

# Call for Expression of Interest – Active and Assisted Living Programme (AAL) Expert Evaluators

Experts wanted for EU applied research and innovation programme in the field of ICT based solution for ageing well

*The AAL Association needs independent experts for the [AAL Programme](#), the renewed € 700 million applied research and innovation programme in the field of ICT based solutions for ageing well jointly undertaken by several Member States with the participation of the Union. The call for interest is launched now and will remain open until 2020. As well as attracting the best specialists of business in the field of ICT for ageing well, the AAL Association wants to boost the number of experts in the area of end-users integration in the context of AAL.*

Apart from evaluating proposals for funding, experts are needed for reviewing funded AAL projects. A broad range of fields are covered including ICT technology, social innovation, business and more, as set out in full in the [published call](#).

The objective is to ensure that AAL grants are awarded only to the best applied research and innovation proposals, based on a rigorous peer-review process.

Interested candidates are invited to send their application (Europass CV with a specific section on AAL expertise + one-page motivation) to [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu).

The call will remain open for the entire duration of the AAL Programme (2014-2020). The applicants will be contacted according to the needs of the proposed expertise. Please do not hesitate to send us any updates to your applications.

Experts who collaborated with the AAL Association under the AAL Joint Programme (AAL JP, 2007-13) are already in the AAL Programme experts database.

For any information or support you may address your queries to [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLISHED CALL

### New experts (evaluators/reviewers)

#### Who can be an expert evaluator?

You have a profile with:

- a high-level of expertise in transnational cooperative applied research and innovation projects in the field of ICT based solutions for ageing well
- a wide understanding of the principles for effective management of innovation projects participated by a diversity of partners' profiles such as SMEs, research and end users (primary, secondary, tertiary end-users)
- proven experience and know-how of methodologies for the effective involvement of end-users during the whole lifecycle of projects. This aimed at facilitating the level of acceptability of the proposed solution by the market in the commercialization phase of the project's results.

And you can be available for occasional, short-term assignments.

#### What do expert evaluators' assignments involve?

Experts, as peer reviewers, may assist in:

- the evaluation of AAL proposals
- the reviews of AAL projects

Assignments mainly concern applied research and innovation, falling within the AAL programme designed to address the demographic challenges Europe is facing through funding excellent technology and innovation in the field of ICT and social innovation.

Take a look at the most recently [funded projects](#)

#### *Registered experts evaluators*

- Registered experts can complete or update their profile at any time by **sending any update to [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu)**

- Your profile is only available to the AAL Association for consideration once it is complete and valid. Please contact us at [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu)

## **CALL TO BE PUBLISHED**

Call addressed to individuals for the establishment of a database of prospective independent experts to assist the AAL Association with tasks in connection with the Active and Assisted Living Programme (AAL Programme).

1. The AAL association hereby invites applications from individuals with a view to establishing a database of independent experts who could be called on in connection with the:

- Active and Assisted Living Programme 1 (2014-2020) , its specific Calls for Proposals

and AAL projects in the implementation phase funded under the AAL Joint Programme (AAL I) and the AAL Programme (AAL II) – mid-term reviews and final reviews.

Any other related needs that might arise under the AAL Programmes, including through the launch and implementation of accompanying measures.

2. Subject to the applicable criteria and procedures established by the rules for the participation and dissemination of results in “Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)”, the AAL Association may appoint independent experts to advise on or assist with the:

(a) evaluation of AAL proposals;

(b) reviewing of projects carried out under the AAL Programme as well as of previous the AAL Joint Programme;

3. To this end, the AAL Association hereby invites individuals to apply as prospective independent experts via the email [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu) .

The AAL Association may call upon the advice of the participating National Funding Agencies, National Contact Persons and other members of the governing bodies of the Association for the appointment of independent experts.

Independent experts will be chosen on the basis of skills, experience and knowledge appropriate to carry out the tasks assigned to them.

Prospective independent experts are expected to have a high level of professional experience in health, demographic change and wellbeing and in one or more of the following areas (but not exclusively):

1. Age-friendly environments outside home
2. Independent living at home
3. New concepts for sustainable care
4. Living well with age-related diseases and multi-morbidity

Expertise will also be required on cross cutting issues such as:

- International multi-disciplinary/multi-profile cooperation in science and technology,
- Administration, management or evaluation of applied research and innovation projects, programmes or policies,
- Innovation (technological as well as non-technological), including social innovation, innovation processes and management,
- Business management, with expertise in product/service management, marketing, investment and financial instruments (e.g. equity and debt financing), etc. particularly with regard to innovative SMEs,
- Use of the results of research and innovation projects, dissemination knowledge transfer and intellectual property rights,
- Assessment and methodologies for the involvement of end-users in projects and solutions for older adults,
- Understanding of older adults requirements and perspectives,
- Socio-economic sciences and humanities, including societal and economic impact and risk assessment,

- Responsible applied research and innovation, including public engagement,
- Gender equality,
- Ethics in applied research and innovation in the field of AAL (e.g. human protection, involvement of end-users (primary-secondary-tertiary), data protection, etc.),
- Programme monitoring and evaluation,
- Applied research and innovation policy
- Sustainable development
- Communication

Prospective independent experts shall also have appropriate language skills for the tasks to be carried out, in particular English.

5. All exchanges with independent experts, including the conclusion of contracts for their appointment and any amendment thereto, shall be carried out through the AAL Association Central Management Unit (CMU) based in Brussels. The CMU will manage the legal proceedings: the signature of the contract, amendments, notifications, payment, etc. The electronic signatures of the experts set on their drafted evaluation/review reports shall have the equivalent legal effect of handwritten signatures.

6. Applications may only be submitted via e-mail to [experts@aal-europe.eu](mailto:experts@aal-europe.eu). Early application is encouraged, as the AAL Association shall make use of the database of independent experts for its first proposal evaluation sessions under Call 2014, expected for the summer of 2014.

In order for applications to be accessible to the relevant services for calling on the assistance of experts under the AAL Programme, the Europass CV with a specific additional section for AAL expertise should be duly updated and completed. Areas of expertise and professional experience should be adequately detailed and documented.

Any personal data sent in relation to experts' applications under this call for expression of interest shall be processed by the AAL Association pursuant to Regulation [EC] No. 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of

individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

Such data shall be processed by the AAL Association solely for the purposes indicated in the current call for expression of interest.

Any applicant expert shall have the right of access to her/his personal data and the right to rectify any such data. Should [s]he have any queries concerning the processing of its personal data, [s]he shall address them to the AAL Association.

7. To ensure the independence of the work that they are called upon to perform in their capacity as 'independent experts', prior to the signature of their contract, they will be required to attest that they agree to abide by the terms of the code of conduct (including confidentiality aspects). In particular, they will be required to sign a declaration certifying that there is no conflict of interest at the time of contracting and that they undertake to inform the AAL Association if any conflict should arise in the course of their duties.

8. The AAL Association shall take appropriate measures to seek a balanced composition within the expert groups and evaluation panels in terms of various skills, experience, and knowledge, geographical diversity and gender, depending on the situation in the field of the action. Where appropriate, the private-public sector balance shall also be sought.

9. The AAL Association will implement appropriate mechanisms to ensure a reasonable rotation of independent experts for evaluations from one year to the next.