We are organizing an event dedicated to the European Year of Active Ageing in the Province of Pordenone (Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia - North East Italy). For this event we are cooperating with a Volunteers Association who dedicate some of their free time to patients in hospitals and retirement homes. Volunteers offer patients and their families warmth and support, listen to them and keep them company. They can't stand in for health staff, but they cooperate with them in order to "humanize" the health care service and to direct the focus towards the patients.

We would like to find out more about similar activities in other EU countries and would be very happy to involve other interested organizations in our project.

If you are interested in sharing your experience with us or would like to join our project, please contact us until the end of May 2012 (Contact person: Sergio Bergnach, E-mail: politiche.europee@provincia.pordenone.it).