

Virtual Health and Wellbeing Living Lab Infrastructure H2020 VITALISE project kicked off

On the 1st of April 2021, the Horizon 2020 VITALISE project officially kicked off. The full name of the 3-years duration project is "Virtual Health and Wellbeing Living Lab Infrastructure" and it was recently approved for funding in the frame of the Horizon 2020 European Research Programme (call topic "Integrating and opening research infrastructures of European interest").





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VITALISE aims to harmonize Living Lab procedures and open Living Lab Infrastructures as a means to facilitate and promote research activities in the Health and Wellbeing domain in Europe and beyond. Transnational access to 17 Living Lab research infrastructures and remote digital access to datasets (Virtual Access) will be offered to external researchers from all disciplines through three open calls starting from next year. External researchers will have the opportunity to conduct part of their study in

rehabilitation, transitional care and everyday life activities or any other domain by visiting the VITALISE living labs. VITALISE will design and develop ICT tools for shared access of similar devices and applications used across Living Labs, as well as for collecting, storing and sharing datasets. VITALISE will also invest in the development of Training methods towards the wider understanding and valorisation of Living Lab methodologies in the research community.

By bringing together three networks, ENoLL, Forum LLSA, and EIT Health Living Labs, VITALISE interconnects the majority of Living Labs across Europe to cover all European geographical areas and all the spectrum of the Health and Wellbeing

domain.

Coordinated by ENoLL, the VITALISE consortium consists of 19 partners from 11 countries, with excellent experience in all the tasks defined for VITALISE. In particular, the partners provide the project with scientific (AUTH, LAUREA, LICALAB, VICOM, CERTH, AIT, UPM, McGill, UDEM, TUE), technical (AUTH, VICOM, CERTH, UPM, WITA, VILABS), policy making (ENoLL, LAUREA, UPM, LLSA, TUE), Living Labs methodologies (ENoLL, AUTH, LAUREA, INTRAS, TREBAG, GAIA, AIT, UPM, LLSA, LICALAB, TUE, McGill, UDEM), innovation and exploitation (SIT, VILABS, AV) experience.

Non-partner Living Labs and individuals interested in the offerings and methodology of Living Labs can be involved in the harmonization process. How? You can join all knowledge sharing events on Living Lab procedures and services (workshops, interviews, questionnaires) and you can participate in the Harmonization Body meetings (bottom-up approach for standards creation, new standard every six months, new open tools to facilitate procedures and services). Find out more about how you can get involved in the VITALISE Harmonisation Framework for Living Labs by visiting our website.

Key project facts: Starting date: 1/4/2021 Duration: 36 months EC funding: €4,999,262.50 Project coordinator: Dr. Evdokimos Konstantinidis (<u>info@vitalise-project.eu</u>).

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