

ANNEX 3: WORK PLAN

TASK	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE	COMMENTS
Funding	Steering Committee		Grant application.
Protocol drafting	Steering Committee	Complete	
Registration of the study	Steering Committee		It will be registered in clinicaltrials.org
Recruitment of data collectors	Steering Committee Coordinators	It will start immediately after raising funding. Therefore it is foreseen that regional coordinators will be selected simultaneously at the study enrollment.	Expected time: 3 months.
National Ethics Committee	Steering Committee	After raising funding. Expected time: 2 months.	
Protocol publication	Steering Committee	Immediately after the approval by the Ethics Committee. The participation of an external editorial manager is foreseen in order to ensure full transparency.	The protocol will be published in GERM, Red GERM.
National, communities and local coordinators selection	Steering Committee	It will start immediately after raising funding. Therefore it is foreseen that national, communities and local coordinators will be selected simultaneously at the study enrollment.	Coordinators will be selected based on their prior experience in studies' participation*. Coordinators will select local coordinators.
Problem-solving	Communities coordinators	2 months	
Start of the study	Steering Committee Coordinators Participant centres	One day per hospital, one month of follow-up. The participant centres will have the option to perform the intervention during 3 months.	Expected time: 4 months.
Data analysis	Steering Committee	1 month	
Composition of the manuscript	Steering Committee Drafting Committee	2 month ²	
Manuscript reviewing	Editorial Manager	1 month	
Manuscript publication	Steering Committee	(it is not possible to foresee a date)	

FRAilty incidence in surGIcal European patients (FRAGILE).
European prospective cohort study of the prevalence of frailty in surgical patients.
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