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EduCoRe builds on the experience gathered in the Grundtvig project eHospital (www.ehospital-project.net). During its courses and in discussions with stakeholders in the health system a group with specific educational needs was detected:

Patients who suffer from physical deficits after an accident or illness which threaten their employability and participation in society.

Patients in medical rehabilitation centres need tailor-made educational and vocational counselling, along with strengthening personal skills which enable them to cope with their precarious life situation.

Target group of the EduCoRe project

The project has four direct target groups:

- Trainers, programme developers and managers of adult education institutions
- Staff in career and educational counselling
- Rehabilitation centres, authorities, social security and insurance organisations as well as other bodies in the health sector which finance and maintain rehabilitation centres
- Researchers on education and e-learning

Aims of the EduCoRe project

EduCoRe will provide educational and vocational counselling services and training in (inter-)personal skills for patients in medical rehabilitation centres. This offer will support them

- to make thoroughly **reflected career decisions**
- to identify the types of **further education** they need in this specific situation **to improve their employability**
- to develop and strengthen **the personal competences** necessary to put their professional and educational decisions into practice

Thus, they are able to reintegrate more easily into the labour market and to actively participate in society after the period of medical rehabilitation.

The project's counselling and training approach will be a blended one: Elements of e-counselling and e-learning will be integral parts of the service. A reason therefore is that information and communication technologies have a high potential for people who are restricted in their mobility or who change their location several times in the process of medical rehabilitation.

EduCoRe project activities

The main activities of the project EduCoRe between December 2008 and November 2010 are

- Collecting crucial data in rehab centres in the course of a **needs analysis**: rehab staff approach and patients' educational and social demands
- On the basis of the needs analysis and with active participation of the target groups the **counselling concept and the training materials will be developed**
- An **open source platform** will be adapted to the needs of the project and its target groups
- **The counselling approach and the blended learning materials will be piloted** in the 5 participating countries over a period of six months
- The pilots and their evaluation results will be documented and published in a **good practice brochure**
- **The project will be presented at European dissemination conferences**

