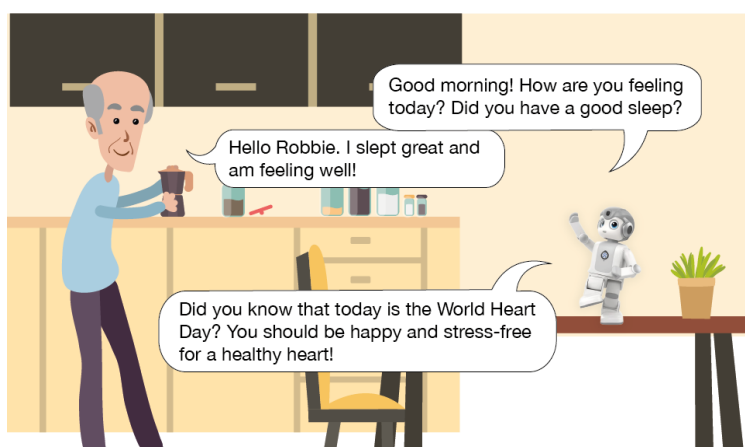


Press release

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The project consortium consists of eight partner organizations from six European countries, Cyprus, Romania, Italy, Spain, Hungary and Belgium, is coordinated by Materia Group, Cyprus, and aims to develop an innovative solution for the early detection and prevention of cognitive decline among older adults.



The emergence of the project idea was based on the premise that “People living with dementia* have a right to enjoy **equity of service and service provision**; to **participate in decisions** that affect them; to feel safe, take positive risks and enjoy freedom of choice; to have their **strengths and experience acknowledged** and used to maintain and **develop skills**; to attain and maintain maximum **independence**, health and wellbeing; to enjoy access

to **recreational, leisure and cultural life in their community**.” *Guide for Applicants Active and Assisted Living Programme Call 2019, p.26*

The project activities focus on the development of a smart, innovative and user-friendly tool which can provide continuous monitoring of cognitive functioning and early detection and prevention of cognitive decline, in a user-friendly manner. The tool delivers its services, i.e., meaningful exercises, serious games, monitoring of biometric data and a social platform for knowledge sharing with other people in the community, through a social robot, a tablet screen and smart wearables. The tool facilitates social cognitive stimulation among older adults, as well as, communication and health monitoring among caregivers and healthcare professionals. Given the current high prevalence of cognitive decline worldwide and the need for sensitive measures which can capture subtle changes in cognitive functioning early on when treatment efforts would be the most effective, the ReMember-Me solution would be a valuable tool transforming current practices and service models.