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# Launch of the European project DAPAS: Scaling Up Active & Assisted Living



DAPAS: Scaling Up Active & Assisted Living was officially launched in Graz (Austria) on the 18th September 2018. Funded by the European Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme, DAPAS is coordinated by exthex, an Austrian SME, and counts with the active participation of DEUSTO as partner organisation. Three other higher education institutions, end-user organisations and SMEs are involved in the project (see below the full list of partners).

Europe is facing a growing ageing population challenge. It is estimated that in 2060 more than a quarter of the European population will be older than 65 years. This comes with several challenges regarding health, wellbeing and care of the elderly. To answer these challenges, the Active and Assisted Living (AAL) Programme aims to improve older adult lives through the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) whilst preventing and managing chronic conditions and creating independence and participation in society. The overall idea is that ICT can enhance elderly lives independency at their own homes, enable self-management of daily tasks and increase their quality of life.

It is against this backdrop, that the DAPAS (Deploying AAL Packages at Scale) project was launched. DAPAS will run for 3 years and aims at delivering person-centred innovative solutions while bringing together successful outputs of previous AAL projects, such Emma, DALIA, zocaalo,

kwido and RelaxedCare. These innovative solutions will be combined in one single product for primary end-users and their carers and is expected to be distributed at large scale.

In a first moment, DAPAS will make extensive use of DALIA and RelaxedCare projects results and combine them in differentiated service packages. In a second moment, DAPAS will build up the organizational and technical structures and framework around the packages that allow for a distribution and plug & play installation at a larger scale. Afterwards, DAPAS will evaluate the distribution process and impact of the packages on end-users in three countries of different cultures and languages- Portugal, Luxembourg and Austria.

The project will engage 120 older adults and their formal and informal caregivers in the 3 pilot sites (Austria, Luxembourg and Portugal). They will participate in a study that will assess the (cost-)effectiveness and acceptance of the distribution process, the acceptance of the different service packages from a market perspective, and finally the effect of service packages on the daily life of the users and their relatives from a user perspective.

The 8 partners of the DAPAS project are:

<b>Partner organisation</b>	<b>Country</b>
exthex GmbH	Austria
Ideable Solutions	Spain
AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH	Austria
University of Deusto, eVIDA	Spain
Stiftung Hëllef Doheem	Luxembourg
Medical University of Vienna	Austria
New Design University	Austria
Caritas Diocesana de Coimbra	Portugal

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