



Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme: Participation Rules of the 2nd Call for Proposals

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Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme

Joint research and development (R & D) funding activity by 23 European Member States and Associated States with the financial support of the European Community.

- The AAL Joint Programme is a Member state driven programme.
- Member States and Associated States act on the pre-existing basis of existing or envisaged national research programmes which provide the framework for the national participations.



Advantages for proposers

Collaboration of Nationale Programmes offers a relatively low barrier approach:

- **proposers are often already familiar with the national funding schemes,**
 - **communication with NCPs facilitates the participation.**
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- focus on SME
 - focus on end-users involvement
 - regional differences often of importance



... common European funding activity, national participation rules

- Central submission of proposals (one proposal per consortium)
- General and national eligibility criteria
- Central evaluation and selection of proposals
- National funding agreements and administration of the funded projects



General Eligibility Criteria (1)

- Submission of a complete proposal through the AAL electronic submission system, before the deadline, as specified in the Call for Proposals
- English as the language of the proposal
- Size of the consortium: 3-10 partners
- Duration of the project: 12-36 months
- Adherence to the specifications for structure and technical details (e.g. page count) of the proposal submission



General Eligibility Criteria (2) Consortium Composition

- Consortium composition of **at least 3 independent eligible organizations** (legal entities), **from at least 3 different AAL Partner States** participating in the Call for Proposals
- Consortium must include at least one eligible business partner
- Consortium must include at least **one eligible SME partner** which can be the business partner
- Consortium must **include at least one eligible end-user organization**



End-users: second call for proposals

- Aim: Solutions that meet end-user needs.
- Important: recognise the contributions that technology and service advancements can make to quality of life of older people.
- End-users should be drivers in the development and practical application of these advancements.
- „Market pull“ by engaging end-users.
- Synergistic relationship between industry, research institutions and end-users ensures that products/services reflect user needs and wishes.

The AAL JP deems active end-user involvement to be an essential component of activities from the outset and throughout the life of the project.





Definition of end-users in AAL Joint Programme

- *- Primary end-user is the person who actually is using an AAL product or service, a single individual, "the well-being person". This group directly benefits from AAL by increased quality of life.*
- *- Secondary end-users are persons or organisations directly being in contact with a primary end-user, such as formal and informal care persons, family members, friends, neighbours, care organisations and their representatives. This group benefits from AAL directly when using AAL products and services (at a primary end-user's home or remote) and indirectly when the care needs of primary end-users are reduced.*
- *- Tertiary end-users are such institutions and private or public organisations that are not directly in contact with AAL products and services, but who somehow contribute in organizing, paying or enabling them. This group includes the public sector service organizers, social security systems, insurance companies. Common to these is that their benefit from AAL comes from increased efficiency and effectiveness which result in saving expenses or by not having to increase expenses in the mid and long term.*





What organisations are eligible?

Eligible for funding are only organisations that are explicitly included in the national eligibility criteria (available from the website: Information on national funding specifics).

Non eligible Organisations (not eligible for funding according to national rules or not residing in any AAL partner state) may be included in a project

- **without funding from the AAL JP, but they**
- **cannot be crucial for the project's implementation and they**
- **will not be taken into consideration when assessing the project proposal against the eligibility criteria and project characteristics as stated above.**



Country specific information to the 2nd AAL call

Example: Austria (1)

Programme Owner	Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, http://www.bmvit.at
Funding Commitment *	2.5 Mio. € (subject of written approval)
National Programme	Austrian project partners at the 2nd AAL call are administered under the Programme benefit: http://www.ffg.at/benefit
AAL National Contact Person	Dr. Gerda Geyer, Tel:+43(0)5 7755 -4205, gerda.geyer@ffg.at ...
Eligible Institutions and Funding Quota	Enterprises ... research organisations ... Associations ... Public bodies ...

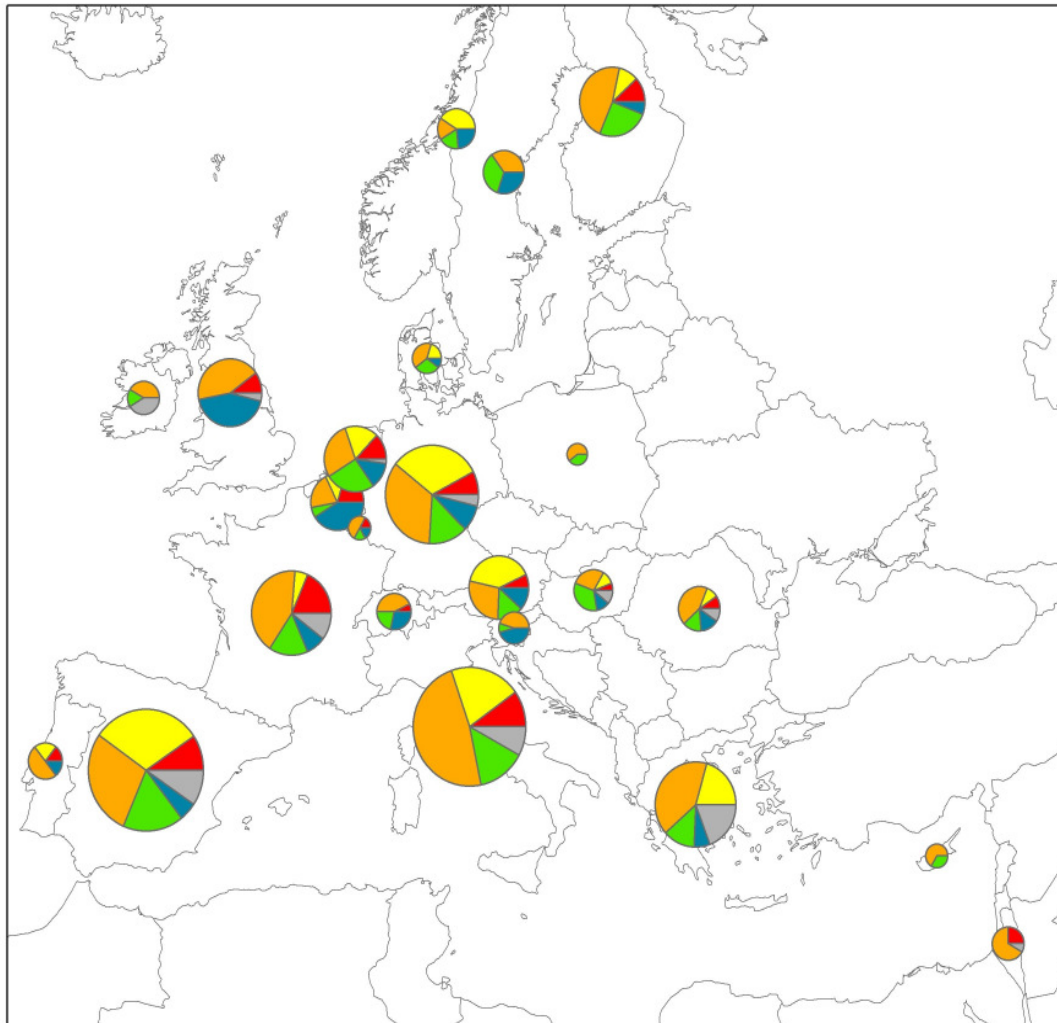


Country specific information to the 2nd AAL call

Example: Austria (2)

Eligible Costs	Personnel costs of research staff members of the project; Costs of hardware and equipment (RTD investments); other costs material costs, travel costs), consultancy costs; Overhead costs: 20% of personnel costs ...
Eligibility Criteria	... Please note: All Austrian partners in project consortia will have to submit a complete Form C for Austrian Organisations by the closing date of the call. Companies also have to submit their commercial register number and the balance sheets of the last three years.
Further Guidance	Participation rules and other documents of the Programme benefit can be retrieved from http://www.ffg.at/benefit

Participation in the first call



Number of Partners



- Large_enterprise
- Research_organisation
- SME
- University
- User_organisation
- Other



Evaluation / selection process

Evaluation performed by independent European experts – criteria: relevance, scientific and technical quality, quality of the consortium and efficiency of implementation, potential impact (published in the call text).

Selection of projects

Guided by the outcome of the evaluation process, the final selection of projects for funding will be made using the following principles:

- Maximizing the total quality of the project portfolio of the Call
- Optimizing the usage of the available funding of the Call
- Ensuring thematic spread / avoiding directly overlapping projects
- Ensuring participation of project partners from as many AAL Partner States participating in the Call as possible

... selection process

End of phase 1: **list of projects that after approval of the AAL General Assembly** are invited to start the clarification and negotiation phase with their national funding agency (Batch 1 of projects).

After completion of phase 1: additional project proposals that have been assessed to be of good quality by the evaluation process will be invited to **restructure their consortia**. Restructuring may take place under certain boundary conditions which are specified in the call text, e.g. availability of money is limiting factor, changes affect less than 50% of the total effort ... (Batch 2 of projects).



Funding decisions for the selected AAL projects

Partners in successful project proposals receive the grant agreement from their national Programme Management Agencies

- Eligibility of an individual partner for funding depends on the national eligibility rules – are published on the AAL Website
- Funding levels, conditions, reporting, eligible costs, audit etc. according to the national rules
- Required complementary information to be submitted to the national agency (e.g. financial information)
- Financial viability check by the national agency
- Streamlined process ensuring a common start date



Call information and timing

www.aal-europe.eu/aal-2009-2

Date of publication: 11 Feb 2009

Closure date: 5 May 2009

Approval of funding list: mid 2009

Funding decisions by national institutions: 11/2009

It is highly recommended to consult with the National Funding Agency prior to submission of a proposal.





Thank you!

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