

Pre-announcement of AAL Call Challenge 2016

The AAL Association (<http://www.aal-europe.eu/>) would like to announce the challenge for the AAL 2016 Call for proposals of the AAL Programme:

"Living well with dementia"

"The contribution of ICT to integrated solutions for enabling the wellbeing of people living with dementia and their communities"

AAL Call 2016 is part of the Active & Assisted Living Programme (AAL Programme) that was approved in May 2014 by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

As part of the work-programme, the AAL Programme intends to launch in February 2016 a new Challenge-led Call for Proposals: **"Living well with dementia"**.

The aim of this call is to support innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects. The proposal must demonstrate a clear route to market and added-value for the different types of end-users.

People with dementia are confronted with a syndrome that increasingly affects their memory, thinking, behaviour and ability to perform everyday activities. The average duration of dementia is between 2 and 10 years and ranges from mild cognitive impairments to severe dementia. Dementia is overwhelming not only for the people who have it, but also for their caregivers and families and impacts them physically, psychologically and economically. Dementia is strongly linked with age. In the near future effective treatments for dementia are not expected. This means that support and care to an increasing number of people living with dementia will be needed in the coming years.

A key priority underlying this challenge will be to integrate existing technologies to create solutions based on ICT that will enable the wellbeing of people with dementia and their communities (family, caregivers, neighbourhood, service providers, care system, etc.). The proposals should include a user-centred approach as well as pilots with a considerable number of end-users involved in order to demonstrate the benefits and added-value necessary to make impact on the market.

Please note:

Final call information is intended to be published with the launch of the call on the AAL website at the end of February.

The AAL Central Info & Partnering Day is planned for the 8th March 2016 in Brussels.

All the information regarding AAL Programme Call Challenge 2016 is indicative and subject to change.