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In this newsletter we summarise the main project activities undertaken during the past semester.

WP 1. Project coordination (Lead partner: PSICOST)

3rd session of nominal groups: PSICOST research team coordinated via Skype conferences and e-mail the development of the third session of nominal groups in every partner country.

3rd (Final) Project Meeting (Reus, Spain): The coordination team prepared the final project meeting in Reus on 11-13 November 2011. The tasks were to present and discuss project updates.

5th Final Management Meeting (Brussels, 26 January 2011): All participating countries met in Brussels to present the third Press Release and review technical and financial issues for the final report of the project.

WP 2. Dissemination Plan (Lead partner: LSE)

3rd press release: The PSICOST Group prepared the Third Press Release of DESDE-LTC Project for the Dissemination meeting that took place in Brussels on 26 January 2011.

Final Dissemination Meeting & Press Release (Brussels, 26-27 January 2011): All participating countries met in Brussels to present the third Press Release and review technical and financial issues for the final report of the project.

WP3: Evaluation of the project WP 3. Quality Assessment Plan (QAP) (Lead partner: UNIVIE)

During the past six months, the UNIVIE research team undertook the following activities included in the plan for project evaluation:

- Evaluation of the training course through two questionnaires developed for this objective:
 - Trainer evaluation form
 - Trainee evaluation form
- Evaluation of third translation, including critical terms
- Evaluation of the website
- Evaluation of meetings

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WP 4. Development of the coding system and schedule (DESDE-LTC) (Lead partner: PSICOST)

A final version of the Instrument was developed by PSICOST based on the consensus reached with every partner in the third session of nominal groups.

The beta version of Coding System was also modified to Classification and coding system in the following way:

- Each descriptor is associated with an alphanumeric code or identifier (DESDE-LTC Classification). The identifier provides accurate identification of the descriptor and facilitates grouping the information for future statistical data processing.
- The system is reusable to formalize an ontology. It has the explicit and accepted knowledge of the services for long-term care (descriptors, description and hierarchy).

The classification scheme corresponds with a DESDE-LTC coding that provides an internal code also associated to the descriptors (DESDE-LTC Coding List).

Every country reviewed the second translation to their national languages including last modifications.

WP 5. Website (Lead partner: Obra Social CatalunyaCaixa)

The final version of the eDESDE-LTC website includes amendments, comments and latest versions of the documents (instrument, coding system, training package...)

WP 6. Training package (Lead partner: PSICOST)

PSICOST prepared a new version of the online training package including the latest modifications in the DESDE-Toolkit. Final versions of training documents are being included in the website and explained in Training DESDE-LTC General guide:

- Support material
- Training DESDE-LTC Guidelines
 - Origin and development of the instrument
 - Objectives of the classification system
 - Description of structure and branches of the instrument
- Case Book
 - Guided Cases
 - Vignettes
 - FAQs
- Evaluation questionnaire

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WP 7. Pilot study and usability (Lead partners: PSICOST and PHA)

The Usability Study included the feasibility plan of the project developed by UNIVIE research team (Vienna) explained in WP 3 as well as the reliability and validity study carried out by the statistics group of PSICOST.

The pilot study was carried out in September in Madrid and Sophia using the latest version of the instrument. The results of pilot study, presented in the dissemination meeting in Brussels, showed the applicability of the instrument. A comparison study of the results from pilot in Sophia and Madrid was made.

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