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6. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CENTRE:

Polibienestar (www.polibienestar.org) is a Public Research Institute at the University of Valencia, led by Jordi Garcés, Full Professor at the University of Valencia and Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor at Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA). It is specialized in research, innovation and social technology, technical advice and training in the field of public policies.

Polibienestar is composed by an interdisciplinary team with more than 60 senior and junior researchers from different departments from eight Spanish Universities. Its team develops interdisciplinary research applied in social sciences. This interdisciplinary perspective is necessary to respond to the complexity of welfare systems and allows Polibienestar to develop, from innovative and classic research, effective analysis and solutions for new social challenges.

In the last ten years Polibienestar has developed more than 40 R&D projects and 40 contracts and produced 68 ISI articles, 37 indexed to different networks, 23 book chapters and 13 books. Among the projects, Polibienestar has participated and coordinated regional, national and European projects funded by the regional programme for research groups of excellence Prometeo; different Spanish Ministries, as the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (programmes as CENIT and Influye) and the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism; and European programmes like 6th and the FP, AAL, III Daphne, Progress, ENPI CBCMED, Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning, CIP, Erasmus+, II and III Health Programme and COSME.

7. RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

Polibienestar has a large trajectory studying the social sustainability of the European social protection systems. At this regard, the researchers of the Institute developed and validated the **Sustainable Socio-Health Model (SSHM)** that consists of a joint reorganisation of health and social systems. In this line, Polibienestar analyses the impact of alternative health systems and health interventions in terms of patients' health benefits, response to the needs of patients, patients' safety, ageing, effectiveness, and quality of care. The SSHM is based on four principles: social sustainability, social co-responsibility, quality of life and integrated care at the end of life. Within this theoretical framework, Polibienestar is performing a deep research in the area of **health and social care at the end of life**. In particular, **the main aim** of the research team is to analyse the dynamics of several aspects of the End of Life care in a cross-national perspective, including the cultural and legal framework.

Indeed, the main objective of the research is to design a **multidimensional model** of integrated care at the end of life allowing dignity in a holistic perspective, including the perspective of the patients, family, carers, the health and social systems, governments and the society in general.

Given the strong controversy related to many of the processes mentioned, the developed model might have major **implications on national policies** that are relevant for its feasibility and sustainability and those need to be also studied. This research takes indeed into consideration also the aspects related to the governmental framework of end of life decisions, allowing the research team to assess public policies in the area of Palliative Care and End of Life care.

8. RESEARCH AREAS:

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

9. APPLICATIONS:

Required documents:

- Full CV (Europass format)
- Letter of motivation

Deadline for submission: 1th June 2017