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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The aim of the AgeingWell Network is to build and animate a European network focused on improving the quality of life of Elderly People by promoting the market uptake of ICT solutions for Ageing.

To achieve its aim, the following five main objectives of the AgeingWell project are:

- Develop guidelines for deployment and sharing of best practice between key competence centres;
- Build an ICT for Ageing Knowledge Centre with the aim to share the results with the Ageing Well Community;
- Develop an ICT for Ageing Society Strategic Agenda, with the aim of providing a study on options for future structure and implementation of EU innovation funding;
- **Promote** the European innovation reinforcement between innovative ICT industries & Ageing (in particular SMEs) and Venture Capital firms, Business Angels and other;
- Raise awareness within the European community of ICT & Ageing stakeholders through soft measures (web-based communication), and hard measures (organization of 3 international events and 11 national events).

1.2 Summary

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2 Founding Members

The network started in January 2012 with 16 experienced organisations in ICT for Ageing well, covering the industry, user organizations, public authorities, investors, housing and insurance companies and ICT solutions providers which share a vision of "Market uptake of ICT for Ageing Well". In Table 1 each founding member is shortly described.

Table 1 – Founding Members of the Ageing Well Network

		Type of	Core Competences and		
Name	Country				
		Stakeholder	Field of Business		
INOVA+, S.A.	Portugal	ICT Solution	INOVA+ is a consulting company specialist in		
		Provider	implementing innovation strategies in SMEs		
			(innovation processes, organisational development,		
			technology and innovation audits), dissemination		
			activities, technology watch, project management		
			(planning, organising, directing, controlling) and project		
			financing.		
INVENT	Italy	Investor	Invent is a seed – capital company, based in Rome,		
			specialised in innovation consulting, business		
			administration, development and financing of high-tech		
			projects and start-ups creation. Invent is part of Innova		
			Group, leader in Europe for technology Transfer and		
ļ			innovative technologies valorisation services.		
TECNOPOLO	Italy	Industry	Tecnopolo S.p.A was created in 1995 in order to foster		
			integration between manufacturing and new		
			orientations in industry and services, providing space		
			and facilities for engineering excellence, scientific and		
			technical development, and the quest for innovative		
			products and processes. Tecnopolo's activities cover		
			important fields such as ICT and Biosciences.		
Associacion	Spain	User	The APM is a Non-Profit Organization that has been		
Parkinson		Organisation	working in the care of people with Parkinson and their		
Madrid			families since 1994.		
ANA ASLAN	Romania	User	The AAIF is a non-profit, high profile medical care and		
International		Organisation	postgraduate education organization. The activities		
Foundation			performed in the field of ageing and brain-aging include		
			clinical assistance, fundamental and applicative		
			research, long-term care of frail and cognitively impaired elderly, academic and post-academic		
			impaired elderly, academic and post-academic education.		
ARTICA	Spain	ICT Solution	Artica Telemedicina was created in 2003 with the		
ANTICA	Shaiii	Provider	objective of bringing to the market technological		
		FIOVIUEI	solutions for the health sector. ARTICA is a company		
			dedicated to telemedicine and health informatics		
			consultancy and key in hand services and software		
			projects development.		
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Tecpitch Engenharia e Inovação	Portugal	ICT Solution Provider	TecPitch, is a high-tech Start-up dedicated to exploit RTD results in new products or services.
E-Health Bulgaria Foundation	Bulgaria	Public Authority	The "E-Health Bulgaria" Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. It was established with the purpose to boost the development of the e-health on a national level as a part of the electronic government of the Republic of Bulgaria. The necessity of speeding up the health reform in Bulgaria requires the development of the electronic healthcare as a cornerstone in our health system.
Health Cluster Portugal	Portugal	Public Authority	The Health Cluster Portugal (HCP) is a national cluster that assumes as its mission to turn Portugal into a competitive player in the research, design, development, manufacturing and commercialization of health-related products and services, in selected market and technological niches, targeting the most demanding and relevant international markets.
COI - Citizens on the Internet	Poland	Public Authority	COI is an expert nongovernmental organization established in 1998. COI's mission is the support of Information Society development at regional level — task realized through a range of regional edevelopment programming support projects and accompanying research projects.
Optimus Comunicações , S.A.	Portugal	Industry	Optimus offers a broad range of mobile communications services to residential, SME's and corporate customers in Portugal, including traditional voice, dat mobile TV and a large range of mobile solutions and roaming services.
HOPE	Belgium	Housing	The European Hospital and Healthcare Federation gathers national associations of public and private hospitals and owners of hospitals in 26 Member States of the European Union. It represents around 80% of hospital care in the EU.
E-Unlimited	Begium	Investor	Europe Unlimited provides critical business resources to dynamic and innovative technology entrepreneurs, allowing them to successfully build and maintain healthy business.
CITARD Services Ltd.	Cyprus	ICT Solution Provider	Its main focus is the implementation of advanced technologies in the areas eHealth and elderly care provision. The company has long term expertise in the analysis of end users requirements and the design and development of user friendly interfaces and solutions in the eHealth and elderly care sector.

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SIA DMG	Latvia	ICT Solution Provider	DGM provides services to support SME's in ICT and other sectors, public sector organizations — provides consultations and support for project development and management, organizes partner search and match — making event, provides training seminars and stakeholders discussions.
Euroconsultan ts S.A.	Greece	Investor	Euroconsultants provides consulting services to governments, ministries, organization, agencies and companies for innovative, specialized and multidisciplinary projects domestically and internationally.



3 Associate Members

Following an enlargement effort, founding members were active in disseminating the network and in attracting new members. In Table 2, the 11 associate members who have joined the **Ageing***Well* Network by December 2012 are briefly presented.

Table 2 – Associate Members of the Ageing Well Network

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Name	Country	Type of	Core Competences and	
		Stakeholder	Field of Business	
AIJU - Technological Institute	Spain	R&D Organisation	AIJU is a private research center aiming to boost research, development and technological innovation to give solutions to societal and industrial challenges, thus enabling the achievement of a constant increase of competitiveness and improvement of product quality. AIJU has been working in national and international projects from the therapeutic field through the use of ICT which are aimed at elderly people, as well as for persons with different types of disabilities.	
Centre for Healthcare Technology - University of Antwerp	Belgium	R&D Organisation	The Centre for Healthcare Technology (Centrum voor ZorgTechnologie - CZT) is an interfaculty center of expertise aimed at industrial valorization of innovative assistive technologies. Its research focuses on integrated applications and services that encourage and support independent living of people with disabilities and frail elderly as independent living improves quality of life and reduces social costs.	
D. Pedro IV Foundation	Portugal	User Organisation	The Foundation D. Pedro IV is a Private Institution for Social Solidarity operating in 3 main areas: Childhood - holds 6 Houses with about 750 children covering various social responses; Social Housing - has about 25 homes for social renting; and Nursing home - manages one of the largest facilities in the Lisbon region with diverse social responses.	
i4G- Incubator for Growth	Greece	Other organisation	i4G is the company managing the first Greek private incubator for Companies of the New Economy. i4G supports the incubates by providing specialized consulting services and information on diverse topics.	

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INOV INESC Inovação - Institute for New Technologies	Portugal	R&D Organisation	INOV positions itself in the market as the biggest national technological infrastructure in the field of the Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, as a successor of great assets arisen from extensive knowledge and experience implicitly provided by the maternal environment – INESC. INOV officially started its activities on January 1, 2001, as a private nonprofit association.
LifeSTech - Life Supporting Technologies	Spain	R&D Organisation	Life Supporting Technologies (LifeSTech), is a research group of the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Its main research areas are the design, development and evaluation of ICT-based services in the field of prevention, prediction and promotion of healthy lifestyles.
MFKK Invention and Research Center Services Co. Ltd.	Hungary	R&D Organisation	MFKK is a private owned technical services engineering company focusing on Research & Development and Innovation management. Its core business is to assist SMEs and association from different industrial sectors through applied research. Its mission is to bridge the gap between theoretical research and industrial applications thus offering integrated and effective solutions to our clients utilizing the state-of-the-art technology.
OnCaring	Portugal	ICT Solutions Provider	onCaring is a spin-off of Critical Health inside the Critical Group, dedicated to design and development of monitoring systems and information devoted to the care of the elderly. Its offer addresses senior people, whether they are in care facilities or in their homes, and formal and informal caregivers. onCaring products have proactive features such as automatic detection and prevention of falls, regular monitoring of the activity, control the location of the person and caregiver's response and escalation.
SEERC - South- East European Research Center	Greece	R&D Organisation	SEERC's mission is to support the stable and peaceful development of South-East Europe by conducting pure and applied research in and for the region. To accomplish this, SEERC facilitates the collaboration among research teams of the University of Sheffield and CITY College and by developing multi-disciplinary networks of researchers from across South-East Europe.

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VoxNet s.c.	Italy	Investor	Vox Net is an Italian company that develops, promotes and commercializes ICT products and telematics services with particular emphasis on the Internet field. Vox Net web services facilitate contents providers and professionals to create and deliver affordable, interactive full range of e-services over TCP/IP protocol.	
VSWG e.V Federation of Saxon Housing Cooperatives	Germany	Housing / Insurance	VSWG is the biggest German federation involving 229 housing cooperatives, 3 companies and 25 guest members. Housing cooperatives manage approximately 286 000 housing units and represent around 13% of the total housing stock in Saxony. Services provided by VSWG include legal, economic, energetic and social consultancy.	

4 Supporters

There are two ways for becoming a Supporter of the **Ageing** Well Network: through the signature of a Protocol for Collaboration or by registering to the network web portal. Next, supporters are presented according to their entrance modality.

4.1 Protocols of Collaboration

The protocol of collaboration has been signed by 4 projects focusing in ICT and Ageing, being carried out with the support of EU funding, which have become Supporters of the **Ageing** Well Network, and will exchange relevant information and knowledge (Table 3).

Table 3 - Supporters of the Ageing Well Network

Name of the Project	Funding Programme	Main objective
Co-Living Virtual Collaborative Social Living Community for Elderly	Ambient Assisted Living	To develop an ICT-based Virtual Collaborative Social Living Community for Elderly (Co-Living) people, aiming to stimulate and prolong their independent and active living in an outward environment through advancement in elderly people social interaction.
LiveWell – Promoting Healthy Living and Well-being for Parkinson Patients through Social Network and ICT Training	Lifelong Learning Programme – Grundtvig	To develop an innovative Web-based Training and Social Networking System which targets: Parkinson patients, to self-manage their condition, reduce the burden on their caregivers and promoting their well-being and inclusion; Caregivers with access to information, training and greater support community; and Health and Medical Professionals enabling them to remotely and continuously monitor the patient's participation in the activities helping to improve their effective rehabilitation.
PRK_Treatment — Exercise System for Parkinson continuous treatment and rehabilitation	Eurostars	To create a Software Exercise System for Parkinson professionals and patients to carry on therapy and rehabilitation processes.
RISTOMED – New e- Services for a Dietary Approach to the Elderly	FP7 - CAPACITIES Research for SMEs Project	To provide an innovative ICT system able to assess personalised diet for Elderly People which integrates also nutraceutical foods in order to prevent and contrast the inflammation, oxidative stress and gut microbiota alteration.

4.2 Registered Users on the Web Portal

The web portal of the **Ageing***Well* Network aims at creating a Community of Actors interested in improving the life of older persons by promoting the market uptake of ICT solutions for Ageing Well. Table 4 presents the 66 registered users in the web portal in the first year of the network, which by registering to this tool have agreed in becoming supporter of the network. These users,



representatives of members' organisations or not, have access to all the information made available by the network.

Table 4 – Registered Users of the AgeingWell web portal

Username	 Registered Users of the AgeingWell Country 	Observations
abarroca	Portugal	
Alejandro Sánchez-Rico	Spain	Founding Member
AlexPeine	Netherlands	
AmQuirke	Luxembourg	
andrea.orlandini	Italy	
Andris Melnudris	Latvia	Founding Member
Angela Ciancia	Italy	Founding Member
Anna Siemek-Filuś	Poland	Founding Member
Annika Midsweden	Netherlands	
Antonio Reis	Portugal	
Antonio Zangrilli	Italy	Founding Member
Arkadiusz Złotnicki	Poland	Founding Member
arossimori	Italy	
carolineboone	United States	
catarina.azevedo	Portugal	Founding Member
Cbollain	Belgium	
christophoros	Cyprus	Founding Member
Colberte de Wulf	Belgium	Founding Member
Coralie Vasquez	Spain	
dariosalvi	Spain	Associate Member
eleftherakis	Greece	Associate Member
Eleni Christodoulou	Cyprus	Founding Member
Florez	United Kingdom	
Gabriel Antunes Abrantes	Portugal	Founding Member
Gema Córdoba	Spain	Founding Member
gvanderzanden	Netherlands	
hrodrigues	Portugal	
Hugo Claessens	Belgium	Founding Member
hugoaleixo	Portugal	
hurtadom	Spain	
ibartolome	N/A	
Ivan Kostov	Bulgaria	Founding Member
Jaisiel	Spain	
Joana Camilo	Portugal	
joaogaspar	Portugal	
Joaquim Cunha	Portugal	Founding Member
Jrivero	Spain	
Jsteckel	Belgium	Associate Member
Juliette Legros	Luxembourg	
Jwitek	Poland	

Username	Country	Observations
Laura Carrasco Marín	Spain	Founding Member
Ligia Manesi	Romania	Founding Member
Luiza Spiru	Romania	Founding Member
Magdalena Sroga	Poland	Founding Member
Malina Hristeva	Bulgaria	Founding Member
Mara Jakobsone	Latvia	Founding Member
Marijn Van Overveld	Portugal	Founding Member
michelaaquilano	Italy	
Miguel Sousa	Portugal	Founding Member
Minicod	Taiwan, Province of China	
mmontejo	Spain	
Msalaso	Spain	
Neutrodevices	Portugal	
Nikos Giannoulidis	Greece	Founding Member
Nloost	Slovenia	
Pascal Garel	Belgium	Founding Member
raquelpatricio	Portugal	
Rita Araújo	Portugal	Founding Member
Sara Batista	Portugal	Founding Member
Scottif	Italy	
Shoshan	Israel	
spinsante	Italy	
svonrump	Sweden	
Tanja Baltus-Michaelsen	N/A	Founding Member
tomjbyrne	Ireland	
vcmoniz	Portugal	Associate Member



5 Conclusion

The **Ageing***Well* Network is currently composed by 16 Founding Members, 11 Associate Members and 70 Supporters, 4 that have signed a Protocol of Collaboration and 66 that have registered to the web portal (Figure 1).

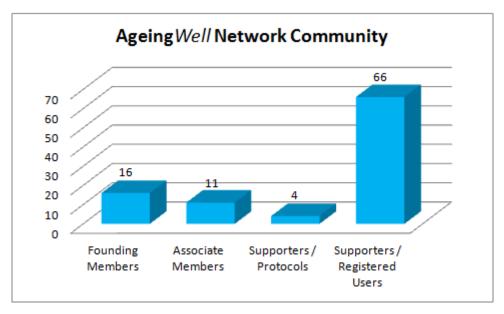


Figure 1 - Ageing Well Network Community

Regarding geographical dispersion the Community of the **Ageing**Well Network represents 21 countries (Figure 2). Most members and supporters are located in the countries of the Founding Members, being Portugal and Spain the most represented, with 23 and 14 members/supporters correspondently.

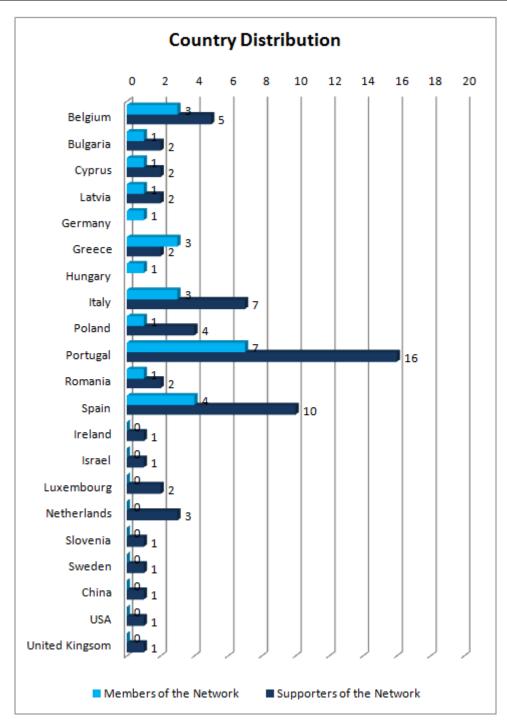


Figure 2 – Country Distribution

Initiatives for enlarging the network will continue to be promoted and carried out by the **Ageing** *Well* Members during 2013, such as the promotion and participation at national and international events, press releases and other communication actions.