

# Active and Assisted Living (AAL) Programme

ICT for ageing well

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#### **AAL Concept**

- Extending the time people can live in their preferred environment by increasing autonomy, self-confidence and mobility.
- Supporting the preservation of health and functional capabilities of the elderly.
- Promoting a better and healthier lifestyle for at-risk individuals.
- Enhancing security, preventing social isolation and supporting the individual's social network.
- Supporting caregivers, families, and care organizations.
- Increasing the efficiency and productivity of resources in aging societies.



# What is the AAL Programme?



adults

COFUNDING ACTIVITY

- Applied research
- Innovation closer to market

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS

- > 3 countries involved
- Business / SMEs / Users / R&D

**USER DRIVEN** 

- Innovation paradigms
- Conception / Testing / Business



### History and Scope of AAL

- Since 2008, AAL has issued 7 calls for proposals each focusing on different issues and has funded 154 transnational innovation projects with over 1000 partners. Each project has to include an industry partner in at least one of the participating countries
- Canada became a member of AAL in Fall 2015. Canada's membership is led by CIHR, and includes the NCE's AGE-WELL and CFN.
- Participants in the 2016 call are: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (21 out of the 30 AAL country members)
- Consortia submit one common project proposal with one partner acting as coordinator. Each AAL partner state has specific eligibility criteria for funding.



#### AAL JP 2008-2013



CALL 1: Chronic Conditions



CALL 2: Social Interaction



CALL 3: Self-Serve Society



CALL 4: Mobility



CALL 5: Home Care



CALL 6: Occupation In life

#### Call 2014 & 2015

2014- Care for the future

2015- Living active and independently at home



#### Call 2016 - Living well with dementia

- Call launched February 26, 2016, deadline is May 26, 2016
- The focus is to fund ICT-based innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects with a clear route to market that support people with dementia and their caregivers to live in dignity and provide satisfaction through all stages of dementia, with support of the community
- The proposals should include a user-centered 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 a significant impact on the market



# Canadian Component

- The total Canadian amount available for this funding opportunity is \$706,000, enough to fund the Canadian component of approximately two grants (other countries will fund their own researchers of the same grant)
- CIHR will contribute up to \$117,666 per year for 1 grant for a maximum of three years. CIHR institutes involved in this program are the Institute of Aging (IA) and the Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR)
- AGE-WELL NCE will contribute up to \$117,666 per year for 1 grant for a maximum of three years
- Canadian Frailty Network (CFN) is also a partner in Canada's membership in the AAL



# Canadian Component

- NPA must be an <u>independent researcher</u> appointed at an eligible institution
- Canada will only directly fund Canadian researchers
- A 'Partner Search Facility' is available on the AAL web site for partner matching <a href="http://ps.aal-europe.eu">http://ps.aal-europe.eu</a>
- The Information Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> will be webcast live on the <u>AAL web site</u>



### How to Apply

- The funding opportunity (including consortium eligibility and national eligibility criteria) and application intake is through the AAL web site
- An abbreviated funding opportunity to be launched soon on the <u>CIHR web site</u> (ResearchNet) for intake of the Canadian budget only



#### Questions

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