Alliance for People with Dementia

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Chairperson
Participants of the Conference on Demography, Chancellor Office, April 24, 2012
Demography-Strategy of the German Government 2012: Action Areas

a. Strengthen family as corporate body
b. Work motivated, qualified and healthy
c. Selfdetermined life as elderlies
d. Promote quality of life in rural areas and integrated policy in urban areas
e. Secure basics for sustainable growth and wealth
f. Preserve the ability of action and capacity for the country

Work group: Alliance for people with dementia
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Aim is to upgrade sustainably the quality of life and especially the social participation of people with dementia.
Alliance for People with Dementia
- In Charge

- Ministry of Family, Seniors, Women and Youth (Dr. Kristina Schröder, 2012, now Manuela Schwesig)
- Ministry of Health (Daniel Bahr, 2012, now Herbert Gröhe)
- Co-Chair: Deutsche Alzheimer Gesellschaft e.V. Selbsthilfe Demenz (German Alzheimer Association)
Alliance for People with Dementia - Common Agreement September 19, 2012

We agree on

- Upgrade the education of the disease
- Empower understanding and sensibility for the disease
- Influence the handling of the topic dementia in the public and work against discrimination
- Empower people with dementia in their participation in the society
- Network in between the diverse initiatives and measures effectively to maximize their effectiveness, but also enlarge them and develop them further
- Support the development of support networks for people with dementia on local level (local alliances)
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- Invited participants

- People with dementia
- Family caregivers
- People engaged in the society
- Care associations
- Medical associations
- Service providers (care homes, respite care, support care in home settings)
- Insurance companies (health, long term care)
- Country ministries (health/work/social affairs)
- Federal organisations (social welfare)
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- Action Areas

1. Science and Research
2. Social liability
3. Support of people with dementia and their families
4. Structure of the support and care system
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- Procedure per action area

- Overall description of the action area
- Related topics
- Agreements
- Contributions of invited participants
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- Involvement of People with Dementia

- Involvement in the working process of the alliance the German Alzheimer Association has organised a participation process with members of the groups for people with early onset dementia
- 60 groups contacted, 4 reacted
- Workshop organized
- Results: Collection of examples/wishes/demands
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- Involvement of People with Dementia

- Research
  - more action and money
  - Alternative therapies
  - Better information of possible participation
  - Better informed doctors

- Public awareness
  - More normality
  - Better adapted daily living
  - More awareness
  - Support for caregivers
  - More groups for people with dementia
  - Better support for Alzheimer associations
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- Appraisal and critical remarks

- First step towards a dementia strategy for Germany
- Participation of the partners
- Self obligation of the partners
- No overall governmental responsibility
- Monitoring of the implementation process

- Schedule: April 2014: Consensus document
Unremembering eyes
A smile that barely ages
Distant yet so close.
(Hermann van Rampuy, President of the European Council)