FAMILY 1ˢᵗ Stakeholder Dialogue Event – 17 January 2024

The FAMILY consortium is delighted to extend a warm invitation to our first Stakeholder Dialogue Event, focusing on ethical aspects and social consequences of prediction of risk of mental illness.

Date: 17 January 2024

Time: 3 – 5 PM (CET)

Location: online, via Zoom (free of charge)

Registration via this link: https://www.tinyurl.com/StakeholderDialogueEvent

The **aim** of the first Stakeholder Dialogue Event is to **build a dialogue** between the European communities of **health care professionals and researchers** on ethical aspects and social consequences of prediction of risk of mental illness. Risk prediction for mental health problems is a prominent focus of research in psychiatry. However, risk prediction comes with ethical and social challenges, such as questions about informed consent, the right not to know, risk of stigmatisation and discrimination, empowerment and strengthening resilience of affected families, responsible use of Artificial Intelligence etc.

One of the envisaged outcomes of FAMILY are ethical guidelines on prediction of risk of mental illness for health care professionals involved in care of affected families. Mapping and evaluation of attitudes and opinions of health care professionals are critical for successful development of these guidelines.

The **main objective** of this stakeholder event is to **gather feedback** about **views, needs and potential involvement** of health care professionals which will serve as input for the planned **FAMILY survey** for health care professionals across Europe.

We are looking forward to your presence and your valuable contributions to this important conversation. Registration is open until 10 January 2024, it is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we invite you to register early!

Kind regards,

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on behalf of the FAMILY consortium

FAMILY is an EU-funded research project, that aims to better understand the mechanisms of intergenerational transmission of mental illness from parent to child. The researchers of the FAMILY consortium will try to build models to predict whether mental illness will be transmitted across generations or not, will address key ethical and social issues raised by risk prediction for clinical use and, lastly, will try to increase awareness and foster active engagement of families, and translate new discoveries to patients and mental health care. The research project, which receives € 10.9 million funding for 5 years, commenced its work in October 2022.

More information about the FAMILY project: www.family-project.eu

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