



# Final stage of HOST project

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The HOST project – “*Smart technologies for self-service to seniors in social housing*” – is approaching its completion.

After challenging months, the experimentation phase has been finalised in France and in the United Kingdom; and will be finished in a few weeks in Italy.

Now it is time to do our best to compile the results obtained and to disseminate them to a wide range of stakeholders.

## Extension of the project for six months

On September 2013 the AAL programme and the involved NCPs approved an extension of the project for six additional months. In this sense, the new official final date is the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

This extension has been necessary to facilitate a sustainable progress of the experimentation and its subsequent activities for the Italian experimental case.

Moreover, it is important to emphasize that this extension is entailing more advantages:

- Additional time for the entire consortium to deliver better results, in the case of the evaluation process.
- Additional time to prepare final deliverables, as the Exploitation Strategy or the Assessment.
- Improvement of the quality of the final report with more complete and detailed results.

## Current situation of the project in each country

Although **French experimentation** encountered some delays, work is in progress and the experimentation phase is completed. Professionals from OPAC du Rhône, ADAMA and ERASME are working in the preparation of the Exploitation Strategy which will be finished on mid-February.

The experimentation in the **United Kingdom** was officially completed on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Tripleplay is currently working in the evaluation report with the results obtained in Nottingham experimental site; and in the preparation of its own National Exploitation Strategy.



In the last part of the project on the **Italian experimental site** the software related to House Maintenance will be finalized and the services be put in place. With the HOST system, users will be able to select a professional service they require for their homes (plumbers, electricians, etc.) in order to have problems fixed; and once the module is ready, a service framework will be established with local craftsmen to allow service provision. In summary, all the tasks related to experimentation will be concluded at the end of March 2014.

## HOST at the AAL regions workshops

The HOST project was represented by Françoise Abry from OPAC du Rhône in a **regional workshop** held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in **Brussels** framed in the AAL supporting action on collaboration with regions.

This was an excellent opportunity to promote the product developed within the project and its results through **networking** with a large **number of regional and municipal representatives** and politicians and National representatives of the AAL programme with responsibilities in health, ICT, Social Services and Social and Health Care.

The event – as other two held in Valencia on 18<sup>th</sup> October and in Vienna on 04<sup>th</sup> November – was organized by **Polibienestar Research Institute**, **Kveloce** and the **AAL Joint Programme**, with the support of CORAL, AER and EUREGHA networks.

The main goal of these workshops were the promotion of **exchanging experiences and opinions** among representatives of local and regional authorities and to raise the **awareness** of the AAL JP among European regions; in particular on relevant policies, implementations of such policies as well as financing of AAL solutions.





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## HOST Final Conference

On **06<sup>th</sup> March 2014** will take place the Final Conference of the HOST project in **Brussels**.

The programme can be downloaded from the HOST website: [http://www.host-aal.eu/files/content/sites/host/files/Documents/Final%20Event/Host conference draft programme.pdf](http://www.host-aal.eu/files/content/sites/host/files/Documents/Final%20Event/Host%20conference%20draft%20programme.pdf)

This final event will present the results of experimentation in France, Italy and the United Kingdom, as well as the key conditions for successful co-design and needs assessment of elderly users. These results will be discussed with a wide range of stakeholders from the European Union.

Attendants must register by accessing to the following link to the **online registration form**, which shall be completed and submitted by **February 7th 2014**.

### Venue:

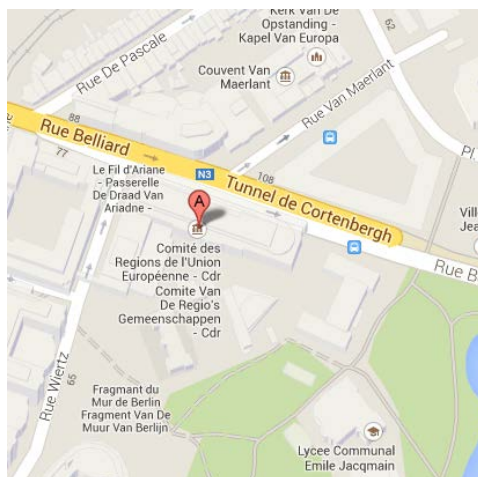
Committee of the Regions – Room JDE51  
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