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Project Information

Project Short Name	HAPPY AGEING
Project Full Name	A Home Based Approach to the Years of Ageing
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Background of the Project

The lives of many older people in Europe are injured by chronic diseases, involving diabetes and obesity, mental decline, low vision and psychological implications such as the sense of frailness. HAPPY AGEING is aimed at the development and validation of simple accessible and usable devices to improve the prevention and management of very common chronic conditions in elderly people. The success of this kind of device is strictly related to its socio- economic impact on the foreseen target market. In fact, most of the useful solutions are derived from healthcare or disability market and, thus, have not been specifically designed to support elderly users. To move a step forward it is necessary to implement a different approach, keeping in due account the technological progress in other application areas and the real users' wishes, approaching also the theme of technology acceptance by elderly.

Visions and Objectives of the Project

The HAPPY AGEING project approaches the main limitations due to chronic diseases and it controls the individual needs of safety and well-being. The main objectives of the project are: i) to prevent the set up of chronic conditions and/or manage them if present; ii) to develop a customisable system matching demand of technology by elderly with the current market supply; iii) to involve the end-user in every phase, assessing the user's expectations and needs, assuring the acceptance of the system; iv) to stimulate business innovation and market opportunities. The system will be composed of three modules: a) a lifestyle monitor for recording the daily activities and compare them with habits of the monitored subject; b) a navigation assistant to support user's mobility in close environment; c) a personal assistant for support in performing actions and in searching for personal objects.

Project Partners and Funding

Full name	Short name	Country Code	Type of Organization	Final granted budget in EUR
ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI RIPOSO E CURA PER ANZIANI V.E. II	INRCA	IT	Public body	170.000
FUNDACIÓ PRIVADA CETEMMSA	CETEMMSA	ES	SME	131.234
Speed Automazione Srl	SPD	IT	Private company	151.900
Global Security Intelligence Limited	GSI	UK	SME	105.365
AB.ACUS SRL	ABACUS	IT	SME	128.000
Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences	ISO	HU	Public body	182.000
The Association of Catholic Organisations of Senior Citizens in the Netherlands	UNIEKBO	NL	NGO	117.654
			Total	986.153