



HOST celebrates a successful year of work

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The project HOST – Smart technologies for self-service to seniors in social housing – has just completed a successful first year with very positive results; especially starting the co-design process in the participating countries (France, Italy and United Kingdom).

Progress of the project

Since the official launch of the project, on May 2011, a substantial progress has been developed by the consortium. The main advances achieved are the followings:

- Definition of users' requirements and needs.
- Establishment and design of guiding rules and principles about ethics, privacy and security issues.
- Establishment of an Internal Ethical Committee with participants from each experimenting country and coordinated by Polibienestar Research Institute (Spain); as well as an External Ethical Committee in each experimenting country too.
- Preparation and implementation of co-design trials in each country.
- Establishment of the basis regarding to the evaluation process, including tools, key moments, variables/indicators, etc.
- Development of different dissemination means: HOST website (www.host-aal.eu), leaflet and poster.
- Achievement of several dissemination activities, as publications and participation in scientific events.
- Availability of several tools to facilitate the management of the project as the collaborative exchange platform for the partners.





1st General Assembly and 2nd Steering Committee. April 24-25, 2012

The 1st General Assembly (GA) and 2nd Steering Committee (SC) took place in Nottingham (United Kingdom) on 24th and 25th of April 2012.

The consortium partners (OPAC, CNR-ITC, ADAMA, Tripleplay Services, Polibienestar, NCHA, Finabita, BioResult, University of Grenoble, ERASME) as well as subcontracting entities (Associazione Abitare e Anziani, CECODHAS, E-Result, Algoé, University of Loughborough) attended the GA. In total 25 participants were present during the meeting, which was moderated by OPAC du Rhône (Françoise Abry), and organized together with Algoé and NCHA.

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The main discussions of this meeting were:

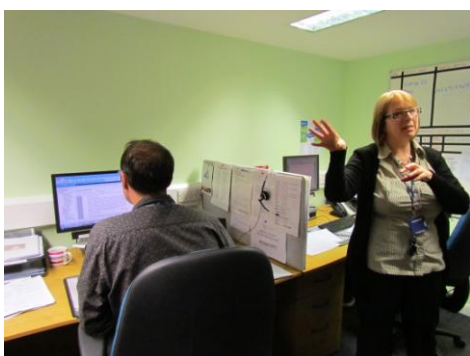
- State of the art in the Co-design process in France, Italy and United Kingdom.
- Establishment the necessity of a common assessment process and tools employed.
- Dissemination activities carried out since the beginning of the project and those planned for the future months.
- Project management issues.

Visit to the Smart Centre and to the experimental site in Newark – Nottingham

NCHA host and organized two study visits for all project partners: a visit of the SMaRT Centre in Nottingham and of the experimental site in Newark.

During these visits, John Bartle – NCHA’s Assistant director for Housing with Care and Support – and his colleague, Susan Crookes, showed the installations and explained the services provided. SMaRT is NCHA’s 24 hour support and response team, who provide an around the clock call centre service for vulnerable tenants.

In Muskham View, Newark, partners visited an older person housing where they saw an example of technology based on assistive living already working. Moreover, Silvia Scibetta and Peter Martin – Tripleplay Services – explained the service package offered to HOST participants in United Kingdom experimentation.



Co-design process

The co-design process has already started in France, Italy and United Kingdom within several experimental sites.

In **France** the first step of experimentation – co-design process – takes place in two neighbourhoods from Lyon with 15 participants. In a second step, experimentation itself, will involve about 60 participants. Through a wide assessment, target group expressed 30 needs to design the service package according to these main categories: organization/memory, communication/sharing, food and cooking, and health and medicines. The device available is a Tablet PC.

In **Italy** there are five experimental sites (Borgaro, Orbassano, Cesena, Lizzanello, Rome) with 20 participants in total. The devices available are: interactive TV, Tablet PC and Smartphone. And the services provided consists in: medical and home care, companionship, home assistance, entertainment.

In **United Kingdom** the co-design is being developed in Newark (Nottingham) with, currently, 18 participants. The technology employed is a plain ordinary TV that offers the following service package: TV, calendar application, message application, health and wellbeing and other services.

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Next appointments

- **AAL Forum 2012. Tomorrow in sight: from design to delivery, on 24th-27th September 2012, Eindhoven (The Netherlands) <http://www.aalforum.eu/>**



- **High level Conference within the European Year on Active Ageing, on 28th November 2012, Brussels (Belgium)**

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