MATERIALS AND METHODS

RECage is a prospective observational study (follow-up duration: 3 years) comparing two cohorts of community-dwelling PwD with a diagnosis of mild-moderate dementia of any etiology and significant BPSD (NPI ≥ 32)

The total number of persons will be 500, divided in two cohort of 250 each. The follow-up will last 3 years; the follow-up visits are scheduled every 6 months. Each person must have a primary caregiver committed to stand by the her/him during the study. The first cohort will be followed up by 6 centres endowed with a SCU-B and the second one by 6 centres without a SCU-B.

The Consortium encompasses 12 clinical centres located in 7 European Countries (Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Greece, Switzerland and Norway), a CRO, a health economist, two Alzheimer Associations (from Italy and Greece) and two health Authorities (from Italy and Greece).

WORKPLAN OF THE PROJECT

2. To adapt the model in accordance with the results of the cohort study, not only regarding the main endpoints, but also comparing the experience and the different ways to work of the participating centres and the different socio-political context in which they act.

3. To scale up the intervention in the countries who take part in the study, but where SCU-B are sporadic or even absent, as Italy and Greece.