to keep on consulting stakeholders through its elaboration process.