

FAMILY CARE

*Supporting the validation of competencies acquired by
Family Caregivers in non-formal and informal learning
through digital badges and micro-credentials*

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Speech at the International Multiplier Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania

FINAL MULTIPLIER CONFERENCE IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

On October 7, 2025, the FAMILY CARE Consortium hosted its Final Multiplier Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. Organised by Skudutiškio Akademija, the event brought together educators, policy makers, social workers, adult learning experts, and representatives of family caregivers from across Europe.

Keynote speaker Jesús Boyano (DISRUPTIA, Spain) presented the project's innovative **European model for the digital recognition of competencies for informal caregivers**. Other partners shared experiences from piloting and training activities, with practical insights into the project's tools: the European Competence Framework, the Online Guide, the MOOC, and the Virtual Campus.

Participants praised the event as "inspiring," with live demos and testimonials from adult educators and caregivers who participated in the pilot training phase.

HIGH PARTICIPATION AND STRONG INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Final Conference of the FAMILY CARE project in Vilnius exceeded expectations, gathering a large and diverse audience from across Europe. Participants included educators, policymakers, NGOs, care professionals, researchers, and representatives from national and European institutions.

This high level of engagement demonstrates the relevance and timeliness of the project's topic—digital validation of competences for family caregivers—and confirms the demand for innovative and inclusive approaches to adult education.

Notably, the event featured contributions from Lithuanian educational authorities and universities, reinforcing the strategic importance of integrating care-related skills into formal and non-formal education systems.

FINAL TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

The final project meeting took place in parallel to the conference in Vilnius, gathering all partners to review, validate and finalise project outcomes. Each Work Package was assessed, results validated, and the final strategy for exploitation and sustainability discussed in depth.

Discussions included:

- Final review of the European Framework of Competences
- Updates on piloting and evaluation reports
- Sustainability commitments signed by all partners
- Future steps for dissemination and institutional uptake

The meeting marked a shared moment of achievement after two years of collaboration, exchange and co-creation.

SUSTAINABILITY & EXPLOITATION: BEYOND OCTOBER 2025

The FAMILY CARE project ends this month, but its impact will continue through a shared commitment to sustainability and long-term use.

◆ The Virtual Campus (<https://familycarelms.disruptia.es>)

◆ Training modules, instructional guides, and MOOC courses are available as Open Educational Resources (OER).

◆ Each partner signed a Sustainability Commitment, ensuring further use and dissemination.

◆ The final Exploitation and Sustainability Plan, led by IASIS (Greece), outlines pathways for institutional adoption and future project proposals.

The tools and frameworks developed will support adult educators, counsellors, and social professionals in recognising and validating the invisible skills of informal caregivers, long after the end of the project.

THANK YOU!

The FAMILY CARE team thanks all contributors, stakeholders, and participants for their engagement and support throughout the journey.

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