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Publishable Summary

Objective

The main goal of E-NO FALLS thematic network is to integrate and bring together knowledge, experiences and best practices acquired at European and international level in the area of fall prevention, intervention and safety, with the aim of coordinating ongoing activities and creating the necessary conditions and consensus on action plans, standards and specifications in view to ensure the widest future replication and co-deployment of innovative solutions (with special emphasis on ICT-based ones).

Chosen Approach

E-NO FALLS is implemented on the basis of a three-year work plan, which foresees timely completion of all the networking, coordination and dissemination activities outlined in the previous sections of this document, along with specific actions (i.e. working groups, workshops, awareness campaigns and exchanges of good practices) for bringing together relevant stakeholders, expertise and facilities with the objective of exploring new ways of implementing ICT-based solutions.

From a technical/technological perspective, most of the deliverables of the project will be public documents addressing roadmaps, toolkits and best practices guidelines and also recommendations for overcoming the main obstacles detected, contributing in this way towards the deployment of innovative ICT-based fall prevention and effective intervention solutions for elderly people while empowering an EU-wide market for ICT-enabled Ageing Well solutions.

An integrated methodology taking care of this approach has been developed, thus E-NO FALLS is organised in three stages (I, II, III) - each covering one or more work packages - and horizontal activities concerning the management and dissemination of the project.

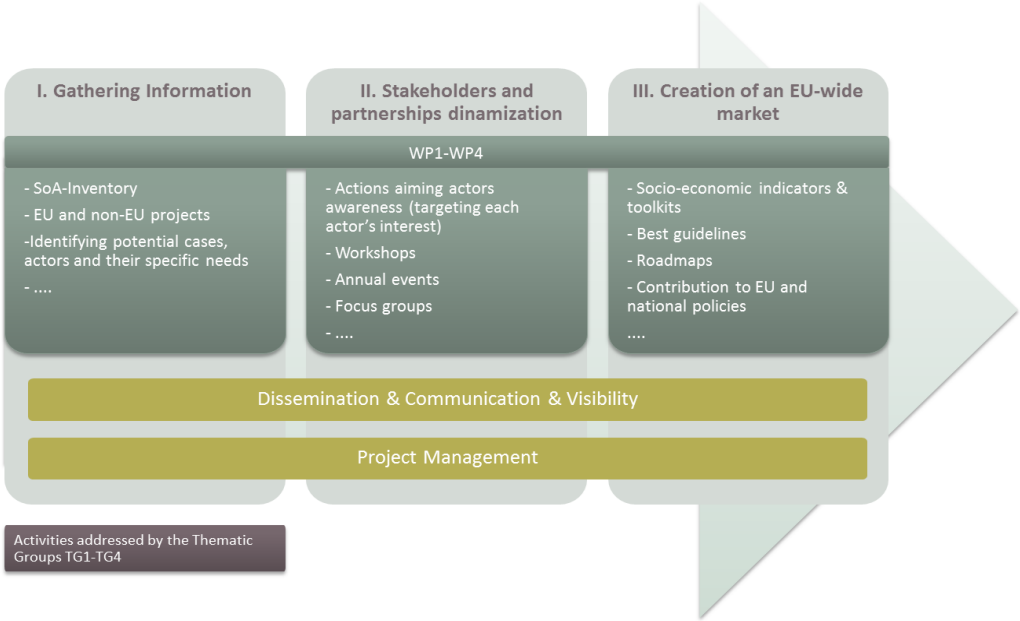

Figure 1. E-NO FALLS main stages and activities

E-NO FALLS Solution

E-NO FALLS is envisaged to act as a HUB in the sense that it is becoming a single point concentrating conclusions, references and links to all what is being/has been done in all issues research results, policy recommendations, market uptake...) related to fall prevention, detection, intervention and safety.

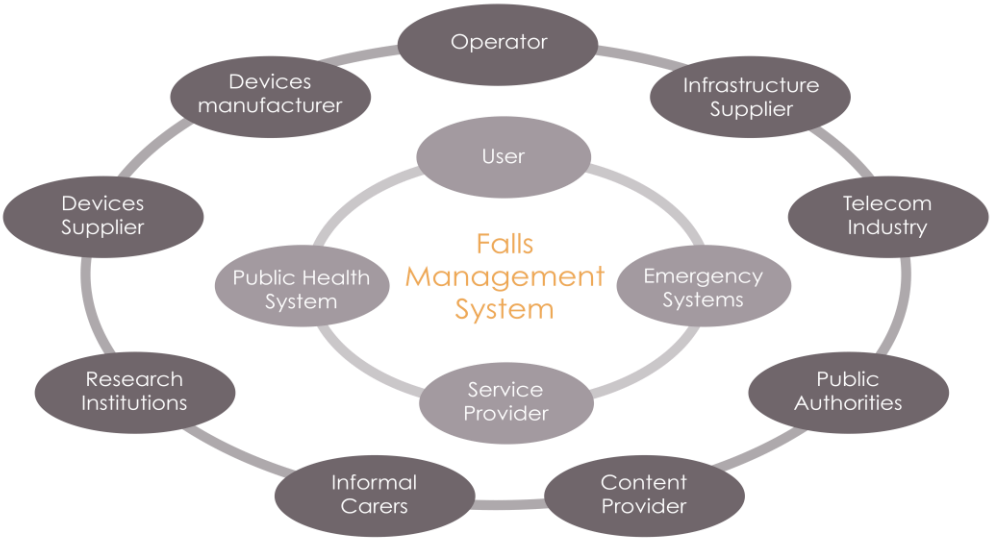

Figure 2. E-NO FALLS actors stakeholders

Contribution

E-NO FALLS contributes to the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) which aims to increase the average healthy lifespan of Europeans by 2 years by 2020.

E-NO-FALLS has been committed to the EIP AHA Action Group A2 on fall prevention and will actively support the implementation of the action plan. The Action Group A2 is based on Specific Action on innovation in support of "Personalized health management, starting with a Falls Prevention Initiative".

Alignment

In the same sense, E-NO FALLS collaborates with the PROFOUND thematic network through the alignment process, to ensure synergies and efforts sharing. The output expectation of the network is to maximize the social and economic potential of ICT-based solutions, while promoting and accelerating wider deployments for improving quality of life and sustainability of care for the ageing population. E-NO FALLS will provide a website repository of available ICT technologies for both falls prevention and detection. It will also included a revision of advanced prototypes developed in research projects.

The thematic networks E-NO FALLS and PROFOUND together with the EIP AHA A2 act as facilitators of the repository with the main objective to publicize ICT fall prevention and detection initiatives and deepen their knowledge through the interaction with all stakeholders involved in these systems, from the end-user to the decision makers. The repository is strongly related to the on-line innovation factory, a collaborative tool for the developing of new ideas for falls prevention technology.

Moreover, the alignment between E-NO FALLS and PROFOUND thematic networks actively seek and exploit synergies in terms of: activities, events, communication, deliverables, awareness campaigns and milestones.

Objectives Achieved

The project activities are scheduled along 37 months. During the first year, main objectives have been:

- To develop questionnaires to identify all the relevant stakeholders (their role, needs and expectations) as well as the actions they have performed related to falls prevention/intervention/security.
- To obtain an inventory of the methods used in the socio-economic and clinical impact assessment for falls prevention/intervention/security ICT-based solutions which are relying on each other.
- Development of Assessment Criteria and Comparison of socio-economic and clinical impact assessment methods.
- To identify procurers with the task/responsibility/budget to procure solutions for falls prevention.
- To analyse the best practices in applying Pre-Commercial Procurement in Europe (both ICT and eHealth sector) and some policy recommendations.
- Working on the inventory of best practices addressing sustainable business models for solutions related to falls ICT management systems.
- Organize a number of information exchange and consensus building events (1 international workshop, 3 local workshops).
- Start the dissemination activities. The main goal has been the launching of the project website http://www.e-nofalls.eu/index.php

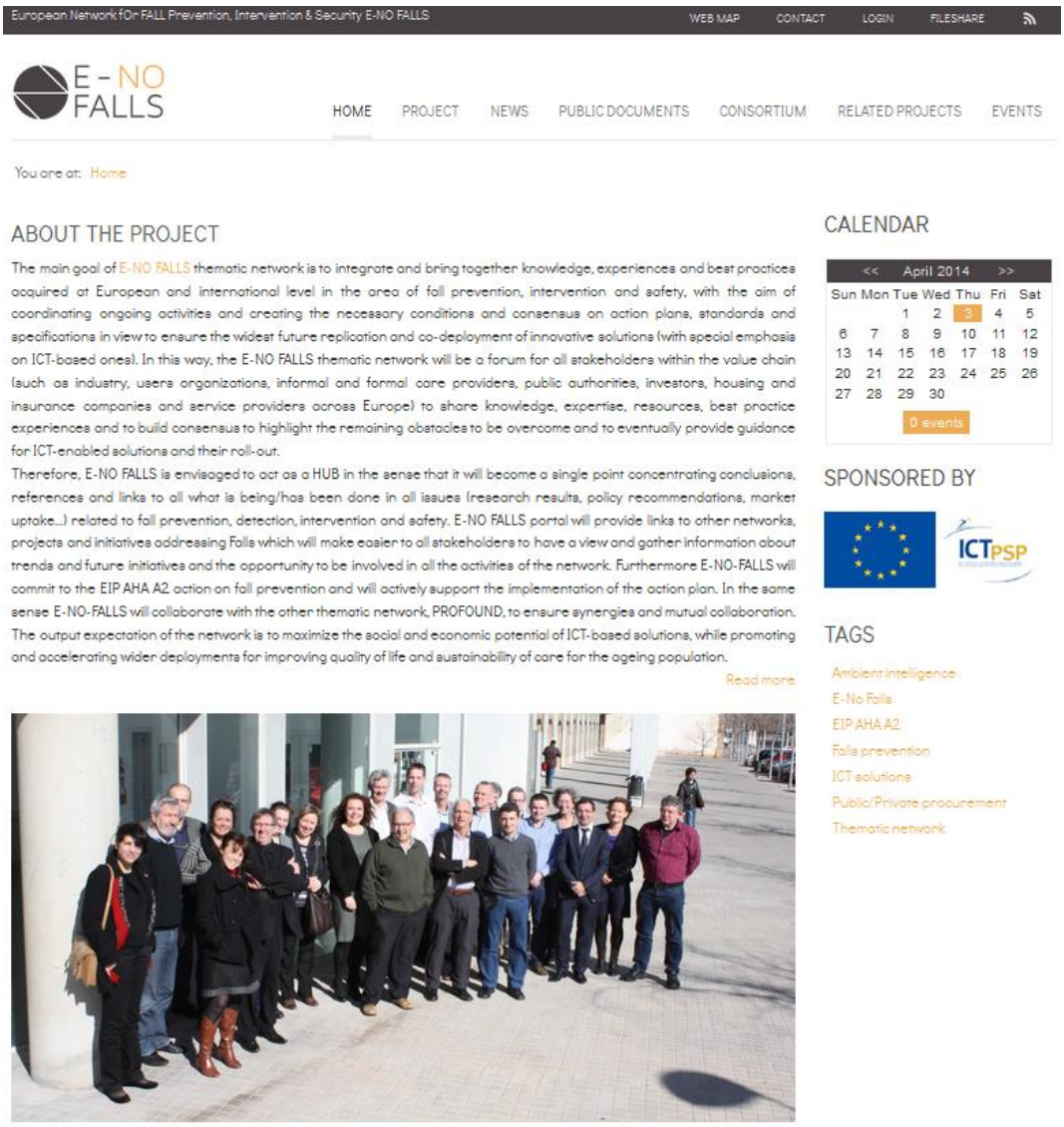

Figure 3. E-NO FALLS website Main page