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To obtain the academic degree of '**DOCTOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**'

EXPANDING SCOPE: EVALUATION OF A PARTICIPATORY TOOL AND STRATEGY TO ENABLE THE DEPLOYMENT OF INTEGRATED CARE IN EUROPE.

The defence will take place on **Friday, 23rd October 2020 at 5 p.m.**

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Summary of the dissertation

To ensure that more people will benefit from the advantages of integrated care initiatives, scaling up of successful initiatives is the desired way forward. However, knowledge on how to achieve such successful large-scale implementation is scarce. The EU-funded project Scaling Integrated Care into Context (SCIROCCO) aimed to develop an instrument, the so called "B3 Maturity Model" (B3-MM, later referred to as the SCIROCCO tool), into a validated and tested self-assessment tool to facilitate the successful scaling up and transfer of good practices in integrated care. In doing so, SCIROCCO used a step-based scaling up strategy to explore what to scale up, and how to scale up integrated care initiatives by matching the complementary strengths and weaknesses of regions involved in integrated care.

This thesis was written with the aim to systematically evaluate the SCIROCCO scaling up strategy. First, we wanted to provide insight in the methodologic quality of the instrument, which is used in the strategy to assist the process of exploring what to scale up. Second, we aimed to provide insight in the implementation of the scaling up strategy by using multi-method evaluation methods. In this thesis, the two-folded evaluation study within the SCIROCCO strategy is presented. The first part of the evaluation was concerned with testing measurement properties of the MM. The second part of this thesis focused on a qualitative evaluation of the SCIROCCO strategy to support scaling up of integrated care throughout regions in Europe.

Curriculum Vitae

Liset Grooten holds a Masters degree in Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in the Health and Life Sciences from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She finished her Master thesis in 2014 at the National University of Singapore where she conducted an explorative study on the barriers and facilitators of an integrated care model implemented at a family medicine clinic. Since July 2016 she started her PhD at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The research she has undertaken for her PhD was part of SCIROCCO, a project co-funded by the European Union. SCIROCCO aims to provide a validated and tested tool that facilitates the successful scaling up and transfer of good practices in integrated care across European regions. The research focused on the scientific evaluation of SCIROCCO. Currently, Liset is working as a policy advisor Research at Royal Dutch Visio. Royal Dutch Visio is the centre of expertise for blind and partially sighted people of all ages, including those with additional disabilities. In her role as policy advisor she coordinates research to develop expertise and knowledge in order to provide the best care and support for visually impaired people.