



FROM COMPETITION TO
COLLABORATION

**The interface between informal and formal
carers**

A BIT OF BACKGROUND

- Funded by Scottish Universities and Scotland Europa
- Funding contribution from Eurocarers
- Core EU partners: Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Tenereife (also Sweden)
- Knowledge Exchange not research
- Different EU perspectives also different voices
- 4 workshops: research, informal carers, formal carers and policy (Oct 23–April 24)

USING COMMUNITY OF ENQUIRY METHODS: STORY SO FAR

Care and caring are not valued as they should be and should be more visible

The importance of relationships to formal and informal carers, and people who are cared for, must be at the centre of how systems are organised

The importance of including all voices in well facilitated discussion about caring promotes better understanding and possibilities for collaboration

AN EVOLVING CONVERSATION

Exchanging knowledge and expertise about caring is valuable, builds confidence and can promote collaboration but how far should it go

Do we need to (re)define a social contract for carers, including rights and responsibilities

How do we get a better balance between good policies and putting policies into practice