

### 1. Interested institution:

[University of Navarra](#) – [Institute for Culture and Society](#) - [ATLANTES](#)

### 2. Brief Description of the Group

**Palliative Care** (PC) is considered by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a significant discipline in Public Health in need of global development where national governments politics should prioritize. PC provides specific care (physical, social, psychological and spiritual dimensions) to patients and families who deal with an advanced and incurable disease.

The ATLANTES Research group was founded in 2012 at the Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) of Navarra University (UNAV, and **aims to promote a positive message about Palliative Care.**

- **Vision:** ATLANTES is focused on the study of the human dignity and advanced illness, in palliative care (PC).
- **Mission:** Promote PC essential values to healthcare professionals and Society in general, through an active clinical-research approach of Medicine, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Given the PC multidisciplinary nature and its holistic approach, the ATLANTES core team is currently constituted by [researchers](#) from diverse areas assigned into **three main research lines**. Each line integrates other researcher's collaborators ([internal/external](#), national/international) to improve the quality and the impact of the research.

**Intangible aspects in PC** - This line explores the anthropological, historical and ethical aspects of PC, examining values such gratitude, compassion and dignity, both among PC recipients and practitioners.

**The PC development and policy** - This research line aims to show the reality of the development of PC in Europe, and how it is organised and integrated into specific services and in each national health plans. The study of the development of PC is the key for the PC improvement in worldwide.

**The PC message** – A misunderstanding of PC's value persists in the society. This research line aims to study a new conceptual framework to promote the real PC values in the academic field (PC Education project) and into the society (Social Communication project).

### 3. Areas of research (as established in Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (CHE)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sciences and Geology (ENV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences (LIF)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences (ECO)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (MAT)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering (ENG)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (PHY)                            |

#### 4. Research / Project Description

The misunderstanding of palliative care (PC) persists among the general public, healthcare professionals and policy makers, revealing the problem of knowledge transfer that adequately reflects reality. The “low profile” of PC is still contribute to people being unaware or have a poor conception on this field.

We have been studying this phenomenon, identifying barriers to PC knowledge in different field. It is known that PC discourses in the written press, are usually provided by politicians, and are characterized by strong ideological and moral content focusing on the social debate. Also, PC professionals know how to transmit simple PC message to their patients and carers, centered on their action and showing availability, but rarely reveal their identity.

Both situations could perpetuate some social and cultural misunderstandings around PC. However, “life experience” and “creativity” can facilitate the understanding of complex topics. A strategy is needed to send to the society a proper message that will contribute to the PC awareness.

##### **Publications** (last 5 years)

Reigada C, Arantzamendi M, & Centeno C. (2020). Palliative care in its own discourse: A focused ethnography of professional messaging in palliative care. (accepted may 2020). *BMC Palliative Care*. doi: 10.1186/s12904-020-00582-5.

Reigada C, Sapeta P, Centeno C. (2019). The value of the Ethnographic approach to research issues in Palliative Care. *Current Opinion in Supportive & Palliative Care*. doi: 10.1097/SPC.0000000000000460.

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Carrasco JM, Gómez-Baceiredo B, Navas A, et al. (2019). Social representation of palliative care in the Spanish printed media: a qualitative analysis. *PLoS One*. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0211106>.

Carrasco, J. M., García, M., Navas, A., Olza, I., Gómez-Baceiredo, B., Pujol, F., ... Centeno, C. (2017). What does the media say about palliative care? A descriptive study of news coverage in written media in Spain. *PLoS ONE*, 12(10).

Carrasco, J. M., & Centeno, C. (2016). What message do Spanish media convey about palliative care? *European Journal of Palliative Care*. 23(1).

Tambo-Lizalde, E., Carrasco-Gimeno, J. M., Mayoral-Blasco, S., Rabanaque-Hernández, M. J., & Abad-Díez, J. M. (2016). Percepciones de pacientes y profesionales sobre la calidad de la atención a personas con enfermedad pulmonar obstructiva crónica. *Atención Primaria*, 4(2), 85–94.

**Objectives:** design and conduct research on innovate strategies to improve knowledge and positive attitudes forward palliative.

**Expected impact:** The research fellow will be based at the Institute for Culture and Society, University of Navarra, for a proposed length of 2 years and should contribute to the excellence of scientific and social impact of the project, together with the research group. It is expected to:

- Published at least two scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals (Q1/Q2);
- Present the project in at least four main congresses (international and national);
- Organize and promote at least two research seminars at UNAV to present and discuss the



development of the project.

- Disseminate the project into the society promoting at least one workshop per year on PC message;

Involve the society in the research ([Public Engagement approach](#)).

## 5. Who can apply?

### General requirements:

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (09/09/2020), researchers (\*):

- ✓ shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- ✓ must not have resided or carried out their main activities in the country of Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the abovementioned deadline.
- ✓ Submit a complete application (in English) before the specific call deadline.

### Specific requirements:

- ✓ Background in the area of social work, anthropology, psychology or communication are particularly welcome.
- ✓ Candidates without a PhD should have at least master degree in areas related to social sciences. Early-stage postdoctoral researchers are preferred.
- ✓ Ability to engage with interdisciplinary studies.
- ✓ Motivation and knowledge to work with digital media and creative thinking.
- ✓ High level of comprehension and writing of the English language.

## 6. Interested candidates should provide the following documentation:

- A cover letter (1 page)
- CV (with complete contact details) (2-4 pages)
- Research statement (including methodology, objectives, and expected results) (max. 2 pages).