ICTUSnet - Excellence network for the development and implementation of innovative models for stroke integrated attention

About ICTUSnet

ICTUSnet is a project that wants to improve the health care and quality of life of people having a stroke. ICTUSnet has the mission to create a network of collaboration between different regions of southern Europe formed by patients and professionals from different areas related to stroke, covering an area of 20 million inhabitants. At the same time, ICTUSnet aims to create research infrastructures that incorporate innovative data analysis technologies to improve stroke care systems and subsequently reduce the impact of the disease on the population.

To obtain this, the partners have structured the tasks to be performed in 8 work packages:
- WP1: REGIONAL REGISTRIES AND INTEGRATED PLATFORM
- WP2: ARTIFICIAL INTELIGENCE TOOLS (TEXT & IMAGING)
- WP3: ANALYSIS & BENCHMARKING OF STROKE HEALTHCARE PATHWAYS
- WP4: KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER TO HEALTH POLICIES
- WP5: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE, COLLABORATION & MUTUAL LEARNING
- WP T1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- WP T2: COMMUNICATION
- WP T3: EVALUATION

ICTUSnet is planned for 3 years (April 2018 - March 2021)

What will be done in WP T3: Evaluation

Objectives

All the ICTUSnet partners have extensive experience in their area - either medical / computer sciences or healthcare management - and in working in collaborative projects. They have joined forces to guarantee that the project achieves its goals with high quality, so the project creates a real impact in the health care system and patients. With this in mind, the Consortium has foreseen some mechanisms to ensure the quality of the results and products generated in the project.

This WP is directly linked to the WP 1 – Project Management. Therefore, the Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia (AQuAS), as project coordinator, leads also the WP T3 with the direct support of Fundació Ictus.

Tasks

The WP for Evaluation and Monitoring Project management include **3 main tasks**:

- **Task T3.1** "Structures, responsibilities and procedures for Project monitoring": The different working teams defined in WP T1 for the coordination and decision-making in the Project do also support the monitoring of the tasks and results in the project.

  The Coordination team and the Steering Committee through bi-weekly teleconferences monitor exhaustively the progress of the tasks and the achievement of the expected results. Then, once every six months, all the partners of the Consortium meet at the General Assembly for review and discussion about project results and the planning of next steps.

  Additionally, the role of a Quality Manager is created as part of the Steering Committee, to support and coordinate the tasks of this WP. A senior expert related to the partner Fundació Ictus will carry out this function.

- **Task T3.2** "Evaluation of the project": a board of 4 external evaluators will be appointed to complement the competences of the ICTUSnet Consortium. The experts will be selected from the network of Associate partners that have expressed their interest in ICTUSnet, and/or from selected institutions suggested by the partners; in accordance with their expertise. These evaluators will review the main documents (deliverables) generated in the different project activities and will provide recommendations to the partners on how to improve their results. They will be invited to participate in the bi-annual meetings of the Consortium, so the experts can share and discuss all the recommendations with the partners and receive first-hand information about the project.

- **Task T3.3 –** "Management of the risks and the quality of the project"**:** complex projects such ICTUSnet are not risk-free, independently of the expertise of the consortium. Many factors can affect the proper implementation of the project – from the general political or the regulatory context of the regions, to the specific technical components of the project -, and the ICTUSnet partners are fully aware of this. For this reason, tasks T3.3 focuses on the identification of these risks and the design of strategies to avoid them, or to reduce their impact in the project. The Steering Committee, including the Project Coordinator and the Quality Manager, will be the key player in this task.

Deliverables

As a result of the 3 tasks of this WP, a set of reports will be produce. More specifically, an **Annual Evaluation Report** will be produced to compile all the recommendations provided by the external evaluators and the relevant risks identified in each year of the project. AQuAS and Fundació Ictus will be in charge of preparing these reports.

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