

## 21st Century EURODEM

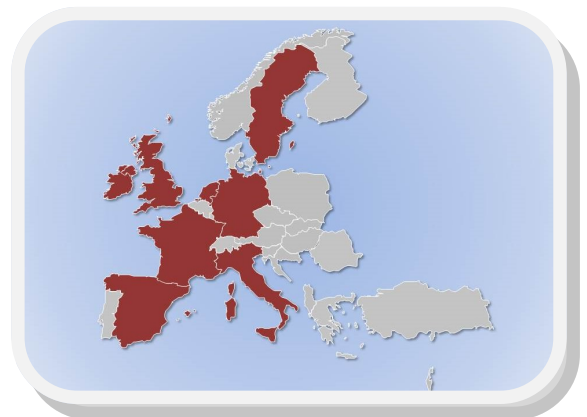
### Redefining dementia for epidemiology

This Working Group will work to produce descriptions on neurodegenerative disorders in contemporary older European populations. We will also identify where we need studies, or sub-studies that could be nested or established from re-contacting participants in existing cohorts including consideration of inviting people to take part in trials.

We will generate a small number of position papers to examine how the definition of dementia can be framed for epidemiology. This would include the epidemiological standpoint of healthy ageing and dementia as the premise upon which to base the diagnosis of dementia in contrast to the more pathologically/biomarker/disease-driven approaches currently fashionable.

Such position papers would inform those making funding decisions and policy about the value of particular diagnostic labels in different settings. Results naturally emerging could result in a paper on high-level description of cohorts in Europe. This will be achieved by creating smaller clusters of focused writing groups within the 21st Century EURODEM group.









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