

RESEARCH AREA 3

## DIET-RELATED CHRONIC DISEASES

JOINT ACTION:

### **Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub**



## **MaNuEL**

### WHAT

The aim of the Knowledge Hub (KH) is to support transnational networking activities on the definition of malnutrition in the elderly and to enable identification of groups of elderly people that will benefit from nutrition interventions in different settings (e.g. home care, nursing homes, hospitals) and countries. The activities of the KH will contribute to the development of a productive and sustainable competence network in the field of malnutrition.

## WHO

The MaNuEL consortium consists of 22 research groups from 7 countries (Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Spain and The Netherlands). The project is led by KH coordinator Prof. dr. Ir Marjolein Visser (VU Medical Center Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and KH coordinator Prof. dr. Dorothee Volkert (Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany).

## HOW

To build better research capacity on malnutrition across Europe, MaNuEL will create a network of dedicated scientists. MaNuEL will contribute to a common / shared understanding regarding the definition of malnutrition, the aetiology and prevalence of malnutrition in older persons, preferred screening tools, and effective interventions for malnutrition in older persons from different health care settings.

MaNuEL will perform systematic literature reviews to complete the present fragmentary picture on malnutrition and to identify potential knowledge gaps.

Furthermore, MaNuEL will bring together transnational datasets from nutritional intervention trials and observational studies in order to perform secondary analyses and build a research infrastructure for future research questions.

Finally, MaNuEL will provide insight in relation to current clinical practice, policies, and health professionals' education on malnutrition, and will identify best practice examples and recommendations for improvement.

## WHEN

The MaNuEL project runs for 30 months from March 2016 to September 2018.

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