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## 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).

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 2021** will be **open until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**. The call theme is "Advancing inclusive Health & Care solutions for ageing well in the dew decade". The aim of this call is to support innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects. The AAL Call 2021 has the following key goal:

While keeping an open call approach (i.e open to all 8 AAL application areas – see section 1.4), the call 2021 would like to stress three elements, namely an inclusive health & care approach (health prevention, preservation of physical & mental health, social participation), the stimulation and upscaling of innovation in active & healthy ageing through health & care ecosystems and the accessibility of digital solutions to end users, e.g through education for greater e-literacy.



The AAL call is promoting the transferability of both already developed or to be developed products or services into new geographical and technological areas. For this purpose, the context in which the solution has been implemented and the conditions and/or standards the solution would require to fit into different environments (country/region, type of care system, institutional/regulatory set up ...) will need to be clearly described.

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