

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE

[insert title of Member State or Agency here]

## AND THE EUROPEAN GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON DEMENTIA

(Hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”),

With regard to the cooperation between European governments and relevant health and social care agencies in order to reinforce the collaboration on all dementia related policies and efforts to improve the lives of persons with dementia and their carers;

This Group provides a platform for governmental agencies to come together to share good practice, information and expertise. Mindful of the infrastructure and cultural diversity of the participants and filled with the desire to deepen European cooperation in the field of Dementia;

Considering that the exchange of best practices on dementia policies and the promotion of policy, practice and research interchange between all participants to provide a solid foundation for to ensure that dementia remains a priority across Europe;

And expressing their determination to develop and implement a continuing programme of interchange of ideas and sharing of experiences between and their respective policy and delivery communities through the establishment of a European Group of Governmental Experts on Dementia (hereinafter referred to as “EGGED”).

Signatories agree on behalf of their governments that dementia is and will continue to be an area of priority and focus,

Have reached the following understanding:

### **1. Areas of Interest**

1.1 Participants have initially identified, by means of survey, the following as priority areas in which to explore opportunities for mutual exchange:

1.1.1 Development and maintenance of links between participants in order to learn from the experiences of other European countries in developing or implementing dementia policies.

1.1.2 Identification, and promotion of best practice in the diagnosis, care and treatment of people with dementia.

1.1.3 Mutual presentations of work from emerging research and implementation of new or existing dementia policy.

1.1.4 Developing communities of interest around specific topics in order to network and share a deeper understanding of each other’s challenges and

triumphs in improving the lives of people living with dementia within each other's countries.

1.1.5 Collaborations between other in promoting and implementing best practice.

1.1.6 Joint activities in areas other than those mentioned above, identified and presented by the EGGED

1.2 In addition, the Participants may jointly explore forms of multilateral cooperation with third countries with a view to supporting the attainment of goals set out in this Memorandum.

## **2. Lines of Action**

2.1 The Participants decide to plan and cooperate in a number of projects and activities designed to attain the goals of collaboration, namely:

2.1.1 Dissemination of policy, research and best practice in order to establish links between participants and develop opportunities for learning from the experiences of other European countries in developing or implementing dementia policies.

2.1.2 Mutual transfer of knowledge and methodology between agencies and institutions engaged in implementing new approaches to care and support of people with dementia and their carers.

2.1.3 Collaborations in the identification, and promotion of best practice in the diagnosis, care and treatment of people with dementia.

2.1.4 Act as a mechanism to share examples of improvement initiatives

## **3. Governance**

3.1 The EGGED established by the Participants will have representatives of the principal agencies of Alzheimer Europe; European Governments, the European Commission; lead partners of any on-going European Joint Actions in the field of dementia; World Health Organisation (WHO); and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

3.2 The EGGED will meet periodically, a minimum of twice a year, in a central European location with a large and well established travel hub. Alzheimer Europe will provide secretariat for the Group and the Chair will rotate on a yearly basis, to be decided by the group.

3.3 The EGGED will consider and approve an advance topic agenda for a series of meetings to be agreed by the nominated agencies.

3.4 For pre-existing Intellectual Property. Except for rights expressly granted under any agreement reached by this Group, each party will retain exclusive interest in and ownership of its Intellectual Property developed before this agreement or developed outside the scope of this agreement.

3.5 In the event of any Joint developed projects, any Intellectual Property developed solely by a party under this agreement without the participation of the other party is and will remain the sole and exclusive property of the developing party.

3.6 Jointly Developed Intellectual Property. In the event that any parties jointly develop Intellectual Property, the parties shall engage in good faith negotiations to establish their respective rights. In the event the parties cannot reach an agreement with regard to such jointly developed property, each party will have equal ownership and rights in such intellectual property, without further obligation and without a duty to account to the other party.

#### **4. Funding**

4.1 The Participants are not currently required to provide funding or pay a subscription to be part of the European Group Of Governmental Experts On Dementia. This position will be reviewed if there are any proposals to jointly fund any future projects.

4.2 This Memorandum does not expressly or implicitly commit the Participants or their nominated agencies to fund any actions or intents set out within it.

4.3 All participants will fund their own representatives' attendance at any meetings of the European Group Of Governmental Experts On Dementia.

4.4 Membership will consist of European Government nominated experts, Alzheimer Europe, the European Commission; lead partners of any on-going European Joint Actions in the field of dementia; and dementia spokespersons for World Health Organisation (WHO); and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

#### **5. Final Paragraphs**

5.1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the day of its signature and will be effective for a period of three (3) years. Further extensions may be decided and agreed upon, through mutual written consent.

5.2. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended as decided by the Participants through mutual agreement at a meeting of the European Group Of Governmental Experts On Dementia.

5.3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at any time upon a three-month notice in writing prior to the intended date of termination. This will not affect the implementation of on-going arrangements, programmes, activities or projects which have been decided under this Memorandum prior to date of its termination, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

5.4. This Memorandum does not create any right or commitment under international laws.

Signed

Date:

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ON BEHALF OF [INSERT  
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