



Smart technologies for self-service to seniors in social housing

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HOST is a transnational project in which are participating: three social housing operators, three SMEs providing electronic devices and services, and three research entities. The consortium consists of partners coming from the following the member states: France, Italy, United Kingdom and Spain.



The project in brief

The HOST projects aims to provide easy-to-use technologies and services in social housing flats to allow better quality of communication and a better access to package services for the elders.

Thus, HOST proposes a European model of ‘connected flats’ for elderly people, characterized by specific providers and housing operators through enriched supports.

In the modern digital society, people can avail of an increasing number of products, services, etc. via ICT. The complex skills needed to benefit from the current technological framework, tend to exclude an increasing number of elderly people as they do not have a sufficient awareness to identify and use the adequate technologies.

In this sense, the partners of the project will develop a digital infrastructure of the social housing and a gateway to their services providing to elderly people and their families user-friendly technologies and services.

Main goals

- To bring more comfort of living to the elders, to reinforce social inclusion (with friends, family, social operators, etc.) and to allow a longer stay in their house.
- To improve two way communication between the service provider and support services
- To improve efficiency in providing services.
- To get ready HOST technology for access to market in 2 years approximately.
- To raise transnational awareness among key stakeholders, key players and actors in the social housing sector in general, and the elderly people in particular.



The consortium



OPAC du Rhône (France) is one of the lead social housing landlord in France, planning, building and managing over 40.000 housing. It completed recently an ageing strategy: adapting flats to elderly people needs, developing partnership with social and health services and ergo-therapists. <http://www.opacdurhone.fr/cms>

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FINABITA (Italy) is Legacoop Abitanti (1.000 cooperatives) national service agency. It offers technical and financial services for the development of housing programmes. AeA provides guidelines for the improvement of the elderly housing conditions, promotes home helps and favours the development of an innovative housing offer. <http://www.legacoopabitanti.coop/>

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ADAMA (France) is a consulting firm specialised on the market of home care services information systems. Its current customers include the leader on the French market in the area.



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BioResult S.r.l. (Italy) is a SME providing solutions and highly innovative tools and technologies for planning and management processes in sectors related to life sciences and protection of vulnerable people (e.g. medical, pharmaceutical, social welfare, assistance, etc.). <http://www.bioresult.it/>



ERASME (France) is a Living Lab (member of Enoll network) specialised in designing new usages of technologies for administrations (Education, Culture, Elderly people). <http://www.erasme.org/>



Université Joseph Fourier Grenoble – AGIM Research Laboratory (France) concerns University Hospital of Grenoble (CHU de Grenoble) and various labs like AGIM3 devoted to the science and technology of ageing. <http://www.ujf-grenoble.fr/>



CNR-ITC – Institute for Construction Technologies ITC (Italy) is a Research Institute of the Italian National Research Council, a public organization whose activities include studies, experiments and certifications on building; evaluation of innovative construction products; design for all and usability, etc. <http://www.itc.cnr.it/>



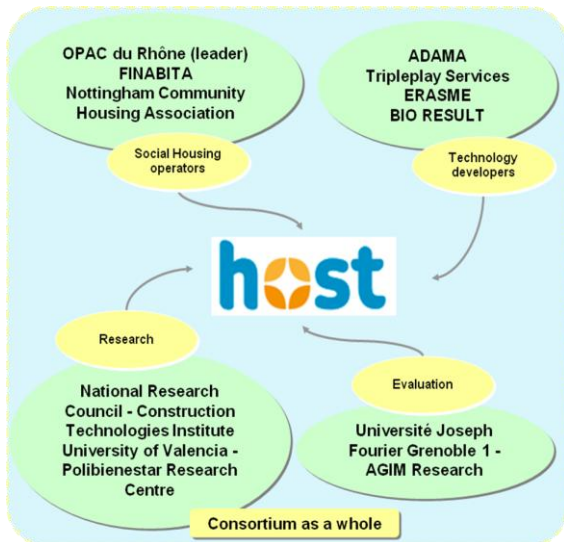
Polibienestar Research Institute from the University of Valencia (Spain) is specialized in research, innovation and social technology, technical advice and training in the field of social policies. <http://www.polibienestar.org/>



Kick-Off Meeting. May 4, 2011

The Kick-Off Meeting of HOST project took place in Lyon, France, on 4th of May, 2011. All partners that assisted reviewed and analyzed the project goals, the management and the next steps concerning all the WPs.

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1st Steering Committee. September 28, 2011

The 1st Steering Committee (SC) took place in Lecce, Italy, on 28th of September 2011 making the most of the AAL Forum 2011 held there.

All seven SC members (OPAC, FINABITA, CNR-ITC, NCHA, ADAMA, Tripleplay, Polibienestar) were attending the meeting, as well as additional organisations taking part in the meeting: Algoé, Associazione Abitare e Anziani – AeA – and BioResult. In total, 19 participants were present during the SC meeting. The meeting was moderated by OPAC du Rhône (Françoise Abry), and organized together with Finabita and AeA.

The aim of this meeting was to discuss the advancement of the HOST project and to agree upon the next steps.

The review of the content reflected the advancement achieved with regard to:

- The identification of users' requirements.
- The guidelines of ethics, privacy and security issues.
- The methodological reflections regarding the evaluation of the HOST services.
- The elaboration of the dissemination strategy.





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HOST is a project part financed by the European Commission under the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Programme, in the call of proposal 2010.

The objective of AAL is to enhance the quality of life of older people and strengthen the industrial base in Europe through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

Thus, the concept AAL is understood as:

- to extend the time people can live in their preferred environment by increasing their **autonomy, self-confidence and mobility**,
- to support maintaining **health and functional capability** of the elderly individuals,
- to promote a better and **healthier lifestyle** for individuals at risk,
- to enhance the **security**, to prevent **social isolation** and to support maintaining the multifunctional network around the individual,
- to support **carers, families** and care **organisations**,
- to increase the **efficiency** and **productivity** of used resources in the ageing societies.

Next appointments

- 1st General Assembly of the HOST project on 24th April 2012, Nottingham (United Kingdom)
- 2nd Steering Committee of the HOST project on 25th April 2012, Nottingham (United Kingdom)
- AAL Summit 2012. Market and policy development for an aging society, on 27th-29th June 2012, Bilbao (Spain)

The motto of the conference is “New Avenues to fill the gap between Health and Welfare demands and effective ICT solutions”. Its main objective is to address the mismatches between Policy and Technology in order to drive investment and to enable the deployment of AAL solutions at scale. More information at:

<http://www.aalsummit2012.org/>

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