



Pre-announcement of the 6th call for proposals of the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme

The AAL Association (<http://www.aal-europe.eu/>) will announce the 6th Call for proposals of the AAL Joint Programme: “ICT based solutions for Supporting Occupation in Life”.

In many cases, the active older adult is still confronted with a “deficit model of age” that – often unsubstantiated - assumes that occupational efficiency and general learning ability decline with age and implies that older people are less innovative, less productive and less able to work under pressure than their younger colleagues. Empirical evidence suggests that the biggest challenges for older workers are indeed physical strain, mental stress and smaller age-related limitations. This is accompanied by increased skills and competence based on work experience and changing values and attitudes towards work and career. Developments in technical and organisational means to retain the knowledge, expertise and abilities of older workers in the workforce – on a paid or voluntary basis - will help to lessen any potentially detrimental effects of demographic ageing on economic development.

Therefore, Call 6 of the AAL JP aims at funding the development of ICT-based solutions which enable older adults to continue managing their occupation – at work in an office or a factory (or any working environment), in a first or subsequent new second or third careers, in paid or voluntary occupation – while preserving health and motivation to remain active. The call shall target the preservation of cognitive and physical capabilities of older persons when performing their paid or unpaid activity.

It is anticipated that the call will be launched end of January 2013, with a proposal submission deadline end April 2013. Please note that the call topic will be further developed after the Forum and changes to the focus are therefore still possible.

Discussion of the topic at the AAL Forum 2012 in Eindhoven

The topic of call 6 will be discussed on 26 September 2012 during the AAL Forum 2012 in Eindhoven (Session B2, <http://www.aalforum.eu/page/session-b2-2012>). All members of the AAL community and all participants of the open consultation for call 6 are encouraged to attend. A key note speaker will give an introductory presentation, which is followed by a discussion of the topic.