

Shaping the Future of Work in Home Care - Kick-off for the Regional Project VAPiAR

On May 31, 2021, the project VAPiAR - *Verbesserung der Arbeitsbedingungen in der ambulanten Pflege durch innovative Arbeitskonzepte in der Region* (Enhancing working conditions in home care through innovative working concepts in the region) was kicked off by a multidisciplinary team of project partners. With VAPiAR, ILAG GbR, OFFIS e.V., and Laroma GmbH together with the home care services AWO-Pflegedienste Probstei, Schönkirchen, Diakonische Werk Kirchenkreis Plön, Preetz and Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e. V. - Pflegedienst Plön have started their cooperation to shape the future of home care in the Plön region.

Once again, the pandemic has clearly highlighted the challenges brought about by demographic change and digital transformation. In the district of Plön in the state of Schleswig-Holstein (Germany), the demographic development is producing a situation in which the ratio of older, inactive persons to younger people will increase at a faster rate compared to the national average in the coming years. Hence, there will be rising numbers of persons in need of care, as a result of which there is an urgent need for sustainable solutions to improve the healthcare and nursing practice. Strengthening the home care is one of the greatest challenges of the future. Mastering this challenge for the future while at the same time bearing the human being in mind is a concern of the new project VAPiAR.

Goal of the Project

The goal of the three-year VAPiAR project is, on the one hand, to support and improve work processes for nursing staff by using application-specific technologies and, on the other hand, to maintain the independence, self-determination and quality of life of individuals in need of care. As a result, demographically sensitive analysis tools, concepts for a participatory introduction of technical aids and professional training concepts are produced. The living lab to be designed in the project shall not only make the results tangible, but also serve as a networking platform for various actors in the regional care sector. Accordingly, VAPiAR makes an important contribution to improving the quality of life and work of all those involved.

"We particularly appreciate the commitment of the three nursing services. Their willingness to participate in this project is indispensable in order to develop tailor-made solutions for the practice," says Dr. Michael Bau, Head of ILAG.

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