CARE-ME

Microcredentials for Home Caregivers



Why CARE-ME?

Millions of people across Europe provide **daily**, **home-based care** to family members and love ones, supporting their health, well being and independence. Yet, the valuable competenced they develop in everyday care remain **largely invisible and not formally recognised** in Vocational Educationan and Training (**VET**) systems.

Identify → **Assess** → **Validate** → **Progress**



What will CARE-ME deliver?

The project aims to make caregiving skills visible, assessble and formal recognised through a practical EU recognition patwhay aligned with national **Recognition of Prior Learning** (RPL) systems. It will do this by delivering a:

- A **Competence profile for home-based caregivers** and skills validation toolset
- A **Competence-based microcredential catalogue** and a caregiver skills portfolio and digital badge
- A **learning toolkit for informal caregivers** and a handbook for VET providers
- An **open-access digital repository,** 5 National White Papers and an EU Policy Brief

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Who benefits?

CARE-ME supports **family caregivers** and home-based carers, especially those whose skills and experience remain unrecognised. It also brings together t**raining professionals, employment services, care providers and public authorities** to create new opportunities for learning and professional recognition, ultimately benefiting people receiving care and their families.

CARE-ME in numbers

150

Home-based caregivers
piloting the recognition pathway

25

VET professionals
supporting and testing the pathway

75

Experts and caregivers
co-developing and validating the results

250+

Stakeholders and participants
engaged in 5 national policy roundtables and one EU conference

5000+

Digital repository users
expected to access CARE-ME resources in 6 languages

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