



## Alliance for people with Dementia The Action Fields

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Currently 1.5 million persons with dementia live in Germany. As the main risk factor is considered to be advanced age, the rising life expectancy, coupled with the concomitant growing number of elderly and very old persons, can be expected to lead to a further increase. Without progress in prevention and treatment, the number of persons with dementia could rise to approximately 3 million by the year 2050. Behavioural changes and the high level of care needs among persons with dementia often lead to social isolation and the overtaxing of relatives.

Consequently, the quality of life enjoyed by persons with dementia depends on society's conduct towards those affected.

On the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day in September 2012, the Alliance for Persons with Dementia brought together the state agencies and the civil society organisations that bear responsibility at federal, Land and municipal level for persons with dementia. In doing so, it united the strengths of all of the responsible institutions. The Alliance operates under the joint co-ordination of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the Federal Ministry of Health and is anchored in the Federal Government's Demography Strategy as Working Group C.2.

The members of the Alliance have set as their goal the establishment of a network at federal level that will help to ensure that persons with dementia and their relatives can live as good a life as possible within our society.

An overall agreement that envisages a variety of concrete measures to improve the life situation of affected persons has been drawn up in the course of a two-year process.

The agreement provides for concrete measures in the following areas of action:

- Science and research: for example, health research, health services research, research structures
- Societal responsibility: for example, societal participation, local assistance networks, information and public relations work
- Providing support for persons with dementia and their families: for example, fostering competence and self-determination, supporting care-giving relatives, voluntary work
- Organisation of the support and health services systems: for example, networking of the health services organisations, Residing and Living in one's Neighbourhood.

The Comprehensive Agreement to Improve the Life Situation of Persons with Dementia and their Relatives (Alliance Agenda) was signed on 15th September 2014 by the organisational partners of the Alliance for Persons with Dementia.

The signing launches the process of implementation by the Alliance's organisational partners, each in their specific area of competence. The implementation is to be accompanied by a monitoring process the details of which are to be developed with the organisational partners. The Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the Federal Ministry of Health will be co-facilitating the monitoring process.

The Agenda is a milestone on the path to a **national dementia strategy**. The Alliance has undertaken to present a first progress report in Spring 2016.

**The Alliance's organisational partners:**

Action Campaign for Persons with Dementia and Action Campaign for the mentally ill (*Aktion Demenz e. V. Aktion Psychisch Kranke e. V.*)

Conference of Labour and Social Ministers (*Arbeits- und Sozialministerkonferenz*)

Federal Association of Non-statutory Welfare (*Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege e. V.*)

German Medical Association (*Bundesärztekammer*)

Federal Association of Private Providers of Social Services (*Bundesverband privater Anbieter sozialer Dienste e. V.*)

German Alzheimer Association (*Deutsche Alzheimer Gesellschaft e. V.*)

German Society of Geronto-Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gerontopsychiatrie und -psychotherapie e. V.*)

German Hospital Federation (*Deutsche Krankenhaus Gesellschaft e. V.*)

Association of German Counties (*Deutscher Landkreistag*)

German Council of Nursing (*Deutscher Pflegerat e. V.*)

German Association of Cities (*Deutscher Städtetag*)

German Association of Towns and Municipalities (*Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund*)

German Association for Public and Private Welfare (*Deutscher Verein für öffentliche und private Fürsorge e. V.*)

German Centre for the Research of Neurodegenerative Diseases (*Deutsches Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen e. V.*)

German Health Ministers Conference (*Gesundheitsministerkonferenz*)

National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds (*GKV-Spitzenverband*)

National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (*Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung*)

German Foundation for the Care of Older People (*Kuratorium Deutsche Altershilfe*)

Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (*Kultusministerkonferenz*)

German Association of Private Health Insurance Funds (*Verband der Privaten Krankenversicherung e. V.*)

German Association for Aid to the Elderly and Handicapped (*Verband Deutscher Alten- und Behindertenhilfe e. V.*)

Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (*Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend*)

Federal Ministry of Health (*Bundesministerium für Gesundheit*)  
Federal Ministry of Education and Research (*Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung*)  
Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (*Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales*)  
Federal Ministry of the Interior (*Bundesministerium des Innern*)  
Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (*Bundesministerium der Justiz und für Verbraucherschutz*)  
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (*Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft*)  
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (*Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit*)  
Federal Chancellery (*Bundeskanzleramt*)

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