The **Active and Assisted Living Programme (AAL)**

The aim of the AAL Programme is to improve the autonomy, participation in social life, skills, and employability of older adults by providing innovative Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)/digital-based solutions. These solutions, whether they are products, systems or services, aim to enhance the older adults’ quality of life, to improve the long-term sustainability of health and care systems, and to strengthen the industrial base in Europe and internationally.

The second AAL programme phase runs from 2014 to 2020 and has a **planned overall budget of EUR 600 million**, 50% of which will be financed by public funding and 50% by the project partners themselves. AAL is a country-driven programme, co-financed by the EU on the basis of Article 185. The public funding consists of national funding and EU top-up contributions from HORIZON 2020. The national budget commitments for each call are published together with the call text on the central AAL website. Currently there are 17 partner states (EU countries plus Switzerland, Canada and Taiwan) taking part in the AAL Call 2020.

Each **AAL project consortium** must consist of at least three independent organizations (legal entities) from at least three different countries. Further, the consortium must include at least one SME, one business partner and one end-user organization.

The topics of the annual calls for proposals of the AAL Programme focus on societal challenges. The **AAL Call 2020** will be published on **February 3rd, 2020** and will be open until **May 22nd, 2020**. The call theme is **“Healthy ageing with the support of digital solutions”**. The aim of this call is to support innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects. The AAL Call 2020 has the following key goal:

This call is promoting a life course approach to health and wellbeing. In addition to a focus on older adults, proposals could consider the applicability of the proposed solutions to other population groups where appropriate, for example the transition phase from a working life to retirement.

Proposed solutions should meet the needs of end-users, be it seniors, their carers or institutions providing care. Innovative approaches to deployment and adoption of ICT services should be part of the solution development alongside the development of the new ICT/digital products, as well as their integration into the regional socio-economic context.

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