



Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme: ICT based solutions for Advancement of Social Interaction of Elderly People



The Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme is a research and development activity part-funded by the European Commission and 20 European Member States, including the UK¹, and three Associated Countries. Under this programme, the second call has just been launched for projects on "ICT based solutions for Advancement of Social Interaction of Elderly People".

The aim of the call is to provide innovative products, systems or services addressing identified wishes and needs of the end-users (individuals and organisations). It aims to tackle the impact of current and future changes to ageing demographics addressing, among other things, quality of life, wellbeing, social interaction and connectivity.

It funds European collaborative projects undertaken by consortia made up of at least three independent eligible organisations from at least three different participant Member States or Associated Countries. Proposals must be able to demonstrate contributions to the project from technology, service innovations and end-users and also its potential socio-economic and commercial benefits from a European perspective.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 5 May 2009 and there is a total indicative budget of around €60m. Being only part-funded by the EC, national funding eligibility criteria (www.aal-europe.eu/Published/aal-2009-2/call-2-national-funding-information) for institutions and costs are applied. For the UK the budget is expected to be around €1m for SMEs, large enterprises and end-users organisations. This information, however, is merely indicative. Therefore it is strongly recommended that all applicants contact the AAL National Contact Point (www.aal-europe.eu/aal-ncp).

Key points to note

Project total budget: €1-7m

Maximum funding from the AAL Joint Programme: €3m

Consortium composition: 3-10 partners being at least three independent eligible organisations from at least three different AAL Member States. Consortia must include at least one eligible SME and one eligible end-user organisation.

Project length: minimum of 12 and maximum of 36 months

Deadline: 5 May 2009

Useful Links

Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme: www.aal-europe.eu/aal-2009-2

National Contact Point in the UK:

www.innovateuk.org/deliveringinnovation/internationalprogramme/ambientassistedliving1.ashx

For more information contact us at euofunding@gle.co.uk / 020 7940 1512

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