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# Protocol of Cooperation

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# 1 Objectives

*What are the objectives of this document? What do we want to reach? What are the deliverables that we would develop? Quantitative and qualitative data that we would like to reach.*

This Protocol aims to create an international network of cooperation that unites organizations and institutions working in the field of rehabilitation of people with disabilities acquired after coma. The document will define the modalities of cooperation among the joined entities, the communication strategies, and the events that the partnership wants to develop.

The objective is to raise public awareness on the rehabilitation of people who awakened from coma with a particular reference to the patients' families accompanying them in the new project of life. Involved institutions and public bodies will be responsible with particular thematic.

The protocol has the function of not losing the work done by the individual associations in different ways but to keep joined the network at the European level by allowing an ongoing dialogue on the issue under different points of view (medical, social ...). This will allow associations, groups, institutions not to feel alone, to constantly update through the comparison and the experiences of other countries.

The protocol will formally establish the European Day of Awakenings and the Network that adheres to it. This event not only holds dissemination activities at the local / national and at the European level, but also allows to keep the various countries involved in contact and to share the work they have done throughout the year.

The events will have the same approach, although adapted to different contexts and possibilities. They will be connected to each other in such a way that they may not be separated events and that each participant and / or spectator can also follow the events (seminars, conferences, shows ...) in other countries.

The present Protocol will have in addition the function to guarantee the sustainability of LUCA project maintaining in time the work done and the Network created.

Starting from the heart of the network composed by the project partnership (5 institutions from 5 different countries) together with the association "Gli Amici di Luca" involved from the beginning, the minimum objective to achieve is to have the signature of the protocol by 10 other entities for a total commitment of 7 different European countries and 7 countries that organize and carry out the European Day of Awakening. The institutions participating in the protocol can be active or entities associated with different roles and tasks defined in this document anyway.

## 2 Strategy

*A description of methods used to create the Network and its sustainability. Processes for collaboration. Dissemination Activities, Communication tools. Establishment and development of "European Day of Awakenings".*

Collaborative processes: the organizations signing the protocol can be active participants in the network or associated partners. In the first case, the partner will have the following tasks:

- to promote and share research and Good Practices, methodologies and other information with all European countries involved;
- to participate or to organize at least one conference/seminar per year at the European level;
- to organize the European Day of Awakenings in accordance with the Network;
- to update the common dissemination channels (facebook, google+, twitter, website..)
- to update the project website link in their website

The associated partners could:

- receive and exchange information and updates regarding the issue through communication tools designed;
- participate to seminars and/or events that will be organized by the Network.

The Network will promote new projects at the European level by accessing EU funding foreseen for the different programs, thus increasing the sustainability of the work started.

All those who sign the Protocol also automatically subscribe to the Property Rights with its attendant rights and duties set out in section 6.

Work Method: the network will communicate through email and/or social network to maintain the contacts and to share the information. Each partner will be responsible at national level for creating and maintaining relationships with beneficiaries and stakeholders of the territory (authorities, organizations, voluntary associations, families..). During the European Day of Awakenings each Country involved will present a report on the number of contacts and collaborations run during the year. The work language will be English. The common documents will be elaborated in English, if necessary, they will be translated in the other languages.

In order to maintain the network stable and active, in addition to any daily communications, report will be issued every 6 months on the activities undertaken, any suggestions or problems that the Italian partner will have the task of collecting, so as to obtain all the necessary information for the organization of the European Day of Awakening.

Activities and dissemination tools: each partner will be responsible of the dissemination activities at local level and of the channels chosen (on line, paper, press conference, radio...).

At European level, the communication will be carried out by the network primarily through the website and social networks, implementing those already created during the Project LUCA. Each institution will have to participate in or carry out at least one seminar / workshop / conference at European level. The network will

be compared to process and share information material in such a way that there is a reference and that the network, with its work, is always recognizable. The logo will be one of the graphic elements that must be present in the material.

The European Day of Awakenings: the European Day of Awakenings will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the same time as the National Day of Awakenings in Italy. On this occasion, every organization that signed the protocol may perform the following tasks:

- seminars
- press conference
- workshop
- cultural events
- sport events

It must be emphasized to the European Network of Awakenings, through informative material or presentation of any products developed. The events in the various countries will be connecting via videoconferencing, forums, twitter, Skype ... in such a way that participants and spectators can attend, visit virtually, connect or interact with the events in the other countries involved.

### **3 Who can participate**

The Protocol could be signed by the organizations (private or public) that have an interest in these specific themes. The Network could be composed by the organizations that want to develop in active way, events linked to the European Days of Awakenings or by organizations that want to be informed on the various activities.

The different rules and duties are described in the chapter of strategy.

The project website has a page that shows the network and gives the directions to join. The list of member organizations of the Network will be visible on the same page.

### **4 Results and Deliverables**

This Protocol is aimed to product the following results and deliverables:

- Establishment of the "International Network of Awakenings" composed by organizations operating in the field of rehabilitation of people with acquired disabilities after brain injuries, in particular after a coma, also through multidisciplinary training for families, professionals and volunteers involved.
- Development and sharing of the first guidelines at the European level on formal, non-formal and informal training for people with acquired disabilities after brain injuries, in particular after a coma, and for all the subjects who accompany them in their new life project (family members/caregivers, volunteers, professionals, citizens).

- Development of a common program of events and initiatives to raise awareness and cultural promotion to be implemented locally by each partner for promoting the first "European Day of Awakenings" dedicated to the rights of people with acquired brain injury.
- Development of a common Dissemination tools to promote the initiatives of the Network at National and European level
- Maintaining and updating the LUCA' website and Facebook profile
- To expand the Network "International Network of Awakenings" (7 different European Countries in the first year, includes the countries that are part of the LUCA partnership).
- To participate/organize one Conference/Seminar at the European level per year
- Editing an European Report

The partners, sharing their knowledge, their best experiences and expertise, constitute a "learning community" that aims to enhance and disseminate the work of all. In addition they innovate the working methods and tools and improve the quality of the results, aggregating additional partners to the network and supporting the creation and growth of new realities, in other EU countries, concerned to defend and promote the citizenship rights of people with severe disability acquired from brain injury.

## **5 Timetable**

- 7th October (starting on 2015)- European Day of Awakenings
- Every 6 months report on the activities at the national level, and any proposal to send to Entity leader (1<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> December )
- On June 15th comparison via skype or other instruments to organize the European Day of Awakenings
- The Protocol is valid for 3 years renewable

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## **6 Intellectual Property Rights**

Intellectual property is a legal concept which refers to the protection of works created by people, in our case the products of LUCA project and the European Network of Awakenings, as the European Day of Awakenings.

The IPR should regulates:

- Ownership of the project products.
- Duties and rights of each partner with regard to the use of the products after the end of funding.
- Processes of modifying jointly developed products.
- Information and/or permission duties regarding the use of products.
- The duration of the agreement



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