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MOre NUrtering and More Empowerment Nested in Technology



### THE PROJECT

#### **PROJECT START**

February 1st, 2020

#### **DURATION**

38 months

#### **TOTAL BUDGET**

€4 400 000

### **ERDF CO-FINANCING RATE**

60%

#### **ERDF FUNDING**

€2 600 000

The MONUMENT project aims to reduce the burden of informal carers of people living with dementia by providing professional and structural support to these carers alongside the use of tailormade technological solutions. The project aims to strengthen the resilience and perseverance of informal carers so that people living with dementia can remain at home for longer.

MONUMENT bases its approach on the Dutch Odense houses and enriches this concept with technological tests and demonstrations. A digital platform, completed with and for informal carers, makes information, support and exchange accessible remotely.

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# WHAT IS THE ODENSE CONCEPT?

An Odense house is an information, advice and meeting place for informal carers, people living with (mild to moderate and/or young onset) dementia, and their family and friends.

Quality of life comes first. People living with dementia and their loved ones can continue living independently as best they can.

An Odense house is an accessible walk-in home where people decide for themselves when they come and what they do. It is a safe place nearby where they can feel 'at home'. There are active volunteers. Each contributes according to his or her own talents. There is at least one professional present who plays a coordinating, facilitating, and supporting role.

In the Odense house, there is room for meetings, support sessions, activities, and advice. It also offers support to informal carers, for example in the form of peer support groups. Informal carers share their knowledge and experience. In this way, they support each other and strengthen their own networks.

**LEARN MORE:** odensehuizen.nl/about-us/

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

- Reliable and structured timely information, support, and attention to leisure time
- Information on dementia-friendly services and exchange with like-minded people via an accessible digital platform
- A walk-in house/services centre adapted to the needs of people living with dementia and their carers
- An adapted walking and recreation area to improve the use by people living with dementia and their carers (including improvement of signage)
- · Accessible assistive technology, tailored and timely introduced
- Remote monitoring technology, tested and tailored to the specific needs of the carer of a person living with dementia
- Guidance on how to realise the MONUMENT Odense model





5 pilots offering support to informal carers of PLWD based on the Odense concept, consolidating and structuring early information, support and recreation

A service centre adapted to the needs of PLWD and their informal carers

A site adapted to improve the use by PLWD and their informal carers, including improvements to signage



A multilingual digital platform by and for informal carers of PLWD, consolidating information on dementia friendly services, and enhancing exchange with peers



Demos making existing assistive technology (TRL9) accessible in an experiential manner, enabling a timely introduction and adaptation to the needs of the informal carers

Tests co-creating remote monitoring technologies (TRL7) in an operational environment tailored to the specific needs of the informal carers



Socio-economic feasibility study on the MONUMENT Odense model for policy makers and guidance for solution actors