



AAL Forum 2014
9-12 September 2014, Bucharest, Romania
“Broader, Bigger, Better – AAL Solutions for Europe”

Call for contributions

The annual flagship event of the Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP), the AAL Forum, will take place in Bucharest, Romania, between 9 and 12 September 2014.

The AAL Forum is the annual showcase event for the people involved in the AAL JP’s projects and the AAL community. It is the core connection of the joint programme to the AAL Community. This community includes policy makers, ICT developers, manufacturers, health professionals, commissioners, businesses, venture companies, technologists, academics, designers, carers and of course older adults. Its purpose is to exhibit and demonstrate existing or developing ICT solutions (products and services), promote networking within the community, foster the interest of other sectors in the field of AAL, provoke debate and discussion on various topics and highlight new or emerging developments in the area to inform the AAL community.

This year the event is entitled “Broader, Bigger, Better – AAL Solutions for Europe” and its goal is twofold: on the one hand the conference will showcase the significant progresses made by the AAL JP projects and solutions in the exhibition area with various demos and presentations, whereas the discussion in the sessions and in the plenaries will address four important themes:

- Deployment AAL solutions
- Broadening AAL
- Supporting projects to the market
- Innovation

The call for contributions is open only for specific sessions. On the following pages, please find the information and details about the tracks and sessions:

Important Dates:

Closing date of call for contributions	10 May 2014
Submission approval	Begin June 2014
AAL Forum	9-12 September 2014

TRACK B: Broadening AAL

The European Union is experiencing a demographic change which is of high relevance for socioeconomic development and the livelihood in broadest sense. The demographic change with all its implications has been addressed by competent governing bodies at all levels. Action has been taken in many ways: by strengthening the health care sector through cluster cooperation initiatives that allow widespread of integrated, innovative and transferable health care models and solutions for healthy ageing and independent living, by improving urban life through more sustainable integrated solutions, by fostering policies that are thought to scale up the bridge gap between seller and buyer, producer and user of ICT solutions for ageing well.

This Track is meant to set up, in the context of ICT based solutions for active and assisted living, the landscape of present and future ideas and ways to broaden the horizon of the AAL Program across Europe and beyond its borders.

These issues will be discussed in 4 different sessions:

- B1:** Integration policies
- B2:** Connecting solutions
- B3:** European Health Cluster
- B4:** Smart Cities and AAL

The call for contributions is open for the following sessions:

B-1 – Integration policies

Across Europe, the number of people who have health problems or need assistance requiring both health and social care is increasing. This number will continue to rise in the next 20 years, meaning that a larger amount of people will require a combination of health and social services. On the other hand, ageing societies will bring higher public costs such as public pensions, social care and health services provision.

Frequently social and health care services don't work in an integrated and coordinated manner. Patients are sent to hospitals or stay there too long when they could have been cared for at home, they receive the same service twice (from social care and National Health System) etc.

Integration of health and social care is an ambitious reform that many European countries are facing to ensure that health and social care provision is joined-up

and seamless, especially for people with long term conditions and disabilities, many of whom are older people.

The scope of this session is to present different policy integration approaches that by adding ICT based solutions are able to create a coordinated patient-centred care system.

Specific attention will be put on the policy on the European level, both in terms of implementation policy and strategy in a global context, but also on national programmes reflecting European policy and the regional approach of European cohesion policy.

Possible speakers:

Primary End User Associations

National Health System

New services or products developers (all regions)

Success stories

For this session *the expected inputs for the Call for contribution* will cover:

- Success stories of policy/strategy integration on national or regional level
- Ongoing projects and/or success stories for products and services that are achieving or have been able to achieve an integrated health and social care system. Initiatives that take end users into account will be positively assessed.

B-2 – Connecting solutions

There is a growing offer of AAL devices, systems and services aiming to enhance older adults' quality of life. It is expected that private market for consumers coexist with the formal healthcare and social care services provision, all following the major trend of integrated and connected care.

Connecting solutions address networking capabilities to bring together people, services, community assets, and information to help different stakeholders achieve AAL challenges. This implies dealing with increasingly complex socio-technical AAL ecosystems. Concerned issues include scale up, interoperability, security and older adult's safety.

In this session we will be devoted to explore current requirements, we will take knowledge of activities covering different approaches and experiences on how interoperability solutions can support the shift towards better care at home and in the community, and on ways to integrate existing AAL technological developments to allow services to be delivered more efficiently and affordably in a digitally connected society.

Potential speakers and panellists:

New services or products developers
Researcher Organizations
Health System Organizations

Target Audience:

High level people, AAL community, policy makers, interoperability experts.

Call for contribution will be addressed to the specified possible speakers' categories with the aim to launch new ideas to be discussed on how interoperability solutions can support care at home and allow services to be delivered efficiently in the society.

Additional instructions to the contributors:

- In order to contribute they have to register at complete the forms available on the AAL Forum website @ www.aalforum.eu/
- Contributions have to be txt format maxim 2000 characters.

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