

This newsletter is to inform you of the latest news in the Active and Assisted Living (AAL) Programme. As a European innovation funding activity, the AAL Programme supports international project collaborations in the field of ICT solutions and product innovations for elderly.

❖ **AAL Call 2016 “Living well with dementia”, closure date for proposals: 26 May 2016**

The challenge for the AAL Call 2016 for proposals of the AAL Programme is **“Living well with dementia” – “The contribution of ICT to integrated solutions for enabling the wellbeing of people living with dementia and their communities”**. The aim of this call is to support innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects. The call will be open until 26 May, 2016. The online application procedure is organized centrally by the AAL Association. Swiss organizations interested in participating are strongly recommended to contact the Swiss AAL Office at the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) before handing in their application. Please find further information on the AAL Call 2016 [here](#).

**Please note, that the Swiss participation rules have changed in two aspects.**

Funding agencies from the following **AAL member countries** participate in Call 2016: Austria, Belgium, **Canada**, Cyprus, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland. Note that only consortia consisting of project partners from at least three of the countries listed are eligible for participation in the Call 2016.

❖ **Register with the early bird discount from 18<sup>th</sup> May: AAL Forum, 26 – 28 September 2016 St.Gallen, Switzerland**

The AAL Forum is a **high-class, international congress**, which will be organized in St. Gallen, Switzerland this year. We are expecting approximately 800 participants making the event the most significant European platform for the AAL community. The AAL Forum will take place for the eighth time with the title **“Ageing well with technology: Innovations ready for breakthrough”**.

This year’s edition focuses on technological achievements and services that simplify the lives of elderly people and increase their quality of life. Many of the presented innovations are close to reaching marketability and looking for investors and market access. The higher life expectancy of today’s society opens a diverse and fast growing market offering AAL innovations many promising business opportunities.

The AAL Forum 2016 is organized by the University of Applied Sciences St. Gallen in cooperation with Olma Messen St. Gallen. This fruitful collaboration combines years of experience in the conception and organization of major events. The FHSG is pleased to offer you, as a company, association or institution, the opportunity to **become a partner or exhibitor and present yourself at the congress**. If you are interested in contributing to the AAL Forum 2016, please refer to the attachment written in English for further information (language at the event will be English).

For further information please contact Dr. Urs Guggenbühl ([urs.guggenbuehl@fhsg.ch](mailto:urs.guggenbuehl@fhsg.ch)), Beda Meienberger ([beda.meienberger@fhsg.ch](mailto:beda.meienberger@fhsg.ch)) or Felix Hug ([felix.hug@fhsg.ch](mailto:felix.hug@fhsg.ch)) from the Competence Centre for Ambient Assisted Living AAL-FHS, University of Applied Sciences directly.

Registration will open with an early bird discount from May 18<sup>th</sup>:

<http://www.aalforum.eu/registration/>.

**Please help us promoting the first AAL Forum in Switzerland by forwarding this information to interested stakeholders in the field of Active and Assisted Living, Active Ageing, ICT innovations, Age-Friendly Homes, Silver Economy, Smart Ageing and within enduser-organizations.** Postcard-sized flyers for distribution can be ordered via [swiss.aal@sbfi.admin.ch](mailto:swiss.aal@sbfi.admin.ch) or [christian.jauslin@fhsg.ch](mailto:christian.jauslin@fhsg.ch).

❖ **Register now: Smart Ageing Challenge Prize for your IOT innovation (Entry deadline: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016)**

The Smart Ageing Prize is run by the AAL Programme with the support of NESTA'S Centre for Challenge Prizes. The Prize is open to individuals, groups and organizations from the AAL member countries A **Euro 50,000 Challenge Prize** is set for the winner of an innovation that uses the Internet of Things (IOT) to empower older adults to achieve the quality of life they aspire to, socially and independently. - See more at: <http://www.aal-europe.eu/aal-smart-ageing-prize/>.

❖ **More Upcoming Events**

- [AAL Tagung für nachhaltiges Wohnen & Bauen für ältere Menschen](#), Basel, 11 May 2016
- [National symposium of ProSenectute on „care@home“](#), Biel/Bienne, 24 May 2016
- [European e-Accessibility Forum](#), Paris, 30 May 2016
- [Swiss eAccessibilty Forum 2016](#), Zurich, 1 June 2016
- [A business methodology workshop to bring your AAL project to market](#) (see attachment), Amsterdam, 7 June 2016 (Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> May)
- [eHealth Week](#), Amsterdam, 8 -10 June 2016
- [World Congress on Active Ageing 2016](#), Melbourne, 28 June – 1 July 2016
- [Info Day Horizon 2020 – Health, demographic change and wellbeing](#), Brussels, 8 July 2016

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