INDEPENDENT

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ICT Enabled Service Integration for Independent Living

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Project details

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Description

When it comes to supporting older people living in the community, today’s reality is characterised by fragmentation of service provision resulting in disjointed and patchy care and support. The quest for more integrated care is anything but new. Only recently, however, policy and practice are beginning to fully recognise that fragmentation of care can threaten its quality and cost effectiveness. In particular, the potential of ICT-enabled support such as telecare and telehealth could be exploited in a more effective way if they were not, as today, embedded in healthcare and social care services delivered in “silos”.

Against this background, INDEPENDENT develops and pilots an integrated set of ICT-enabled services dealing with a range of threats to independent living common to older people. Through innovative usage of ICT, current “silos” in service delivery are broken up to allow for cooperation across relevant care sectors and participation of family members.

Objective

The INDEPENDENT project will define, deliver and pilot a digital infrastructure supporting coordinated cross-sector delivery of timely support to prevent older people from slipping out of safe independent living, maintaining quality of life. The infrastructure enables support services to overcome limitations of sectoral telehealth and telecare and empowers informal carers and the voluntary / third sector to participate in delivery of support, thus radically improving efficiency. ICT use is extended from the high needs end to a stage where not care but preventative support is needed. "People" services for Daily Living and Activation (DALS) and Continued Wellness (CWS) break open current ‘silos’ in service delivery to cross-sectoral cooperation and participation of family and voluntary staff. The architecture recognises that integration of consumer and other widely available devices must be achieved and open interface standards adopted. The innovative new services will be piloted at six sites across the Europe. Users are to be older people living independently with light to severe care or support needs, care professionals, informal carers and voluntary helpers / charity workers. Interested adopters in the public sector will be presented with guidance for uptake and evidence of all intended impacts. The project brings together 20 organisations across 6 Member States representing all major stakeholders in the “value chain” of support to older people, from public authorities and social and health service providers to global industry players and specialist SMEs. Authorities are represented on dedicated advisory board, as are user groups at European level. Philips and Tunstall as the major players in their respective fields are very well positioned to fully exploit the results, bringing INDEPENDENT services within the reach of all EU citizens.
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