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1. Publishable summary

European ageing population has placed new demands on family units and raises pressing questions about the efficiency and management of care and support technologies and services for dependent people. Assistive technologies will play a key role in social inclusion, independence and autonomy of elderly people and disabled people, transforming the research activities in assistive technologies in the real solution to everyday life people in real conditions.

1.1 Project objectives

Tecforlife is a seventh framework programme project with the **general objective** of setting the basis for the creation of a new research driven cluster on assistive technologies (AT) in San Sebastián (Basque Country) to improve the co-ordination of the local stakeholders working in the field and maximise the efforts and existing infrastructures for improving socio-economic development and strengthen the RTD and innovation capacity of the city, and also acting as facilitator and catalyst at regional level.

The **strategic objectives** that will ensure the achievements of the general aim of the project are:

- To coordinate the RTD and innovation efforts of the local stakeholders working around the assistive technologies sector.
- To align the assistive technology RTD strategy of San Sebastián with the European, national and regional plans and programmes.
- To increase the social and economic development at local and regional level by means of promoting the assistive technology research driven cluster and the activities associated to it.
- To increase the knowledge and experience sharing with other European clusters working in health and dependency.
- To establish a local partnership for cooperation and exchange of experiences among the different stakeholders working in the assistive technologies sector for establishing a common vision and strategy.
- To increase the capacity of public administrations to boost the assistive technology clusters at local level in the medium and longer term.

1.2 Development process

The project is structured in 9 workpackages. The mentoring of EU experts in AT along all the project duration has been envisaged in WP1, for ensuring that key documents developed in the project are relevant and consistent. Additionally, WP2 and WP3 have considered the framework in which assistive technology sector has developed for having an overall vision on the initiatives boosted from the public administrations and the evolution of AT technology market. Furthermore, the local economic and RTD potentiality of San Sebastián has been analysed in WP4. The focus of WP5 has been the mobilisation of the local stakeholders in order to extract jointly agreed, contrasted and validated the Cluster Research Agenda and Implementation Plan that has been elaborated in parallel respectively in WP6 and WP7. Finally, WP8 focused on the dissemination of the results achieved in the project and WP8 ensured the correct management of the project and the monitoring of the progress.

1.3 Expected final results

The **main expected result** of the project has been the Implementation Plan that constitutes the roadmap for the final creation of the AT cluster of San Sebastián. In addition, a working group has been created with the main AT stakeholders who will continue to cooperate with the AT cluster of San Sebastian.

1.3.1 Achieved results within the first year of the project

During the year **2009** the following **activities** have been performed in the project:

- Analysis of health cluster experiences at EU level,
- Analysis of policies in support of the Assistive sector,
- Analysis of the current situation of Assistive technologies and
- Analysis of the local economic and R&D potential.

All this analysis have provided the necessary information to obtain a first diagnosis of the sector at a local level and a thorough knowledge of relevant initiatives at an international level.

During the last months of 2009 the Tecforlife consortium has also started to contact the main regional AT stakeholders in order to provide them information about the project and

to prepare the local working groups to be held in the winter–spring of 2010. The interest shown by the main stakeholders (companies, universities, research centres, user associations, etc.) has been fairly high both towards participating in the local working groups and the creation of the cluster in general. It is expected that the local working groups will allow the Tecforlife consortium to validate with the sector the conclusions and results achieved so far and also to be able to gather ideas from the sector for the next stages of the project: the Research agenda and the Cluster implementation plan.

1.3.2 Achieved results within the second period of the project

During the year **2010** (and beginning of 2011) the following **activities** have been performed in the project:

- Definition of the Cluster scope and research agenda
- Implementation Plan of the Cluster

Three working group meetings were held during 2010 with the regional AT stakeholders. The first meeting took place in March 2010 and the Cluster initiative was presented in it. Additionally a SWOT analysis was presented by the project partners and further discussed with the local stakeholders. The second meeting took place in June 2010 and the main objective of the meeting was to identify the main needs and requests of the AT stakeholders in relation to the cluster. Finally, there was a last meeting in December 2010 for the presentation of a proposal of Implementation Plan and discussion with the stakeholders.

Dissemination activities have been developed during the project. The most important activity has been the Launching Conference for the cluster held on the 28th of January 2011 presenting the main results and conclusions from the project as well as the main conclusions from the Research Agenda and Implementation Plan of the Assistive Technology Cluster in San Sebastian.

1.4 Contractors involved

In order to ensure that the objectives of Tecforlife are fulfilled, the consortium includes the following four partners

| Consortium | Participants | Country |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Coordinator | Fomento de San Sebastián | Spain |
| Partners | Fatronik-Tecnalia | Spain |
| | Ingema | Spain |
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1.5 Project details

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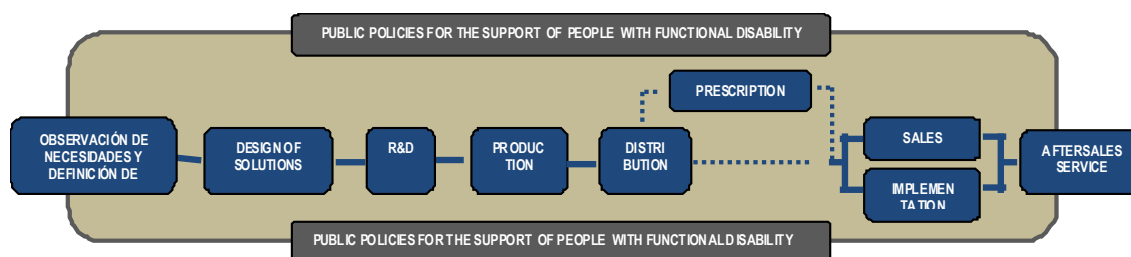
Contract Type: Support actions

The main information about the project is available at www.tecforlife.eu

1.6 Other

The following sections show diagrams, photographs and other dissemination materials illustrating the work done during the project.

1.6.1 Value chain of the San Sebastián AT Cluster



The vision of the AT Cluster is to become a local /regional reference dynamizer and promoter of competitiveness of the AT sector, with a direct impact in all the value chain links of AT products and services (ref. Deliverable 6.1 Cluster research agenda, point 4.2).

1.6.2 Picture of the breakfast working session with AT local agents on March 2010 (San Sebastián)



1.6.3 Pictures of the Final cluster launching conference held in the San Sebastian's Kursaal Congress Centre (28/01/11)



1.6.4 Final project brochure for dissemination activities – English version (Jan 2011)

28th January 2011

AGENDA

08:45 - 09:00:
Reception and collecting of material

09:00 - 09:35:
Conference opening and welcome: "The Assistive Technology Cluster of San Sebastián" - Eulen Sese, Fomento de San Sebastián

09:35 - 10:10:
"The challenge of distance care: Some considerations for elderly tele-care" - Miquel Domenech, Autonomous University of Barcelona

10:10 - 10:45:
"Assistive technologies in a mobile environment" - Tomás de Andrés, Vodafone Foundation

10:45 - 11:15:
Coffee break

11:15 - 11:40:
"Cooperation in innovation of technologies for Health, Wellbeing and Social cohesion" - Sofia Moreno, Spanish eVia Platform

11:40 - 12:05:
"Reference centres in AT: CEAPAT-IMERSO and AAATE" - Cristina Rodríguez, CEAPAT-IMERSO

12:05 - 12:30:
"Experiences and challenges in Tifotechnology" - Eugenio Pérez, CVDAT - ONCE

12:30 - 12:55:
"Socio-technical aspects applied to the assistive technologies and quality of life" - Jordi Garcés, Instituto Politécnico

12:55 - 13:50: ROUNDTABLE
"The short term challenges of Assistive Technologies in our society". Invited experts: Mark Hawley, Willem van Widen, Technalia, Ingema, Grupo Icaai.

13:50h - 14:00:
Closing of the Conference

14:00 - Lunch - Networking

"We all make the project possible together..."

• What is the Support Solutions for Quality of Life Cluster?

The Cluster is a group of agents from the sector who collaborate to achieve a common benefit and contribute to the development of the Support Solutions for Quality of Life.

• What type of agents can participate in the Cluster?

- » Companies.
- » Research Centres.
- » Universities.
- » Users' Organisations.
- » Public Institutions and Authorities.
- » Health Centres and Hospitals.
- » Foundations.
- » Professionals and bodies with links to the sector.

• What does participating in the Cluster involve?

It involves enjoying the following:

- » Promotion.
- » Advice Service.
- » Image.
- » Participation in the forums.
- » Making contributions to the Cluster's strategy (bmentoss@donostia.org, 943482800).
- » Networking.

It also implies certain obligations:

- » Participating in campaigns and actions carried out.
- » Responding to the proposals launched from the Cluster: answering questionnaires, constructive criticism of projects, suggesting alternative proposals, collaboration in the design of events (congresses, fairs), etc.
- » Progressive leadership of agents in the Cluster's activity: active involvement of agents in specific workgroups for the promotion of projects of interest to them.

• What do you have to do to join the Cluster?

Contact the Support Solutions for Quality of Life Cluster. They will give you all the necessary information, as well as membership criteria according to your type of company. Membership is formalised by a membership letter.

January 2011

Conference for the Presentation of the Support Solutions for Quality of Life Cluster

Donostia Life On
Kursaal Congress Centre

"Thanks to the Cluster's strategy we can advance in the objective of turning knowledge and R&D&I into GDP, by backing specific sectors, working together and public-private collaboration and cooperation"

Eulen Sese
Director of Fomento de San Sebastián

Support Solutions for Quality of Life Cluster

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Support Solutions for Quality of Life Cluster

MISSION

To improve the competitiveness of companies and agents who work in the area of Support Solutions for Quality of Life, and to increase social perception about the benefits of this type of products and services.

VISION

To become (within 5 years) a regional reference in the revitalization and promotion of the competitiveness of the Support Solutions for Quality of Life Sector, with a direct impact on the Sector's image and on each of the links in the value chain of the Support Solutions products and services.

OBJECTIVES

- » To strengthen and develop the existing Support Solutions organizations.
- » To promote the creation of new companies in the sector.
- » To promote Business Innovation.
- » To improve training and professionalization in the sector.
- » To encourage technological research and development in Support Solutions.
- » To detect new possibilities in support products and services.

STRATEGIC POINTS

- » PARTICIPATION FORUM.
- » INTERNATIONALIZATION AND PROMOTION.
- » COOPERATION PROJECTS.
- » R&D&I BOOST.
- » SPECIALISED ADVICE.
- » COMMUNICATION AND RAISING AWARENESS.
- » CREATION OF NEW BUSINESS FABRIC.
- » TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.
- » SECTOR OBSERVATORY AND MONITORING.