

universAAL -UNIVERsal open platform and reference Specification for Ambient Assisted Living

Large-scale Integrated Project in EU 7th Framework Programme
(Priority 7.1b: ICT & Aging)

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Presentation Overview

1. Project Objectives

2. Users & results: What will be produced for whom?
3. Organizations and Projects Involved
4. Achievements so far
5. Community building: life outside and beyond universAAL

Main Objective

To make it technically possible and economically feasible to design and deploy innovative AAL services

- ❑ Providing an **open and scalable technological platform** that facilitates the development and deployment of a broad range of AAL services
- ❑ Carrying out support activities promoting **widespread acceptance and adoption** of the platform.

Approach: Consolidate & extend work of earlier projects

* **Duration: 48 months**

* **Budget: 13.9 M€**

* **Start: February 2010**

* **EU Funding: 10.5 M€**

The unifying “ring”: our project slogan



One ring to rule them all,
One ring to find them;
One ring to bring them all,
And in the darkness bind them

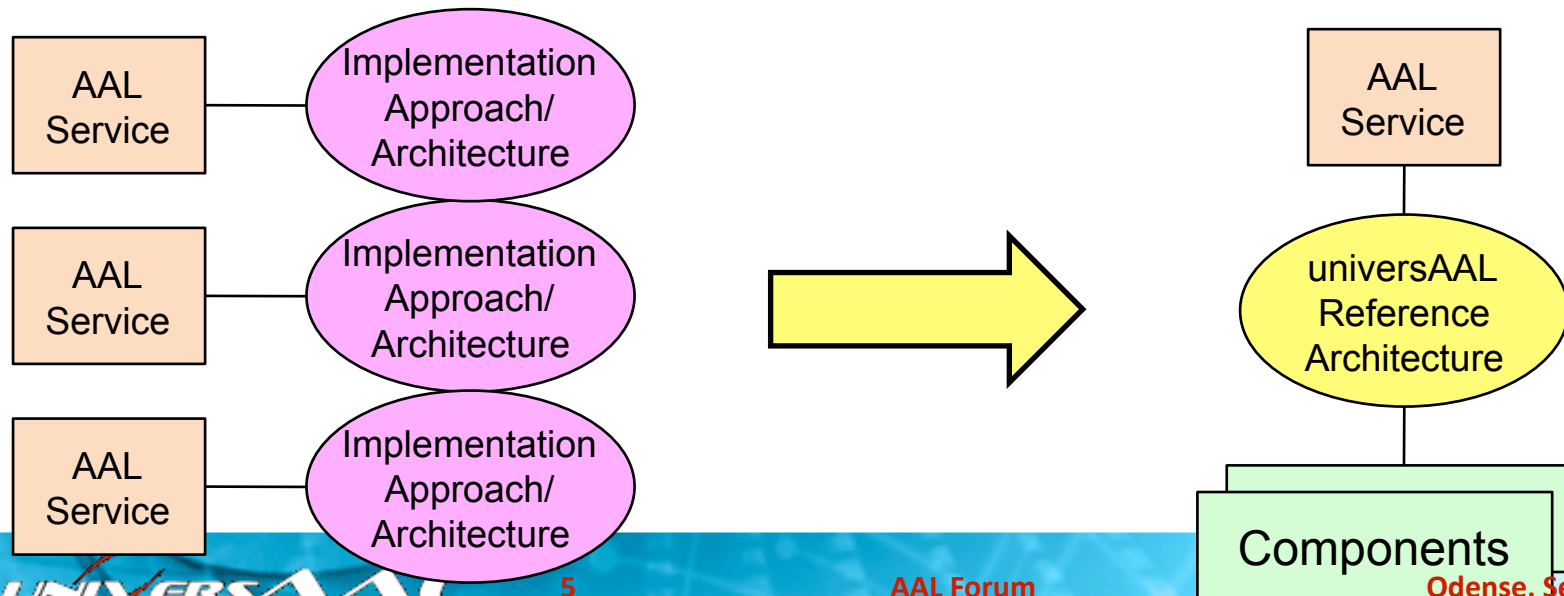
(J.R.R. Tolkein “Lord of the Rings”)



One way to build them all,
One way to bind them;
One Store to save them all,
And help the users find them

“One way to **build** them all, One way to **bind** them”;

- ❑ Instead of each AAL service being built from scratch for specific needs – establish a single “standard” way to **build** AAL applications
- Make it easy for different vendors to create & sell different components: through a process of **binding** they can be incorporated in multiple AAL services



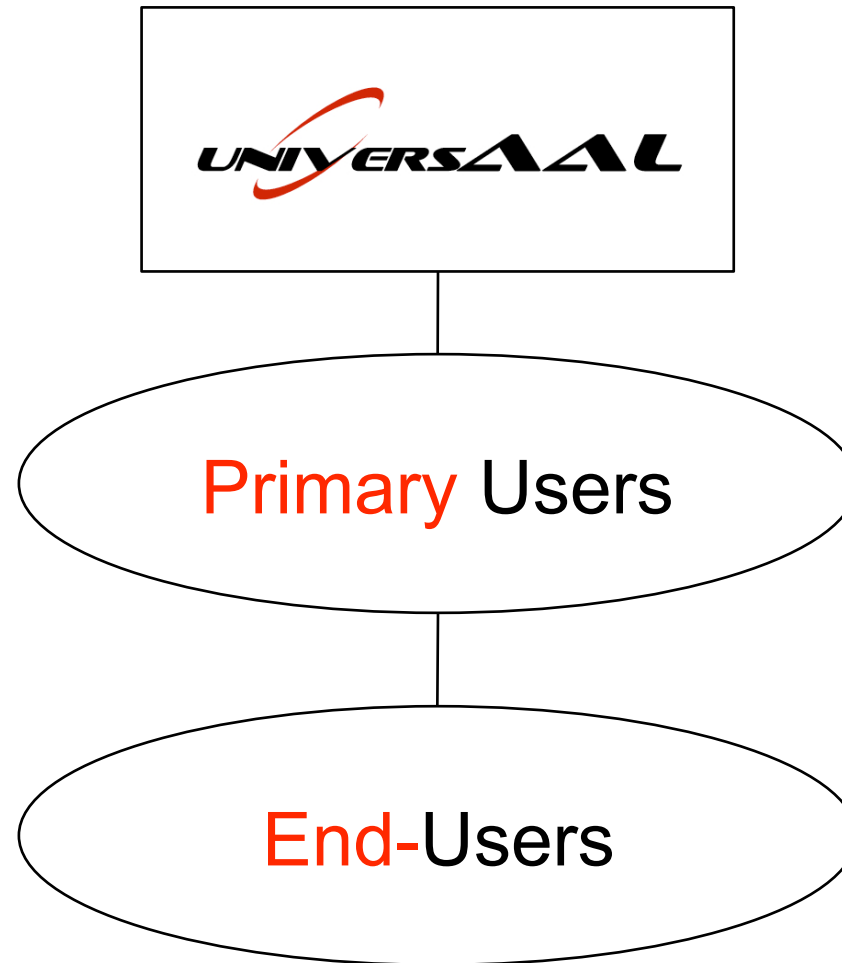
“One **Store** to save them all,
and help the users **find** them”;

- ❑ We will create the “universAAL store” (**uStore**) – akin to Apple’s “App Store”
- ❑ A single place where users can easily **find**, download and (maybe) pay for applications matching their needs
- ❑ More than just “find”: also easily download and deploy

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Types of users



End-users: examples of services

Media Interaction



Intuitive handling of devices



Emergency



Monitoring of sleep



Sport and Social Interaction

End-users: sub-groups

- Elderly
- Family members
- Carers
- Medical staff
- Local authorities responsible for care
- Companies providing care

Primary Users



**Software architects/
developers**

Working for companies producing
complete AAL solutions

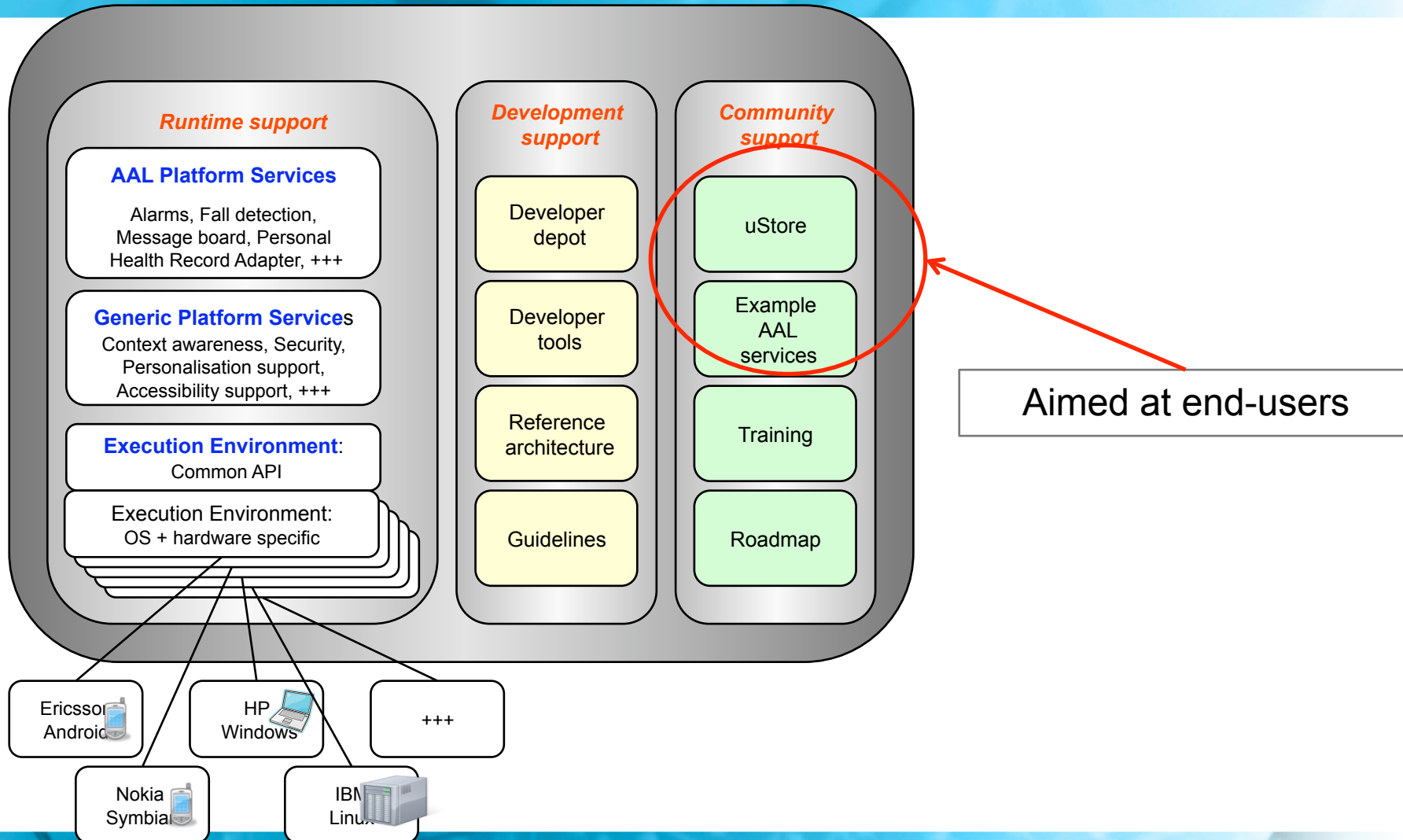
Working for companies producing
AAL components

Working alone, open source
community

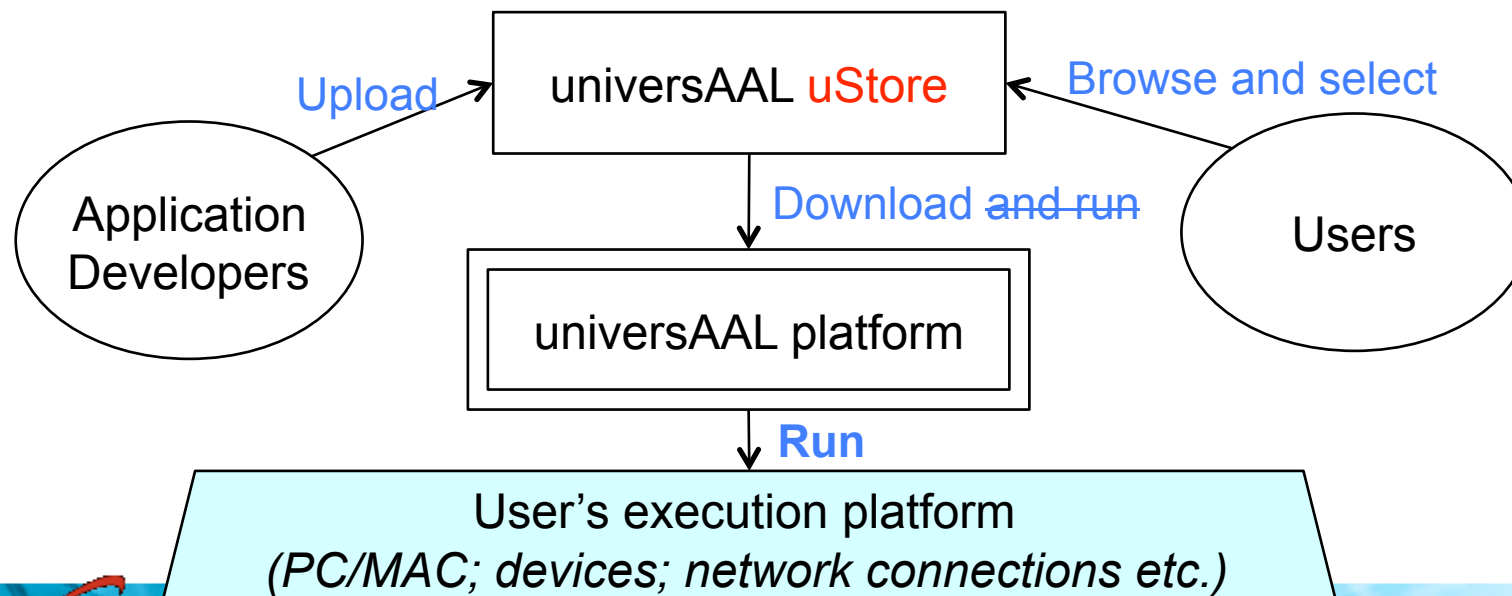
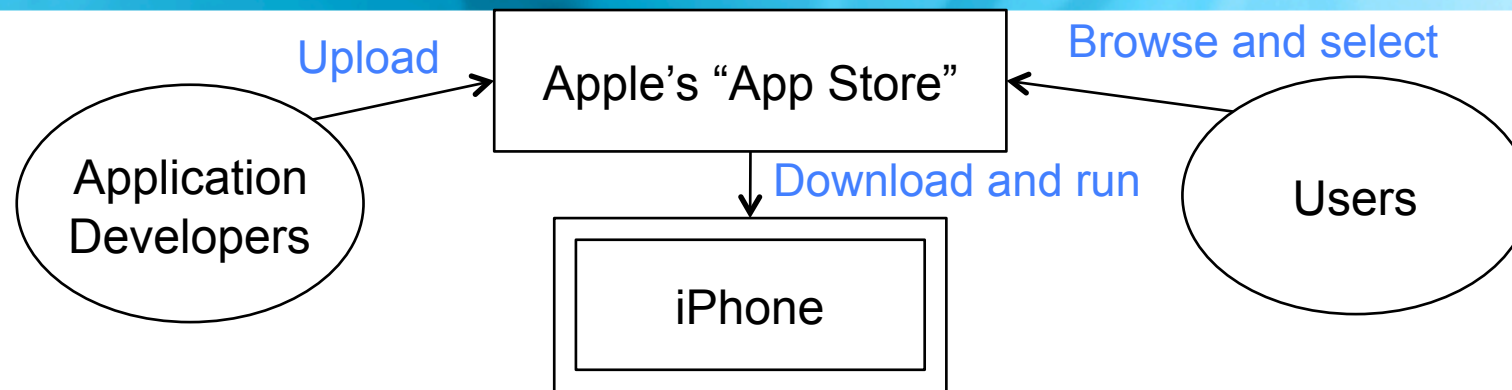
Device
Manufacturers

***Our work is aimed mostly – but not exclusively –
at these primary users***

Main technical result: universAAL platform



The **uStore** concept



Benefits

- **General:** Cost reduction through resource sharing and wider market.
- **End users:** Easier to obtain customised solutions; greater uniformity in interaction styles.
- **Developers:** Easier for small organisations, small set of programming interfaces.
- **Deployers:** Simple, easy to configure and adapt.
- **Market:** More competition; easier for SMEs and niche service providers / device manufacturers

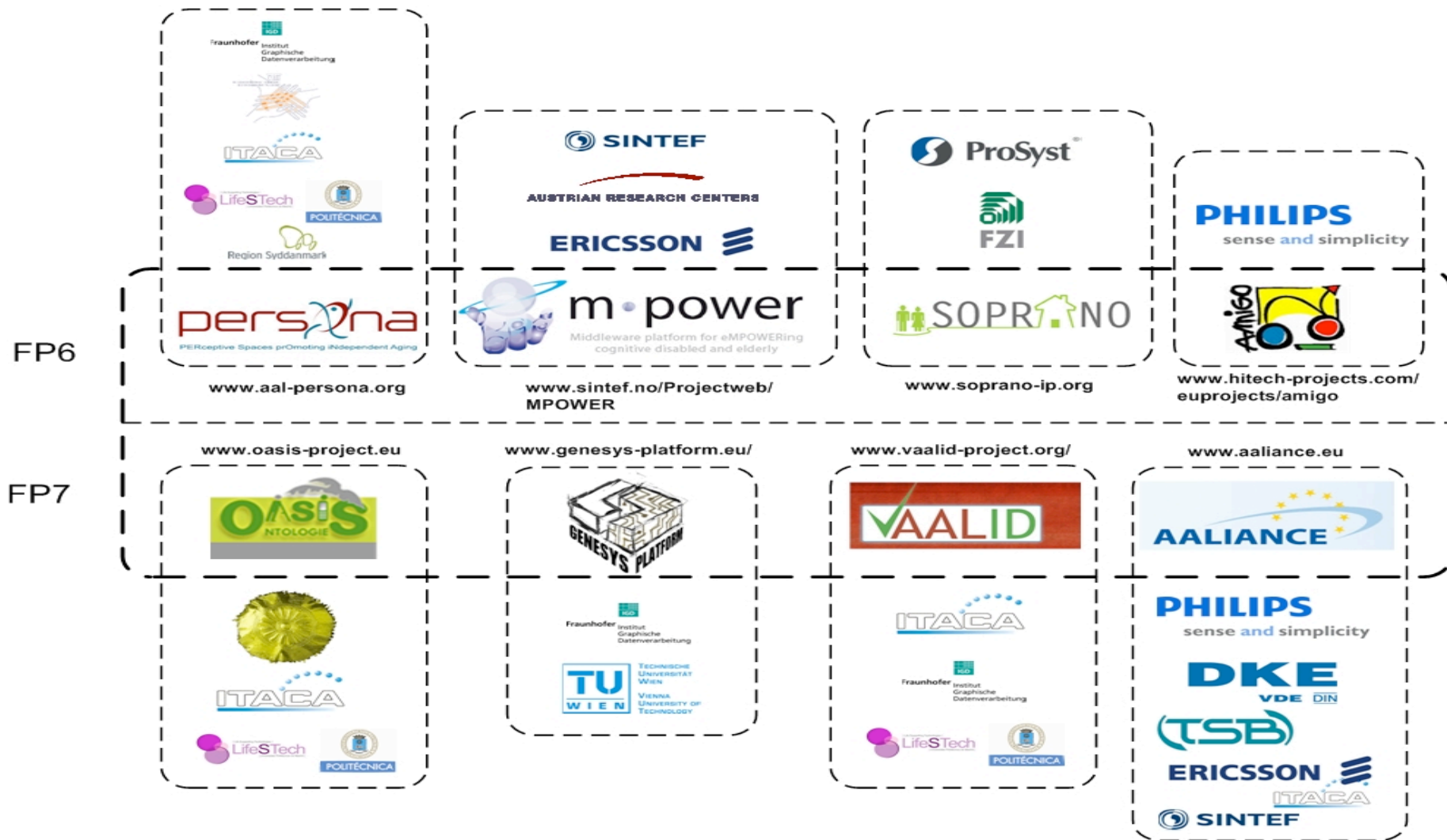
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Consortium: *17 Organizations: mixture of industry, public authorities, Universities and Research labs*

No	Name	Short name	Country
1	STIFTELSEN SINTEF	SINTEF	Norway
2	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH	AIT	Austria
3	CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELLAS	CERTH	Greece
4	CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE	CNR-ISTI	Italy
5	ERICSSON NIKOLA TESLA D.D.	ENT	Croatia
6	FRAUNHOFER-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG E.V	Fh-IGD	Germany
7	FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM INFORMATIK AN DER UNIVERSITAET KARLSRUHE	FZI	Germany
8	IBM ISRAEL - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LTD	IBM	Israel
9	IMPLEMENTAL SYSTEMS SL	IS	Spain
10	UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE VALENCIA	ITACA-UPV	Spain
11	PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NEDERLAND B.V.	Philips	Netherlands
12	PROSYST SOFTWARE GmbH	ProSyst	Germany
13	REGION SYDDANMARK	RSD	Denmark
14	SOLUCIONES TECNOLÓGICAS PARA LA SALUD Y EL BIENESTAR SA	TSB	Spain
15	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET WIEN	TUW	Austria
16	UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE MADRID	UPM	Spain
17	VDE VERBAND DER ELEKTROTECHNIK ELEKTRONIK INFORMATIONSTECHNIK EV	VDE	Germany

Consortium: Building on existing work



Inputs from earlier/related projects/organizations (1)

- Architecture Guidelines / Design Principles to achieve interoperability

AMIGO - Focus on home networks

Genesys - Focus on embedded systems

Also: MPOWER, OASIS, PERSONA, SOPRANO

- Middleware with components offering specific services

MPOWER - Focus on end-users with dementia

Also: PERSONA, GENESYS

Inputs from earlier/related projects/organizations (2)

- Facilitate Deployment

 - PERSONA + User Interface Framework

 - MonAmi + promotes service-platform interface

 - (at this conference: Session 55 Saturday 1300-1430)*

- Re-use / interoperability of information across domains

 - OASIS – Provides Ontology

Inputs from earlier/related projects/organizations (3)

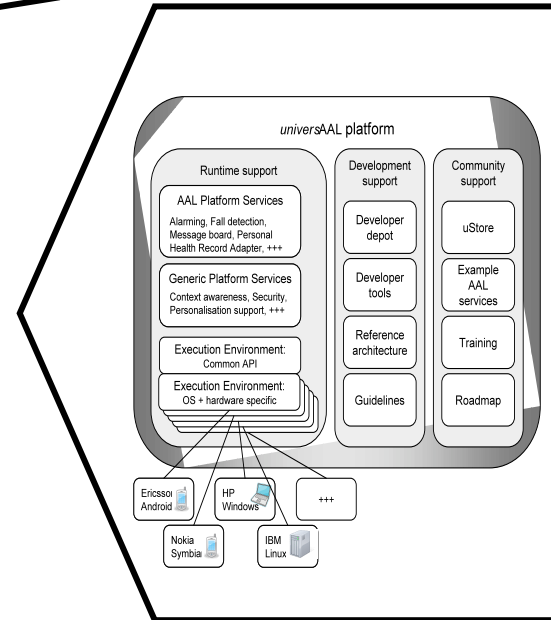
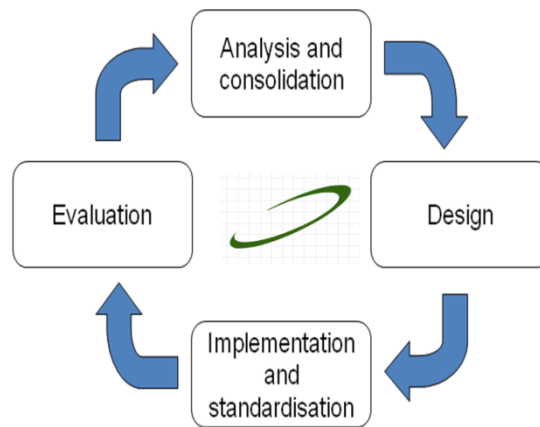
- Semantic Enrichment of Sensor Data / Context Data

SOPRANO

- Achieve agreement between industrial and other stakeholders on how to establish an eco-system for interoperable personal health systems

CONTINUA industry alliance

Consolidating State-of-the-Art in one platform



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Achievements so far

- ❑ “Team” established: people + organizations know each other, and understand each others roles and motivations
- ❑ Internal training on the goals and technical details of the input projects
- ❑ Gathered and consolidated “use cases” from the input projects
- ❑ Draft reference architecture almost ready
- ❑ Contacting other projects / other organizations with a view to establishing a community

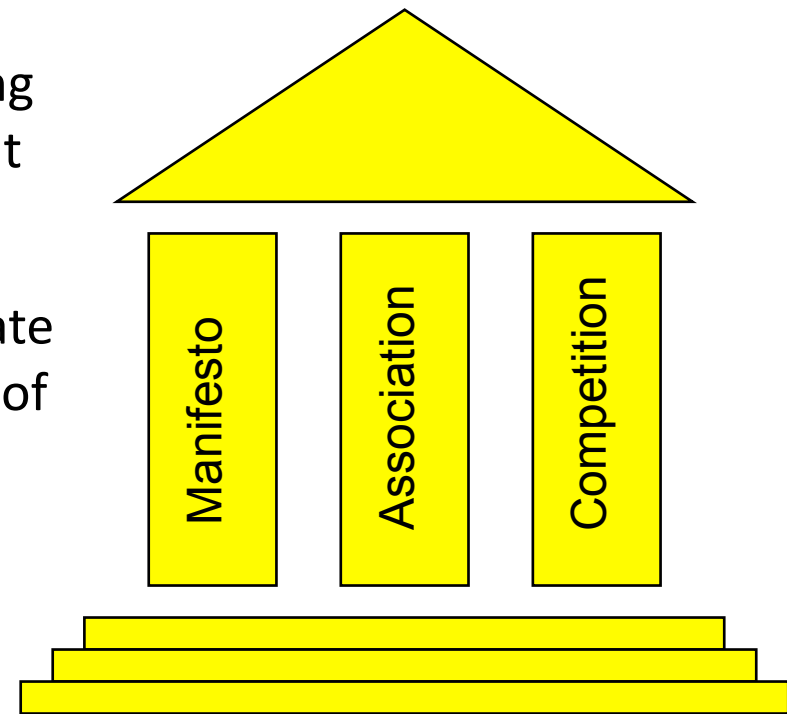
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Community Building process

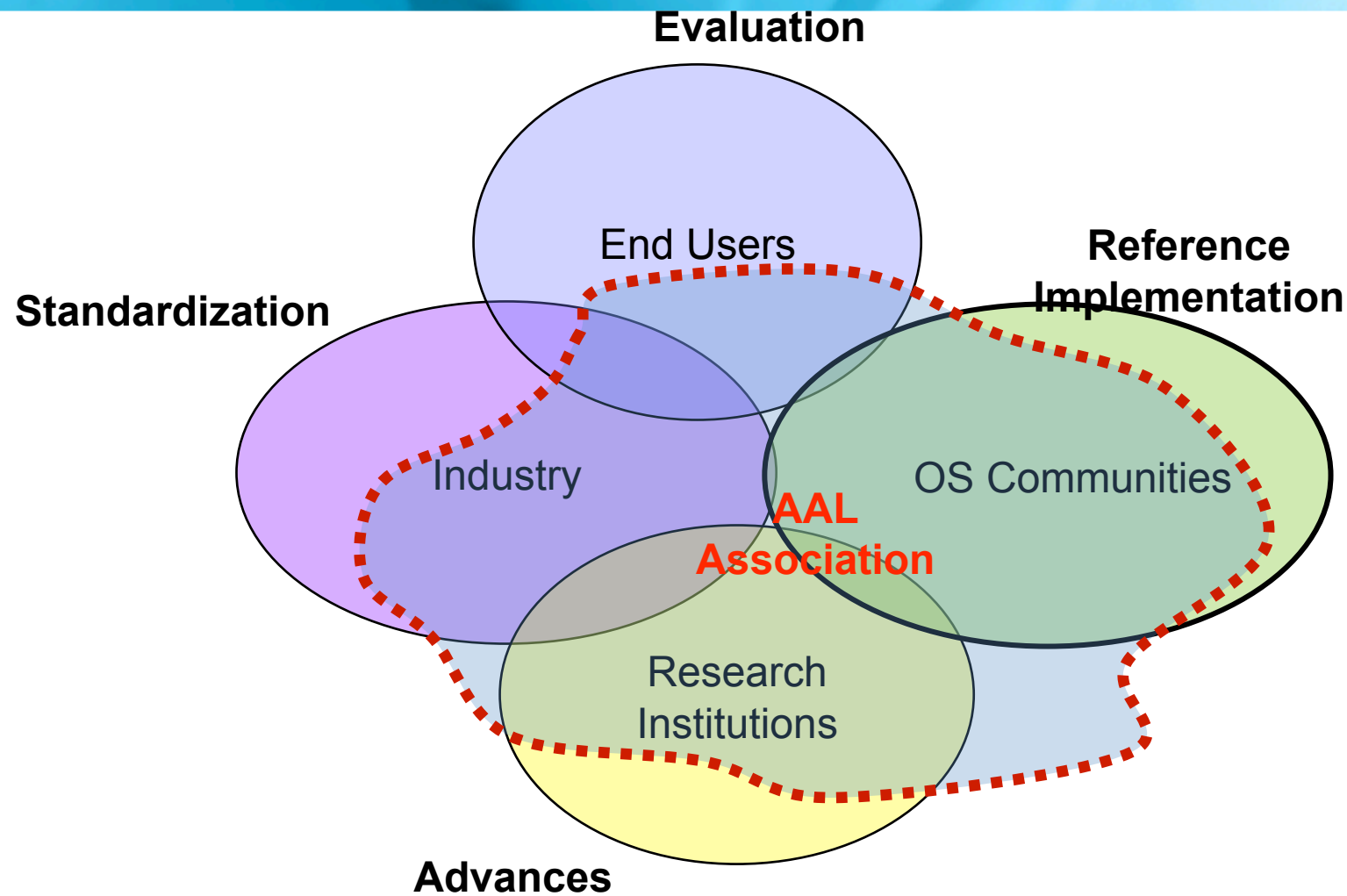
Three-Pillar-Model

- **Manifesto** – encourage industry and academic world to participate in forming an association to developing and exploit AAL platforms
- **Association** – Will support and coordinate AAL research and development as part of an open community of stakeholders
- **Competition** – Promote active participation. First competition will involve analysing, comparing and evaluating solutions proposed by researchers



<http://www.aaloa.org>

Scope of Proposed Open Association



Become involved!

- ❑ ... in the EUs initiative for one universal open, available and standardised platform for Ambient Assisted Living
- ❑ Support us with your expertise
- ❑ Use the platform to build services
- ❑ Inform us about open and available platforms
- ❑ Inform us about your needs
- ❑ Contribute to the platform as an open source developer
- ❑ Contribute to standardisation
- ❑ Create projects together!

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