

This newsletter is to inform you of the latest developments in the **Active and Assisted Living (AAL) Programme**. The AAL Programme is an EU-funded research initiative dedicated to supporting the development of AAL products and solutions. The mission of AAL is to enhance the quality of life of older people and strengthen the industrial base in Europe through the use of ICT.

❖ **AAL Calls for proposals**

The **Call for Proposals 2016** closed on 26 May 2016. We are happy to inform you, that the participation and success rate of Swiss organizations in this year's call was again very high. In total, 40 project proposals with Swiss participants have been submitted of which 21 proposals were positively evaluated. 9 out of these 21 projects can be funded through SERI (success rate of approx. 25% in total).

At the end of this year, the call topic of 2017 will be pre-announced. The next call for proposals will most likely be launched middle of February. Beginning of March 2017, a central **information and networking event for call 2017** will as usual take place in Brussels. For Call 2017, we would like to especially encourage the inclusion of organisations from Canada in project consortia. To this end, an AAL information event will be held in Canada. Swiss stakeholders interested in collaborating with Canadian counterparts in AAL projects can contact the Swiss NCP.

❖ **AAL Forum 2016: "Ageing well with technology – Innovations ready for breakthrough"**

This [year's AAL Forum](#) took place in St. Gallen, Switzerland from 26 to 28 September 2016. With more than 450 participants, 39 matchmaking meetings, a hackathon, 30 interactive workshops and six tracks, this edition was well visited again and received a very good feedback. Stakeholders who attended the Forum had the opportunity to view many of the solutions that have emerged from AAL research from several exhibits. Robots, apps, virtual and augmented reality and many more products and services gave a real glimpse of ageing in the future. The event was vibrant and interactive, building on the creativity and the commitment of the AAL community. The [AAL Smart Ageing Prize](#) was another highlight of the event. This very first AAL Smart Ageing Challenge Prize recognized the most promising product for elderly connected to the Internet of Things (IoT). The competition was won by [Active84Health](#), a Belgium Startup company, which developed a smart system that allows the housebound to cycle wherever they want and stimulate memories thanks to the technology behind the system. The check of EUR 50'000 will be invested to take the product into nursing homes around Europe.

Watch the appealing [summary video](#) from the exciting AAL Forum 2016!

❖ **Online Repository of Innovative Practices on Active and Healthy Ageing**

The Repository will help to mobilise and gather resources and knowledge on Active and Healthy Ageing (AHA) to deploy scalable, innovation-driven and digitally-enabled solutions. By visiting this [Online Repository](#), you will be able to search innovative practices in the field of Active and Healthy Ageing from across Europe and share your own practices.

❖ **Upcoming Events**

- [Horizon 2020 Health Applicants Training](#), Bern, 20 October 2016
- [The Future of Ageing Conference](#), London, 9 November 2016
- [Informationsanlass zu Europäischen Forschungs- und Innovationsmöglichkeiten für Schweizer Unternehmen](#), Bern, 10 November 2016 ([event](#) in German)
- [AAL2Business Methodology Workshop](#), Lisbon, 23 November 2016 (for AAL project consortia)
- [Annual Conference](#) Joint Programming Initiative "More Years, better Lives" – Health, Ageing and Migration, Rome, 1 – 2 December 2016

- [European Summit on Innovation for Active and Healthy Ageing](#), Transforming the future of health and care in Europe, Brussels, 5 – 8 December 2016
- [AgeingFit](#), Innovation in the healthy Ageing, Lille, 2 – 3 February 2017

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Check the review about the AAL Forum 2016 in St. Gallen, Switzerland
such as further information and the video: www.aalforum.eu