There is an increasing aging population around the world. In 2006, almost 500 million people worldwide were 65 and older.

By 2030, that total is projected to increase to 1 billion. A jump of 140 percent by 2030!

However, there are disparities between EU member states regarding life expectancy at 65 years, the prevalence of (chronic) diseases and oral health.

Many international studies have reported that frail older people generally have poor oral health. This has a negative effect on their general health and quality of life.

Therefore it is important to improve oral health of frail older people and to reduce the mentioned inequalities between EU member states.
The aging of the baby boom generation is likely to become a great-grandparent boom generation.

Disparities in oral health between EU member states.

Improving oral health (care) across the life span of (frail) older people in Europe by international and multidisciplinary cooperation. A challenge!
A number of facts

Chronic diseases are now the major cause of death among (frail) older people in both industrialised and developing countries.

Some studies have reported an association between mastication and cognition.

Frail older people generally have poorer oral health than younger age groups.

There is an association between oral health and general health.

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We are looking for partners with different disciplines in the CARPE consortium.

HU is the initiator of this programme and brings lot of experience in improving oral health (care) of frail older people.

We want delivery of high-quality oral health care for frail older people across Europe!

Who would like to join this project?