



Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme

**Information for proposers
on the national funding rules
applied under
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Eligibility overview

Under the AAL Joint Programme national funding rules are applied (see details on national rules on the following pages). The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the **general eligibility** of organisations under this programme. It is highly recommended to contact the AAL NCP for a prior clarification.

Most funding organisations apply following rule (with importance especially for user and other organisations): Project partners can only benefit from funding they proof their involvement in RTD activities of the project.

Explanations : ✓ = eligible for funding ✗ = not eligible for funding ☎ = please consult the AAL NCP

| Country / Funding organisation | University | Research Org. | SME | Large Enterprises | User organisations | Other organisations |
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| Austria | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ |
| Belgium (Flemish region only!) | ☎ | ☎ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ☎ |
| Cyprus | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ☎ | ☎ |
| Denmark | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>In Denmark, organisations can only participate if at least one SME participates.</i> | | | | | | |
| Finland | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| France | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ |
| Germany | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ |
| Greece | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ☎ |
| Hungary | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ireland | ☎ | ☎ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Israel | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ✗ |
| Italy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ☎ |
| <i>In Italy, public organisations, universities and research centres must apply for funding together with industrial companies.</i> | | | | | | |
| Luxembourg - FNR | ✓ | ✓ (public) | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ☎ |
| Lux. - LUXINNOVATION | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ☎ |
| Netherlands | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Norway | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ☎ |
| Poland | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Portugal | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ☎ |
| Romania | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Slovenia | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Spain - ISCIII | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Spain - Mityc | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Sweden | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ | ✗ |
| Switzerland | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>Swiss funding quota is 100% for public research institutions which team up with at least one national service provider / user organisation and/or commercial organisation. The distribution of project costs between the project partners must be balanced.</i> | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☎ |



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Austria

| Programme Owner | Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, http://www.bmvit.at | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| National funding commitment | 2.5 Mio. € | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Programme | Austrian project partners at the 2 nd 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 Austrian Research Promotion Agency Sensengasse 1 A - 1090 Vienna | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligible Institutions and Funding Quota | <p>The following legal entities are eligible for funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enterprises: Industrial and commercial organizations (especially SMEs) and Institutions of the social and health care sector including non profit oriented institutions (so called "Daseinsvorsorger") research organisations (universities and other non-profit research institutions) associations (including organizations representing elderly people and their relatives, etc.) public bodies (federal countries, municipalities) (öffentliche Bedarfsträger); <p>Entities that are part of the Austrian federal administration are excluded from funding.</p> <p>Maximum funding rates / experimental development:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Small Enterprise</th> <th>Medium sized Enterprise</th> <th>Large Enterprise</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Coop. Research project / integration of technologies</td> <td>60 %</td> <td>50 %</td> <td>40 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coop. Project / innovative services and applications</td> <td>35 %</td> <td>25 %</td> <td>15 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The funding rates of research institutions and universities amount to 75%. "Daseinsvorsorger" (see above) are treated as enterprises.</p> | | Small Enterprise | Medium sized Enterprise | Large Enterprise | Coop. Research project / integration of technologies | 60 % | 50 % | 40 % | Coop. Project / innovative services and applications | 35 % | 25 % | 15 % |
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| Coop. Project / innovative services and applications | 35 % | 25 % | 15 % | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligible Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel costs of research staff members of the project. The personnel costs are eligible for funding up to the guiding rate defined respectively under sub-paragraph 8 of the "Verordnung des Bundesministers für Finanzen betreffend Richtlinien für die Ermittlung und Darstellung der finanziellen Auswirkungen neuer rechtssetzender Maßnahmen" (Decree of the Federal Minister of Finance Concerning Guidelines for Determining and Describing the Financial Effects of New Legislative Measures, Federal Law Gazette II no. 50/1999, Annex 3). Costs of hardware and equipment (RTD investments), in so far as they are explicitly required for the project proposed; other costs | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| | <p>material costs, travel costs), consultancy costs and costs of similar services which are exclusively dedicated to the research and development activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overhead costs: In principle, overheads are eligible up to a rate of 20% of personnel costs. Enterprises can account for a higher rate of overheads by providing corresponding pertinent evidence; which overheads are recognisable in this context can be seen from the FFG's (Research Promotion Agency's) auditing standards. <p>For detailed information, please contact the AAL National Contact Person.</p> |
| Eligibility Criteria | <p>Austria requires the fulfilment of the following Eligibility Criteria for Austrian participants and verifies them by means of an eligibility pre-check):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• commercial register number;• the balance sheets of the last three years, if available;• The financial viability and business soundness is verified by means of an internal check - companies that are in danger of insolvency cannot be funded. <p>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.</p> |
| Further Guidance | <p>Participation rules and other documents of the Programme benefit can be retrieved from http://www.ffg.at/benefit</p> |

Belgium – Flemish region

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| Funding Organisation | IWT, Instituut voor de aanmoediging van innovatie door Wetenschap & Technologie in Vlaanderen, http://www.iwt.be |
| National funding commitment | 1.0 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Belgian project partners at the 2nd AAL call are administered under the “O&O-bedrijfsprojecten” http://www.iwt.be/steun/loket/oeno/index.html |
| AAL Contact Person | Frederik De Vusser; Tel.: +32 (0)2 209 09 00; aal@iwt.be IWT-Vlaanderen, http://www.iwt.be/ |
| Eligible Institutions | Companies established in the Flemish region, with a sustainable activity in this region, based upon a sound business model are eligible to apply for funding. They have not received public funding for the same activities. Flemish public and non-public universities and academic organisations, research organisations, higher and secondary education organisations can participate to projects as foreseen in the regulation for “O&O-bedrijfsprojecten”. Other institutions, e.g. hospitals and/or user organisations, may be funded for the activities necessary for the success of the project. |
| Eligibility criteria and funding quota | All applicants should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project and the implementation of the results. In case of potential military applications (including dual use), support can be restricted. The basic funding quota is 15% (development) or 40% (research), augmented with 10% for international cooperation and 10% as AAL fits within the Flanders policy. SME’s get additionally 10% and very small enterprises (less than 50 employees, 10M€ turn over) get an additional 20%. This results in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support for development: Enterprise: 35%, SME: 45% and Small Enterprise: 55% • support for research: Enterprise: 60%, SME 70% and Small Enterprise: 80%. Flemish public and non-public universities and academic organisations, research organisations, higher and secondary education organisations can participate to projects as foreseen in the regulation for “O&O-bedrijfsprojecten”. |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the “O&O-bedrijfsprojecten” can be retrieved from http://www.iwt.be/steun/loket/oeno/index.html |

Cyprus

| Funding Organisation | Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) www.research.org.cy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| National funding commitment | 0.5 Mio. € | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Programme | Cypriot project partners of the 2 nd AAL call are administered under the Programme: International Cooperation, Action: Participation to Joint European Programmes of the Research Promotion Foundation's (RPF) Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development 2009-2010 (http://www.research.org.cy/EL/cy_research_fund/desmi_2007_2010/index.html) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AAL Contact Person | Miss Iria Loucaidou; Tel.: +35722 205044; iloucaidou@research.org.cy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Basic Contribution – Calculated according to the Research Character of the Project | Small, Enterprise | Medium Enterprise | Large Enterprise | Research Organization and Governmental Departments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.1 | Industrial (Applied) Research Activities | 85% | 75% | 65% | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.2 | Pre-Competitive Development | 60% | 50% | 40% | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligible costs | Personnel Costs, Research Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services ($\leq 10\%$), Dissemination and Exploitation Costs $\geq 4\%$, Supplementary Costs (Travel, Consumables, Overheads ($\leq 20\%$), Specific Costs) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the Research Promotion Foundation's (RPF) Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development 2009-2010 can be retrieved from www.research.org.cy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Denmark

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| Funding Organisation | Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI), www.fi.dk |
| National funding commitment | 0.5 Mio. €. The budget may be increased if necessary to allow the funding of additional, highly qualified proposals. |
| National Programme | Danish project partners are administered under the Danish AAL programme. |
| AAL Contact Person | Head of Section David Grønþæk, Ph.dir. +45 3544 6233, dagr@fi.dk Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI), www.fi.dk |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | 75 % of eligible costs for universities and other public knowledge institutions, such as GTS institutes, and for public user organisations at national, regional and local levels. 50 % of eligible costs for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and private user organisations. Participants must prove their involvement in the activities of the project and ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution. It is a condition of funding that at least 1 Danish SME participates in the project. |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprise personnel (for universities and SMEs, based on an hourly rate of DKK 600), travel, subcontracting, office expenses & equipment (max. DKK 40,000 per participant), dissemination and other project costs (to be specified). |
| Further guidance | Detailed funding rules for Danish AAL participants, including further specification of eligible costs, will be published before the closing of the Call on www.fi.dk . Please contact the Danish AAL contact person. |

Finland

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| Funding Organisation | Tekes – Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation, http://www.tekes.fi |
| National funding commitment | <p>Tekes has committed a budgetary allocation of up to 5 million € of funding for Finnish participants in AAL Collaborative Projects, which have been successful in the project selection procedure. This budgetary allocation consists of following components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 3.0 million € of funding is allocated for enterprises (SMEs, large enterprises, associations) 2) 1.2 million € of funding is allocated for public research organizations (universities and research institutions) 3) 0.8 million € of funding is allocated for other organizations (municipalities, polytechnics, public utilities) <p>The budgetary allocation includes both the national funding and the expected EC contribution.</p> |
| National Programme | Finnish project partners are administered under the Tekes participation to the AAL Joint Programme www.tekes.fi/aal . |
| AAL Contact Person | <p>Ms. Anne Kaarnasaari, Tel.: +358 40 7235219, anne.kaarnasaari@nhg.fi Nordic Healthcare Group: the national coordinator in Finland for AAL Joint Programme www.nhg.fi Tekes: Mr Pekka Kahri, Tel.: +358 10 6055684, pekka.kahri@tekes.fi</p> |
| Eligible Institutions | Organizations registered in Finland (must have a Finnish Business Identity Code). The eligible organizations include but are not limited to small and medium sized enterprises, large enterprises, universities, research institutions, municipalities, public utilities and associations. |
| Eligibility criteria and funding quota | <p>Financial viability and business soundness of Finnish small and medium size enterprises will be verified. Fulfillment of tax and other legal obligations of the participants will be verified. Compliance with the requirements of State Aid on Research, Development and Innovation. For Finnish participants successful in the project selection, funding is granted within the following default parameters**:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs: R&D grant of 50% of the eligible costs. If an SME partner can demonstrate a leading role in the European consortium or an exceptionally high quality contribution, an R&D grant of 65% of the eligible costs is possible. http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/yritys/pk_tuotekehitysrahoitus.html - Large enterprises: R&D grant of 35% of the eligible costs. If an exceptionally high quality contribution can be demonstrated, an R&D grant of 50% of the eligible costs is possible. http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/yritys/suuryritykset_tuotekehitysrahoitus.html - Public research organizations: Research grant of 70% of the eligible costs (full cost model only) http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/laitos/mita_rahointusta.html - Public authorities (municipalities, health districts, public utilities): R&D grant of typically 50% of the eligible costs. If the contribution of the public authority partner can be demonstrated to be research, a research grant of 70% of the eligible costs is possible. - Association and NGOs: R&D grant of 50% of the eligible costs. <p>Eligible costs are: Wages and salaries, Indirect personnel costs, Overheads, Travel costs, Material and supplies costs, Machinery and equipment, Purchased services. Detailed description of the eligible costs is found in General Terms and Conditions (see below)</p> |
| Further guidance | <p>Funding rules and other documents of the Tekes funding can be retrieved from http://www.tekes.fi General terms and conditions for enterprises: http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/yritys/Yleiset_ehdot.pdf General terms and conditions for public research organizations http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/laitos/yleiset_ehdot.pdf</p> |



France

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| Funding Organisation | Agence Nationale de la Recherche ANR http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr |
| National funding commitment | 2 Mio. € (1 ANR and 1 CNSA) |
| National Programme | Technologies pour la santé et l'autonomie TecSan |
| AAL Contact Person | Professor Jean-Yves Boire Programme TecSan - Technologies pour la santé et l'autonomie Jean-yves.boire@agencerecherche.fr +33 1 78 09 80 29 |
| Eligible Institutions | French partners of an AAL project should belong to a French research organism (University, University Hospital, EPST, EPIC, ...) or to a French enterprise. A precise definition can be found in any call for proposals issued by a programme supported by ANR (see www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr) |
| Eligibility criteria | Financial viability and business soundness of French small and medium size enterprises have to be verified. |
| Further guidance | The general participation and funding rules for French partners for AAL programme are the ones applied within TecSan 2009 collaborative programme (see http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/AAPProjetsOuverts?NodId=17&IngAAPId=228) |

Germany

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| Funding Organisation | Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) / Federal Ministry of Education and Research http://www.bmbf.de/de/5701.php |
| National funding commitment | 5.0 Mio. € |
| National Programme | German project partners at the 2nd AAL call are administered under the Framework Programme „Microsystems“ („Rahmenprogramm Mikrosystemtechnik“): http://www.mstonline.de/foerderung/rahmenprogramm |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr. Hartmut Strese; Tel.: +49.30.310078.204; strese@vdivde-it.de VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH, http://www.vdivde-it.de Projekträger des BMBF / Programme managing agency under mandate of the BMBF |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | <p>German public and non-public universities and academic organisations, research organisations, higher and secondary education establishments as well as industrial and commercial organisations (especially SME) are eligible to apply for funding. Other institutions, e.g. hospitals and/or user organisations, may be funded if they proof their involvement in RTD activities of the project.</p> <p>The funding quota is 50 % for applied research and 25 % for service provider and user organisations. Euro-SME may get a bonus of 10 %. A bonus of 15 % may be granted, if at least two independent companies are involved in the project.</p> <p>All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution, i. e. the difference upto 100 %. Research institutions have to finance it on their own or may get the difference from project partners.</p> |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, other project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings), subcontract (to be specified) and indirect costs (synonym to overhead costs). For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front. |
| Eligibility criteria | The consortium agreement must state that rights on research results have to be maintained by the research organisations. |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the German Microsystems Programme can be retrieved from http://www.mstonline.de/foerderung/dokumente and http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/formular.html |



Greece

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| Funding Organisation | General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development http://www.gsrt.gr |
| National funding commitment | 3.0 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Greek project partners under the AAL call will be supported through the National Programme of Public Investment, according to the guidelines of the R&D funding for commercial partners and research institutions (compliance to the rules of financial control by the State) |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr. S. Kolyva Tel: 30-210-7458094, email : skolyva@gsrt.gr General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development Mesogeion 14 11510 Athens Greece |
| Eligible Institutions | <p>Eligible enterprises are those having been operating for at least two (2) economic years and have published at least two (2) balance-sheets.</p> <p>Subcontracting cannot exceed 30% of the budget for the specific part of the project undertaken by the Greek project partner. Concerning the quotas of direct subcontracting and in order to ensure competition, the rules applied to all other European projects are also applied in this case.</p> <p>For Enterprises and Private Companies, their own contribution covers at least 50% of their total budget, in the specific project.</p> <p>Public contribution covers 100% (GSRT & AAL) of the budget of the Public Research Institutes and Universities.</p> <p>Activities already financed by public funds will not be financed by the AAL Joint Programme. (A formal declaration of the applicants not been so far financed or not going to be financed in the future for the same purpose, is absolutely demanded.</p> |
| Eligible costs | The eligible costs comprises personnel cost, travel costs, consumables, subcontracting (eg. SMEs to Academic Institutions and indirect costs. For the commercial partners eg. SMEs, the Presidential decree 274/2000 applies, www.gsrt.gr/legislation |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from http://www.gsrt.gr |

Hungary

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| Funding Organisation | National Office for Research and Technology (http://nkth.gov.hu) |
| National funding commitment | 2.5 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Hungarian project partners of the AAL call will be supported from the Research and Technology Innovation Fund. |
| AAL Contact Person | David Pap, Tel.: +36-1-484-2582; david.pap@nkth.gov.hu National Office for Research and Technology H-1117, Budapest, Neumann János utca 1/C. |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business enterprises with legal entity and cooperatives registered in Hungary; Foreign-registered enterprises with branch office in Hungary; Non-profit organisations with legal entity; Public bodies or their institutes with legal entity. <p>Each organization might be funded if they proof their involvement in RTD activities of the project. All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution.</p> <p>The general funding quota is 100 % for mainly basic research, 50 % for applied research and 25 % for experimental development projects. For the detailed quota please visit the national reference link.</p> |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, other project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings), subcontract (to be specified) and indirect costs (synonym to overhead costs). For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front. |
| Eligibility criteria | <p>Any applicant who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is subject to bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings, or dissolution procedure; Has been guilty of making false declarations during earlier calls under the Research and Technology Innovation Fund or under the targeted allocations provided by paragraph (2) of section 16. of Act XC. of 2003 on the Research and Technology Innovation Fund, or has been breached its obligations arising from an earlier funding contract; Has had expired public dues for more than 60 days; Has been expired liabilities to the Fund or to the Fund or to the targeted allocations provided by paragraph (2) of section 16. of Act XC. of 2003 on the Research and Technology Innovation Fund more than 60 days;intends to carry out activities or projects not complying with environmental requirements; has not got the necessary permits issued by the competent authority for the proposed activities; qualifies as an undertaking in difficulty as described in 2.1 point of Communication from the Commission No 2004/C 244/02 on State |



aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty;

- has been ordered by a decision of the European Commission to reimburse any aid; shall be ineligible

shall be ineligible, shall be excluded from the evaluation and shall not receive financial contribution.

For further information and guidance please visit the link below or contact the national contact person.

Further guidance

Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from <http://nkth.gov.hu/aal>

Ireland

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| Funding Organisation | Enterprise Ireland ; www.enterprise-ireland.com |
| National funding commitment | 0.5 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Irish project partners will be supported under Enterprise Irelands general mandate to fund applied research and development in Ireland, in particular according to the guidelines of the R&D fund for commercial partners and the Commercialisation Fund for research institutions. |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr. Gerard Butler; Tel.: +353 1 8082738; gerry.butler@enterprise-ireland.com Enterprise Ireland ICT Commercialisation Glasnevin Dublin 9 |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | Companies that are eligible to receive R&D funding from one of the following agencies will be considered for national funding; Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Shannon Development. Indicative Maximum Funding will be 50 % for SMEs and 40% for larger companies, but company rates may be reduced below this depending on past funding history; companies should contact their development advisors for actual rates available to them under the R&D scheme. Limited subcontracting may be permitted. All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution. Regarding universities when a final decision is made this will be posted at www.enterprise-ireland.com/aal |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, other direct project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings), subcontract (to be specified) and indirect costs which must be included in the overall budget for company participants For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front. |
| Eligibility criteria | The relevant national funding agency should be satisfied that a company seeking national funding has the potential to derive a benefit, proportionate to the national funding being sought, through the exploitation of the results of the proposed project or otherwise. |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/AAL/ and from Commercialisation Fund and R&D Fund sections of the Enterprise Ireland Website (Research and Innovation) |



Israel

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| Funding Organisation | Office of Chief Scientist (OCS), Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor www.ocs.moital.gov.il/madan |
| National funding commitment | 1.0 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Israeli project partners are administered under the OCS participation to the AAL Joint Programme |
| AAL Contact Person | ISERD- Israel-Europe R&D Directorate for the EU FP: Ms. Hadas Daar, hadas@iserd.org.il Mr. Aviv Zeevi, aviv@iserd.org.il |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | Organizations registered in Israel. The eligible organizations include and are limited to small and medium sized enterprises, and large enterprises. Academic and research institutes are not eligible |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, other project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings), subcontract (to be specified) and indirect costs (synonym to overhead costs). For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front. |
| Eligibility criteria | For each collaborative project consortia with Israeli partners, there must be at least 1 Israeli enterprise partner with proven capability to exploit the project results in its business internationally. |
| Further guidance | Funding rules and other documents of the OCS funding can be retrieved www.ocs.moital.gov.il/madan The law, including funding levels: http://www.moital.gov.il/NR/exeres/8F2B82CC-C6DE-4993-A7B5-4A9DA5713A2D.htm General terms and conditions for enterprises: http://www.moital.gov.il/NR/exeres/C4A8C9EC-7BDF-431D-AEC5-5CBB57D839FC.htm |

Italy

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| Funding Organisation | Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR) http://www.miur.it/0003Ricerca/index_cf3.htm |
| National funding commitment | 4.0 Mio € |
| National Programme | Italian project partners applying for the 2 nd AAL call must abide by the FAR (Fondo Agevolazioni della Ricerca) rules, as set in the Ministerial Decree DM 593/2000 and its modifications. The only version legally valid is the Italian text published on the Italian Official Journal. These laws can be found on the web sites: - http://www.miur.it/0003Ricerca/0139FAR_-_index_cf3.htm - http://www.miur.it/0003Ricerca/0142Ricerca/index_cf3.htm |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr Luigi Lombardi (MUR); Tel.: +39 06 9772 6469; luigi.lombardi@miur.it Dr Vincenzo Delle Site (CNR); Tel.: +39 06 4993 2698 ; vincenzo.dellesite@cnr.it |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | Italian industrial entities (especially SMEs), industrial consortia, scientific and technological parks, universities, as well as public and non-public research organisations are eligible to apply for funding. All organisations must be registered in Italy. The granted funding quota will be: 50% of eligible costs for applied research activities 25% of eligible costs for experimental activities |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, equipment amortisation, materials, consulting services, indirect costs (overhead costs). Take note that under national rule dissemination activities are not eligible costs. |
| Eligibility criteria | Public organisations, universities and research centres must apply for funding together with industrial companies. The majority of eligible costs have to be held by industrial companies (SMEs or Large enterprises), except for the regions in southern Italy where the industrial companies must hold at least 30% of eligible costs. The financial check of Italian industrial companies (SMEs or Large enterprises) will be assessed after the evaluation and ranking of projects. No financial check is requested for public organisations. |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from http://www.miur.it/UserFiles/2886.pdf |

Luxembourg – Public Sector

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| Funding Organisation / National Programme | Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) / National Research Fund http://www.fnr.lu |
| National funding commitment | 0.3 Mio EUR |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr. Ms. Andreea Monnat Fonds National de la Recherche 6, rue Antoine de Saint-Exupéry P.O. Box 1777 L-1017 Luxembourg Tel: +352 261925-53 E-mail: andreea.monnat@fnr.lu |
| Eligible Institutions | Funding (of 100% of eligible costs) will be granted solely to Public Research Centres, the Centre d'Etude des Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-économiques, the University, and all other public bodies, departments and institutions authorised to undertake research as well as development and technology transfer activities |
| Eligible Costs | Full cost model of the respective institution except PhDs that are not covered. Are covered: Personnel, Consumables, Subcontracts, Equipment, Travel, Overhead and Documentation. Large equipment (>25.000€) AAL funding pro-rata of use on AAL project, considering amortization rules of host institution. |
| Further guidance | Funding rules and other documents of the FNR funding can be retrieved from: http://www.fnr.lu |

Luxembourg – Private Sector (Companies)

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| Funding Organisation | Luxinnovation GIE – National Agency for Innovation and Research, www.luxinnovation.lu |
| National funding Commitment | 0.3 Mio € |
| National Programme | AAL – Luxembourg |
| AAL Contact Person | Mr Jean-Michel Ludwig ; jean-michel.ludwig@luxinnovation.lu Luxinnovation GIE 7, rue Alcide de Gasperi L-1615 Luxembourg Tel: +352 43 62 63 1 |
| Eligible Institutions | <p>Projects have to be introduced by private Luxembourg companies (industrial and commercial) and primarily executed to the benefit of these entities. Research institution can participate in ALL calls for proposal but have to fulfill the relevant FNR criteria and rules for participation.</p> <p>Only private companies as described above are eligible for direct funding. The subsidy rates are in accordance with the European Framework. Maximum funding for experimental development (pre commercial research):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Sized enterprise: 50% • Large enterprise: 40% |
| Eligible Costs | <p>The following costs can be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel expenses, e.g. for researchers, technicians and assistants, including the social security charges to be paid by businesses; this amount may be set on a flat-rate basis by decision of the competent Ministers; • The historical or depreciation cost of land, infrastructure, buildings, equipment, instruments, tools and plant, provided these goods are used for R&D purposes only; • Consultancy or similar services, including the purchase of patents, user licences, technical expertise, and know-how; • Current expenditure, e.g. materials, supplies, use of existing plant and equipment, energy and transport required to carry out R&D projects; <p>Overheads costs will be calculated on a flat rate basis: 30% of personal costs The co-financing will not exceed 200.000 euros per companies</p> |
| Eligibility Criteria | An appropriate exploitation of results has to take place in Luxembourg. |
| Further Guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the programme can be supplied on demand |



The Netherlands

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| Funding Organisation | <p>Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport (VWS) / Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports www.minvws.nl.</p> <p>ZonMw is commissioned by the Ministry as the National Programme Management Agency that is implementing the AAL-programme in the Netherlands. ZonMw is an independent governmental organisation, responsible for the funding of the Dutch consortiumpartners of selected AAL projects. http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/programma-s/alle-programma-s/ambient-assisted-living-aal/</p> |
| National funding commitment | <p>1.9 Mio. €</p> <p>The maximum Dutch contribution per project is € 1 Mio.</p> |
| National Programme | <p>AAL is part of the national programme `Implementation of laboursaving innovations in long term care`.</p> |
| AAL Contact Person | <p>Geja Langerveld; Tel.: +31.70.3495158; langerveld@zonmw.nl ZonMw, PO Box 93245, 2509 AE the Hague, The Netherlands. www.zonmw.nl</p> |
| Eligible Institutions | <p>In principle any type of Dutch organisation/company that can contribute to the objectives of the 2nd AAL call is eligible for funding. Financial viability and business soundness of Dutch enterprises and organisations will be verified.</p> |
| Eligible costs | <p>For the AAL programme the ZonMw funding conditions are applied: <i>Subsidievoorwaarden ZonMw, januari 2009</i> (instead of juli 2004). <i>N.B. These ,subsidievoorwaarden 2009' will be published on the ZonMw website in Februar 2009 and are only available in Dutch.</i></p> <p>Eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs plus a percentage for overhead • Material/supplies costs (including AAL related travel costs within Europe) • Implementation costs • Machinery and equipment • Other costs <p>A more detailed description can be found in the ZonMw funding conditions.</p> |

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| Funding rates | The following funding rates will be applied to the different types of organisations: | |
| | <i>Type of organisation</i> | <i>Max. funding rate</i> |
| | End user organisations (organisations of elderly people, consumers, patients etc.) | 90% |
| | Other organisations (universities, research institutes, knowledge centres, care /welfare organisations etc.) | 75% |
| | In case of <i>enterprises</i> ¹ the funding rates will be applied according to the EC state aid rules. The funding rate depends on the size of the enterprise and the type of activity. | |
| | <i>Type/size of enterprise</i> | Max. funding rate |
| | | Industrial research |
| | | Experimental development |
| | Big enterprise | 65% |
| | SME / Mediumsized enterprise | 75% |
| | SME / Small enterprise | 80% |
| | | 40% |
| | | 50% |
| | | 60% |
| Eligibility criteria | ZonMw eligibility criteria overlap with the EU-AAL criteria: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> timely submission by legal entities relation to the opened AAL-call i.c. "ICT based solutions for advancement of social interaction of elderly people. | |
| | In the <u>second stage</u> the Dutch selected consortium partners have to comply with: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submittance according to ZonMw procedures (e.g. uploading via Projectnet); Timely submission as specified in the invitation letter that ZonMw will send to the selected partners Submission of a complete proposal, signed by the project manager and the legal representative of the applying organisation A view on the financial situation of the organisation Information on the submission for funding of the same proposal at other administrative bodies or organisations. | |
| Further guidance | Information about the Dutch AAL programme can be retrieved from http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/programma-s/alle-programma-s/ambient-assisted-living-aal/ | |
| | Funding conditions and other documents related to funding by ZonMw can be retrieved from http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/ | |

¹ Enterprises are defined as undertakings which are natural or legal persons engaging in economic activities. According to settled EU case law an economic activity is "any activity consisting in offering goods and services on a given market". This can apply also to research organisations, care providers etc.

Finally, it is the responsibility of the proposing organisations to assess if the activities for the AAL project are subject to the EC state aid rules.

Norway

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| Funding Organisation | The Research Council of Norway, http://www.forskningradet.no |
| National funding commitment | 0.8 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Norwegian AAL project participation will be administered under the IT Funk Programme: http://www.forskningradet.no/itfunk (Information in English at http://www.itfunk.org/docs/english.html) |
| AAL Contact Persons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maja Arnestad; Tel.: 47 22444023 / 47 92217212 ; maja.arnestad@arnestad.no Coordinator, IT Funk programme, Research Council of Norway • Tron Espeli; Tel.: + 47 2203 7313 ; tron.espeli@forskningradet.no Senior adviser, Research Council of Norway |
| Eligible Institutions | Universities and higher education institutions, public research organisations, companies (commercial enterprises - especially SMEs) and public service organisations established in Norway with AAL relevant activities are eligible to apply for funding. Other types of Norwegian institutions with AAL relevant activities may participate as subcontractors for eligible Norwegian participants. |
| Eligibility criteria and funding rules* | <p>General eligibility criteria and conditions for project funding from the Research Council of Norway (RCN) will apply (i.e. the recipient must be a registered legal entity, demonstrate financial viability, and provide transparency as to funding requested or received from other sources).</p> <p>Eligible costs will be according to general criteria and guidelines for project funding from RCN, in particular guidelines for User-driven innovation projects (BIP) as well as specific guidelines for the IT Funk programme. Further details can be obtained from the AAL Contact Persons (Norwegian National Contact Point, NCP). Potential participants in AAL proposals should contact the Norwegian NCP as early as possible. Partners in AAL proposals submitted without prior contact with the NCP will not be eligible for national funding from Norway. Funding rates* will normally not exceed 50% of total costs. Actual funding rates will be decided on a case-by-case basis. If more than one (eligible) Norwegian partner takes part in a project, one partner will have to act as coordinator for all Norwegian participants in the national funding contract. RCN will then make all payments to the national coordinator, who will be responsible for distributing the financial support among the Norwegian participants (on terms stated in the national funding contract) and for the technical and financial reporting.</p> |
| Further guidance | General participation rules and criteria applied by the IT Funk programme are relevant as guidelines for financial support for Norwegian participants in the AAL programme, see http://www.forskningradet.no/itfunk (in English at http://www.itfunk.org/docs/english.html) |

* Indicated funding rates apply to the total public funding for participants, including the European co-funding.

Poland

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| Funding Organisation | National Centre for Research and Development/Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju (NCBiR) ul. Ks. I. J. Skorupki 4, Warsaw, POLAND http://www.ncbir.pl | | | | | |
| National funding commitment | 0.5 Mio. € | | | | | |
| AAL Contact Person | Paweł Marć, NCBiR, tel.:+48 515 061 546, marc@ncbir.pl | | | | | |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | Public and non-public universities, institutes established by Polish Academy of Sciences, R&D units (branch research units), research institutes (including international), enterprises (including SME) with R&D status according with national programs. Organizations must be registered in Poland. Funding quota are as such: | | | | | |
| | | Type of organization | Large Enterprises, Groups and Associations of Enterprises [%] | Medium Enterprises [%] | Small Enterprises [%] | Public Research Institutes and Universities [%] |
| Type of activity | | | | | | |
| Fundamental/Basic Research | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Industrial/Applied Research projects | | 60 | 60 | 80 | 100 | |
| Experimental development projects | | 25 | 50 | 65 | 100 | |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises direct costs as: personnel costs, amortisation of the research equipment, materials, travel, subcontracting (to be specified) and indirect costs (overheads) limited up to 20% of direct eligible costs. | | | | | |
| Eligibility criteria | The consortium agreement must state that rights on research results have to be maintained by the research organisations. | | | | | |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from http://www.ncbir.pl/aal | | | | | |

Portugal

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| Funding Organisation | FCT – Science and Technology Foundation (Portuguese Funding Agency for Scientific Research), http://www.fct.mctes.pt |
| National funding commitment | 500.000 € |
| AAL Contact Person | <p>The National strategic coordination for Portuguese participation in the AAL Programme is entrusted to: UMIC – The Knowledge Society Agency – http://www.unic.pt Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education Contact person: Mr. Antonio Mendes dos Santos, Tel.: +351 21 111 9641, antonio.santos@unic.pt</p> <p>The National Funding Agency for the Portuguese participation in the AAL Programme is: FCT – Science and Technology Foundation (Portuguese Funding Agency for Scientific Research) - http://www.fct.mctes.pt Contact persons: Mr. Vasco Varela, tel.: +351 21 392 4300, vasco.varela@fct.mctes.pt Ms. Isabel Figueiredo, tel.: +351 21 392 4300, Isabel.figueiredo@fct.mctes.pt</p> |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | <p>The following organizations (registered in Portugal) may apply for the funding of R&D Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Institutions of higher education, their institutes and R&D centers; b) State Laboratories; c) Associate Laboratories; d) Non-profit private institutions which the main purpose is to undertake R&D activities; e) Companies, when they form part of consortia with R&D institutions or are involved in integrated R&D programs; f) Other public or private institutions with S&T activities. <p>Funding is 100%, except for Companies, the funding of which can not exceed the limit of 50% of the total cost of their participation. During the execution of the project the Companies should present to FCT, the documents related to the total expenses made, either financed by FCT or by themselves.</p> |
| Eligible Costs | <p>The following expenditure is considered eligible for reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Human Resources; b) Missions in Portugal and abroad; c) Consultants; d) Acquisition of services; e) Other current expenditure, directly related to the realization of the project. f) Capital expenditure related to the acquisition, under any form, of instruments and equipment, whenever these are directly and unequivocally used by the project g) General expenditure of institutions arising from the project's activities, up to the limit of 20% of the total eligible expenditure |
| Further guidance | General terms and conditions, funding rules and other documents governing FCT funding can be retrieved from http://www.fct.mctes.pt |

Romania

| Funding Organisation | Centrul National de Management Programe (CNMP) / National Centre For Programme Management (NCPM), http://www.cnmp.ro | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| National funding commitment | 0.2 Mio. € | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Programme | Programme Partnerships („Parteneriate“): http://www.cnmp.ro/pncdi2/program4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AAL Contact Person | Dr. Ing. Adrian Stoica; Tel.: +40.21.3115992; adrian_stoica@cnmp.ro National Centre For Programme Management - 21-25 Mendeleev street, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | <p>The following legal entities are eligible for funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enterprises: Industrial and commercial organizations (especially SMEs) and Institutions of the social and health care sector (including non profit oriented institutions) research organisations (universities, research institutes) associations (including organizations representing elderly people and their relatives, interest groups, etc.) public bodies; <p>The legal entities that don't have research and development activities in their activity object, cannot participate in this AAL projects.</p> <p>The maximum funding rates for Romanian Enterprises according to the specific type of research, are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Small Enterprise</th> <th>Medium size Enterprise</th> <th>Large Enterprise</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental research</td> <td>100 %</td> <td>100 %</td> <td>100 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial research</td> <td>80 %</td> <td>75 %</td> <td>65 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>60 %</td> <td>50 %</td> <td>40 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feasibility studies for industrial research and experimental development</td> <td>75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development)</td> <td>75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development)</td> <td>65 % (industrial research) 40 % (Experimental development)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution.</p> | | | | Small Enterprise | Medium size Enterprise | Large Enterprise | Fundamental research | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | Industrial research | 80 % | 75 % | 65 % | Experimental development | 60 % | 50 % | 40 % | Feasibility studies for industrial research and experimental development | 75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development) | 75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development) | 65 % (industrial research) 40 % (Experimental development) |
| | Small Enterprise | Medium size Enterprise | Large Enterprise | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fundamental research | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Industrial research | 80 % | 75 % | 65 % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Experimental development | 60 % | 50 % | 40 % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feasibility studies for industrial research and experimental development | 75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development) | 75 % (industrial research) 50 % (Experimental development) | 65 % (industrial research) 40 % (Experimental development) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligible costs | <p>The range of eligible costs comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> personnel (only the total sum of labour costs), equipments (maximum 30% of the national budget received), other project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings, etc.), | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subcontract (maximum 5% of the national budget received)• indirect costs (synonym to overhead costs). <p>For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front.</p> |
| Eligibility criteria | The eligibility criteria's are those applied to the projects from the Partnerships Programme, according to the national legislation as they are described in the Guidelines available on the website: http://www.cnmp.ro/pncdi2/program4 |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the Romanian Partnerships Programme can be retrieved from the Programme website http://www.cnmp.ro/pncdi2/program4 |

Slovenia

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| Funding Organisation | Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, http://www.mvzt.gov.si |
| National funding commitment | 0.2 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Slovenian project partners will be supported under Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology general mandate to fund applied research and development in Slovenia in according to national RTD rules and regulations. |
| AAL Contact Person | Robert Guštin, M.Sc.; Tel.: +386 1 478 4774; robert.gustin@gov.si Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Information Society Directorate Kotnikova 38 1000 Ljubljana |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | Slovenian public and non-public academic organisations, research organisations, industrial and commercial organisations (especially SME) are eligible to apply for funding. Other institutions and user organisations may be funded if they proof their involvement in RTD activities of the project. The funding quota is 50 % for mainly basic research and for applied research. All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution. |
| Eligible costs | The range of eligible costs comprises personnel, other project costs (e.g. travel, materials, meetings), subcontract (to be specified) and indirect costs (synonym to overhead costs). For any other type of costs, please contact the indicated contact person up front. |
| Eligibility criteria | The consortium agreement must state that rights on research results have to be maintained by the research organisations. |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents of the German Microsystems Programme can be retrieved from http://www.mstonline.de/foerderung/dokumente and http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/formular.html |



Spain - Instituto de Salud Carlos III

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| Funding Organisation | Instituto de Salud Carlos III. www.isciii.es |
| Initial Funding commitment | <p>2.4 Mio. € of Spain´s funding for eligible institutions with legal personality placed in Spain, preferably split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 Mio. € are allocated for eligible Public and Private non for profit institutions with a health mission (e.g hospitals or other health care settings) and other eligible Spanish institutions with a health mission or within the National Health System of Spain. • 0.4 Mio. € are allocated for other eligible institutions. <p>10-15 project Spanish partners of “AAL” transnational consortia are tentatively pre- envisaged they may be granted with this initial funding commitment.</p> |
| Cap Spain´s funding per grant awarded to an eligible project Spanish partner as beneficiary institution (including overheads) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 300,000 € if the project Spanish partner is the “AAL” transnational consortium coordinator of a 3 year project. • Up to 250,000 € if the project Spanish partner is the “AAL” transnational consortium coordinator of a 2 year project. • Up to 200,000 € if the project Spanish partner is not the “AAL” transnational consortium coordinator of a 3 year project. • Up to 150,000 € if the project Spanish partner is not the “AAL” transnational consortium coordinator of a 2 year project. • Up to 25,000 € for a project Spanish partner of an “AAL” transnational consortium of 1 year project. • Up to 21% of the Spain´s national funds as Overheads (ex officio) of the approved grant. |
| National Programme | The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud [“AES”]</i> of the National R&D&I National Plan 2008-2011 of Spain. |
| “AAL” National Contact Person | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Druet (mdruet@isciii.es, tel.: [++34] 91 82 22530). Instituto de Salud Carlos III Sinesio Delgadod 6 E-28029 Madrid – Spain |
| Type/nature of consortium partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprises • User organisations and other service providers • Research organisations • Groups and Associations of the above mentioned Institutions. |
| Eligible beneficiary Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public R&D centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public institutions with a health mission (e.g hospitals or other health care settings) as well as other public organisations with a health mission. [Any of them within the National Health System that manages Research via a Foundation (according to the Act 50/2002, of December 26 th) must also present the foundation’s statutes]. ○ The ones recognized as such according to the Act 13/1986, of April 14 th, as well as the other ones hold by Public Administrations ○ Public Universities too. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private R&D centers, non for profit, with own legal personality and proof of capacity or activity in relation to R&D actions [They must submit their statutes in which it must be stated a mission and aims in relation to a capacity and activities in R&D actions]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private health institutions (e.g. hospitals or other health care settings), as well as other private organisations with a health mission. ○ Private Universities. |
| Eligible Researchers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A private R&D centers must present a proof of the legal link between it as a project Spanish partner and every respective researcher included as research team of it within an “AAL” transnational consortium. • Each researcher of the core research team of a project Spanish partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with such a partner of an “AAL” transnational consortium, lasting until the end of the “AAL” project or further. Students are not eligible as research team members • The Principal Investigator of the research team of a project Spanish partner within and “AAL” transnational consortium must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project Spanish partner lasting until the end of the granted “AAL” project or further. • Ineligible personnel as Principal Investigator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Those on training as Health Specialist. ○ Those on research training (e.g. PhD fellows or on contracts “Rio Hortega”). ○ Research personnel contracted by a CIBER, a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER. ○ Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts “Sara Borrel” or contracts “Juan de la Cierva”). |
| Eligible Project Duration: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or 2 or 3 years (no other duration allowed) |
| Eligible Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Small] Equipment: up to 40,000.00 € of the Spain’s funds per project Spanish partner grant. • Consumables. • Commissions [Subcontracts]: up to 50% of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant. • Travel and allowance just only for the research team members: up to 3,000.00 € per project Spanish partner and year. • Hiring technical manpower: (other than core research team members): 1 contract per 3 year project. Prefixed balk cost (salary + taxes + social security, etc.) for 1 full time contract up to 3 years (part time: proportionate accordingly): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical expert, higher degree: 29,500.00 € / 1 st year, 30,000.00 € / 2 nd year, 30,500.00 € / 3 rd year. ○ Technical expert, medium degree: 24,500.00 € / 1 st year, 25,000.00 € / 2 nd year; 25,500.00 € / 3 rd year. ○ Technical expert, FP II: 20,500.00 € / 1 st year, 21,000.00 € / 2 nd year, 21,500.00 € / 3 rd year ○ No other categories (e.g. Fellowships and Student) are eligible as hired manpower. |
| Grant delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISCIII may be unable to grant a project Spanish partner of a centrally assessed successful AAL consortium, if the administrative documents required for funding have not been provided by October 2009.. Just in case, it may be applied to the concerned project Spanish partner and its “AAL” transnational consortium the provisions referring to project partner with unavailable funds, as appropriate. • Spain’s funds are delivered to the beneficiary institution (every year pre-financing, after financial viability, checks and assessments) • European funds may be delivered after their reception in the funding body following to the justification of national ones’ delivery. |

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| Funding optimization | <p>ISCIII will preferably fund institutions with a health mission (e.g hospitals or other health care settings) as well as Universities and Research Centers while MITYC generally fund Enterprises and Technological Centres. Nevertheless, ISCIII and MITYC as funding bodies, may distribute between both of them project Spanish partners of centrally assessed successful AAL transnational consortia applicants in order to optimize the respective initial budget commitment and within the boundaries of respective eligibility of beneficiary institutions, researchers and costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Spanish partners must always meet the applicable eligibility criteria of the designated funding body. • Just in case project Spanish partner's refusal after such distribution, it will be applied to the concerned "AAL" transnational consortium the provisions referring to project partner withdrawal, as appropriate |
| Further guidance | <p>The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud</i> ["AES"]) participation guidelines and rules are published in the corresponding issue of the Official Gazette of Spain (= "Boletín Oficial del Estado" ["BOE"]):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://aes.isciii.es <p><i>Legal frame</i> [mandatory to fulfil as well as other concomitant applicable legal requirements, and as appropriate]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 14/2007 of July 3rd, 2007, of Biomedical Research. • Organic Act 3/2007, of March 22nd, for Effective equality of Men and Women [of Spain]. • Act 40/2002, of December 26th, on Foundations • Act 30/1992, 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure • Act 30/2007 of 30th October, for Public Sector Contracts • Annual General Budget Acts. • General Act 47/2007, of November 26, for Budgeting. • General Act 38/2003, of November 17 th, 2007, of Grants. Among other issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to be up to date in payments of taxes and social security contributions: This requirements must be fulfilled just before paying. ○ Legal requirements to obtain the beneficiary status of collaborative institution: according to articles 12, 13.2, 15 and 16. ○ Subcontracting: according to articles 29.2 and 29.7. • Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21st July (Regulations of the Act 38/2003 of November 17 th, General of Grants) • Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation • (2006/C 323/01): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligible costs. |

* Please note: The amount stated stems from the national budget only. The European Community co-funding of this call-2 (2009) will finally be assigned to those member states with the selected proposals for funding matching the real national funds delivered to respective project partners as appropriate. Thus, a proportionate match of real national funds delivered to project partners will be requested by the AAL Association to the European Commission, that will transfer it to the AAL Association and from it to the respective national RTD funding body and from this one to the corresponding project partner.



Spain-MITYC

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| Funding Organisation | Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, General Directorate for Information Society Development (DGDSI) http://www.mityc.es |
| National funding commitment | 2.0 Mio. € (This amount will be effective once it have been authorised by the Spanish Council of Ministers) + 1 Mio. € extra depending on budget availability (not subject to co-financing by the EC). |
| National Programme | Strategic Action for Telecommunications and Information Society (National Plan of Research, Development and Innovation, 2008-2011) http://www.plannacionalidi.es/acciones-estrategicas/telecomunicaciones.php |
| AAL Contact Person | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan Miguel Ibáñez de Aldecoa Quintana; Tel.: [+34] 913462728; aal@mityc.es • Miguel Sánchez Domínguez; Tel.: [+34] 913462799; aal@mityc.es Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, General Directorate for Information Society Development (DGDSI) http://www.mityc.es |
| Eligible Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type/nature of participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enterprises ○ User organisations and other service providers ○ Research organisations ○ Groups and Associations of the above mentioned Institutions • Research organisations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public R&D Centres ○ Universities: All the Public Universities and the Private Universities with proven R&D capacity ○ Non Profit R&D Private Centres ○ “Technological Centres” according to the Spanish Royal Decree 2093/2008 of December 19th, Spanish Official Journal No. 20 23/1/2009 <p>NOTE: MITYC will fund, preferably, enterprises and Technological Centres while ISCIII will focus on Hospitals and Universities. Anyway, the MITYC as well as the ISCIII are free to state which of the successful participants will be funded by MITYC and which of them by the ISCIII in order to optimize the budget and within the boundaries of the respective eligibility of institutions. After such distribution of participants, they must meet the eligibility criteria of the designated funding body (it is important to take this into account especially in cases of institutions that can be eligible by both of the Funding Bodies, as Universities and Hospitals). Every Spanish participant in the AAL Programme will accept the decision of the MITYC and ISCIII regarding the entity that is going to fund them, although each participant will indicate which Funding Agency they prefer to be funded by.</p> <p>For R&D projects, the following aid intensities will apply:</p> |

| Type | Aid intensities | | |
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| | Large Enterprises/Institutions | Medium-sized enterprises/Institutions | Small enterprises/Institutions |
| R&D Projects | 40% of the eligible cost of the project | 50% of the eligible cost of the project | 60% of the eligible cost of the project |

NOTE: Public Universities and Public R&D Centres will be considered as medium-sized enterprises in terms of aid intensities and eligible costs.

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| Eligibility Criteria | <p>Administrative criteria (to be provided with the proposal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, e-mail address and telephone number of a contact person of all the Spanish organizations that participate in the project. CIF (company tax code) of all the Spanish organizations that participate in the project. In the case of a SME, all the documents needed to prove that, in fact, it is a medium-sized enterprise/institution or a small enterprise/institution, taking into account the rules of the European Commission. If these documents are not provided, the applicant will be considered as a large enterprise. To prove that the enterprise is a SME, the applicant can fill the corresponding document located at the following link and submit it with the proposal: http://www.mityc.es/ProgramaAAL/ <p>Legal criteria</p> <p>It will be also mandatory to fulfil other applicable legal requirements ruled in the following legal texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision No 742/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on the Community's participation in a research and development programme undertaken by several Member States aimed at enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new information and communication technologies Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01) Agreement of the Council of Ministers of 4th December 1970 Law 30/1992, 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure <p>In a subsidiary way, the following legal texts will be applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Law of Grants 38/2003, of 17th November Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21st July (Regulations of the Law 38/2003 of 17 November, General of Grants) <p>Financial criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MITYC will consider as eligible costs the ones according to the Strategic Action for Telecommunications and Information Society (Subprograma Avanza I+D). These eligible costs are, at the same time, the ones stated in the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01). Indirect costs (Overheads): a maximum percentage of 20% of valid personnel costs justified can be applied, without any specific justification documentation. These indirect costs include the travel expenses, so they can not be included in other concepts. The Spanish Public Authorities will check the financial feasibility of the selected entities to carry out the project. To that end they can request to the Spanish participants accounting reports, such as balance sheets and profit and loss accounts |
| Further guidance | Participation rules and other documents for AAL Spanish participation are available in http://www.mityc.es/ProgramaAAL |



Sweden

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| Funding Organisation | VINNOVA. www.vinnova.se |
| National funding commitment | 0.7 Mio. € |
| National Programme | www.vinnova.se |
| AAL Contact Person | Monica winge Tel.: +46(0)8 4733095; monica.winge@vinnova.se |
| Eligible Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems, as national Programme Owner in Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme for research and development (AAL), has to meet the following criteria concerning the type of organization eligible for applying for funding. Proposals have to include participants in organizations (legal entities) from the categories researcher and company. The category researcher has to be headed by an individual with a doctors degree and be submitted by a university. The category company comprises organizations that has been in business for a year and has acceptable finances. It is important that the company contributes in a way that makes it possible to deliver a time to market between 2 to 3 years. |
| Eligibility criteria and funding quota | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with the call text for call 2 |
| Further guidance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation rules and other documents can be retrieved from www.vinnova.se |

Switzerland

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| Funding Organisation | Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology OPET http://www.bbt.admin.ch/index.html?lang=en |
| National funding commitment | 2.0 Mio. € |
| National Programme | Swiss project partners are administered by the division “International Relations, European Cooperation” of the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology OPET. |
| AAL Contact Person | Daniel Egloff daniel.egloff@bbt.admin.ch Federal Department of Economic Affairs FDEA Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology OPET International Relations, Section European Cooperation Phone +41 (0)31 322 84 15 www.bbt.admin.ch |
| Eligible Institutions and funding quota | <p>The following institutions can apply for participation: 1. Public research institutions (universities, research centres); 2. Service providers and user organisations; 3. commercial organisations (SMEs and other industry bodies).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding quota is 100% for public research institutions which team up with at least one national service provider / user organisation and/or commercial organisation. • The distribution of project costs between the project partners must be balanced. <p>All organisations have to ensure that they can finance their own financial contribution (a financial viability check will be carried out by the national agency).</p> |
| Eligible costs | For the public research institution, the range of eligible costs comprises salaries of scientific personnel. Costs for infrastructure, consumables and travelling must be justified and specified. Not included are costs for equipment or facilities for the production process or for prototypes and their development to market maturity. |
| Further guidance | For more information, please contact the AAL National Contact Person. |

Please note: Switzerland participates under call AAL-2009-2 without benefiting from EC co-funding.

United Kingdom

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| Funding Organisation | Technology Strategy Board www.innovateuk.org |
| National funding commitment | 1.1 Mio. € |
| National Programme | The Assisted Living Innovation Platform: http://www.innovateuk.org/ourstrategy/innovationplatforms/assistedliving.ashx |
| AAL Contact Person | Graham Worsley Technology Strategy Board North Star House - North Star Ave - Swindon - SN2 1JF Contact: Graham.worsley@tsb.gov.uk |
| Eligible Institutions | UK based companies, and user organisations (Primary Care Trusts, Hospitals, local authorities, charities etc). Universities are NOT eligible. Funding for industry for applied research would be 50%, and for users depend on their legal status. |
| Eligibility Costs | <p>Eligible Project Costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Costs • Reasonable Overheads • Materials Consumed • Sub-contracts; Consultancy; Fees including Fees for Trial and Testing • Travel and Subsistence • Other Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training Costs ○ Preparation of Technical Report ○ Market Assessment/ Feasibility Studies ○ Licensing in New Technologies ○ Patent Costs ○ Project Management ○ Software ○ Receipts and Residual Values for Energy Projects ○ Legal and accounting costs <p>Ineligible Project Costs</p> <p>The following costs are ineligible and should be excluded from any part of the project costs and any overhead calculations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input VAT. • Interest charges, bad debts, profits, advertising, entertaining. |



- Hire purchase interest and any associated service charges.
- Advertising and marketing costs or activities.
- Profit earned by a subsidiary or by an associate undertaking work sub-contracted out under the project.
- Inflation and contingency allowances expressed as an overall arbitrary percentage, additional to eligible costs. However, reasonable inflation rates can be included in labour and material cost estimates.
- The value of existing assets such as IPR, data, software programmes and other exploitable assets
- Project audit or legal fees.