

Manifesto

International collaboration and effective delivery in Ambient Assisted Living (AAL)

This manifesto for the future of ambient assisted living was developed in a high-level consultation in Brussels on 9 June 2011 with academics from Europe and Korea, representatives of the private sector, and officials from the European Commission.

Global demographic trends provide an opportunity for the field of AAL and we are committed to providing innovative solutions based on the GOLD principle – global optimisation with local design and delivery.

- The demographic trend towards an ageing population has a large socio-economic impact
- All members of society are affected in some way
- We need to increase awareness of issues related to ageing and the solidarity between generations
- Successful implementation of AAL requires technical and non-technical solutions
- Innovation and technology are irrevocably linked with social policy, political commitment and innovative funding models
- The complex and multidimensional nature of AAL requires a flexible and multidisciplinary approach
- A human-centred innovation approach is necessary to create solutions that are meaningful to people
- International collaboration is imperative for the research and delivery of AAL products and services
- A common terminology and common medical and technical standards foster interoperability between areas and systems and help overcome fragmentation
- Delivery of AAL products and services must be accelerated, innovation facilitated and business cases developed
- Mechanisms must be developed to measure the success and impact of AAL initiatives

The aim of this manifesto is to guide and inspire research and delivery of AAL products and services. This is intended as a manifesto for the AAL community in Europe and beyond.