

## TEMPLATE N°1: IDENTIFICATION OF GOOD PRACTICES BY HOST ORGANISATION

<b>NAME OF HOST ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION</b>	VZW DEN ACHTKANTER, KORTRIJK (B) SINT VINCENTIUS, KORTRIJK (B)
<b>TITLE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE</b>	Inclusive support of disabled ageing people
<b>GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusive support of disabled ageing people, focusing on ‘ageing in place’.</li> <li>- Promoting Quality of Life of disabled ageing people.</li> <li>- Cooperation between mainstream services for the elderly and services for disabled people.</li> <li>- Enhancing competences of staff (mind set, skills, attitudes) in both fields by outreach, training, supervision, ....</li> </ul>
<b>MOTIVATION FOR CHOOSING THIS GOOD PRACTICE</b>	Inclusive and deinstitutionalization related actions are challenged by significant different mind sets and attitudes and by missing skills to support ageing disabled people. By sharing knowledge, beliefs and practices and by concrete support of staff by outreach interventions (in both directions), we are reducing the gap.
<b>SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE (+/- 500 WORDS)</b>	<p>The formal collaboration between vzw den achtkanter (field of disability), and Sint Vincentius (service for the elderly) has been established in 2010. This intersectoral approach aimed to give answers to 3 questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How does this intersectoral collaboration enhances the Quality of Life of the ageing clients with disabilities?</li> <li>- How does this collaboration supports the professionalization of the staff?</li> <li>- What are the effects for society?</li> </ul> <p>A concrete methodology has been developed to support ageing clients in the service for the disabled (creating chances for the clients to stay at home as long as possible, by outreach and support by the service for the elderly) and to support clients with disabilities in the mainstream service for the elderly (by supporting the staff by the service for the disabled).</p> <p>As both organizations share a similar belief on inclusion, quality of life and community based support, and as available skills and competencies in both organizations are complementary (both necessary to deal in a qualitative way with the needs of ageing persons with disabilities in the mainstream, community based services), this partnership has been formalized: by doing so, a condition was created that support the intention to realize an inclusive approach, starting from the ageing in place principle.</p> <p>In the disability field, facilities are faced with a growing number of ageing clients. The staff of this facilities has a lot of disability-specific knowledge, but is not trained in a medical oriented approach, necessary to deal with physical and mental needs. When vzw den achtkanter is faced with challenges/new support needs of a certain client related to ageing, the coordinator of Sint Vincentius supports the staff that supports the ageing client, by sharing tips, tricks and insights to enable the staff to support the ageing client. The goal is that to support the client as long as possible in the living situation he prefers.</p> <p>When – at a certain moment - the needs of the ageing client exceed the means of the organization (staff, competencies, architectural,...), this client can move to the mainstream service for the elderly. This is just as it is the case for everyone in society who is becoming older and needs specific support and can't stay at home anymore. From that moment on, the team of the service for the elderly is supported by the facility for the disabled, sharing disability-specific knowledge.</p>

	We believe that this exchange of competencies – beyond the borders of the different fields – enhances competences and community based support.
<b>DESCRIPTION OF TARGET GROUP</b>	- Staff of the mainstream service for the elderly - Staff of the organization for people with disabilities - Disabled ageing people
<b>MEANS/METHODS OR TOOLS USED</b>	Outreach, VET, case management, intervision, supervision
<b>SKILLS INVOLVED FOR THE CAREGIVERS</b>	Mind set, beliefs, attitudes, skills concerning qualitative 'handicap specific' support Idem concerning dementia, palliative care, ethics, physical needs
<b>ATTITUDES INVOLVED FOR THE CAREGIVERS</b>	Belief system that incorporates the full participation of all citizens, independent their physical, mental or intellectual condition
<b>RESOURCES NEEDED</b>	Actually, there is no financial support for this collaboration.

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