

Project Presentation

EU_SHAFE - Europe Enabling Smart Healthy Age-friendly Environments



Officially started on August 2019, the EU_SHAFE project aims at improving policies and practices in 7 European regions by developing a comprehensive approach to Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments (SHAFE). Through a 'learning by sharing' methodology, the project Consortium, composed by a well balanced group of multi-disciplinary actors leaders in the field of demographic change and age friendly environments, will build a four-helix European community to exchange experiences and practices to improve multilevel policy instruments. The consortium will create a cooperative, inclusive ecosystem between public authorities, European networks and user's associations, embedding their experience and skills with research & design knowledge from academia and SMEs for the growth of community-based services and "ageing at home" around Europe.

Based on an initial assessment of each project's participating region in 4 out of 8 SHAFE areas as defined by the WHO for age-friendly cities, 28 good practices related to Smart Healthy Age Friendly Enviroments will be identified and scaled up between the different territories to exchange experiencies and knowledge with the ultimate aim of responding to the local-based pressing needs derived from the demographic change challenge. During this first phase of the

project (30 months), each participating region will design and develop an action plan that will be implemented during the second phase of the project that will last additional 12 months.

With a total budget of more than 1.700.000 euro, the EU_SHAFE project will invest in policy design and adaptation of regional instruments derived from the European Territorial Cooperation Framework (Research&Innovation priorities) and the European Social Found (Social Inclusion), through the creation of a large Euro-local network of stakeholders and will implement concrete and scalable interventions in the area of social innovation for SHAFE, that may be implemented as realistic innovative models for the future.

Coordinated by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia, the project partnership is composed by Caritas Coimbra (Portugal), Campania Region (Italy), Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia (Slovenia), Center for Assisted Living Technology - Aarhus Municipality (Denmark), Technological University Dublin (Ireland), ECHAlliance (Ireland), University of Deusto (Spain), Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Health and Consumer Protection (Germany) and Louth County Council (Ireland).

More information about the project can be found on the EU_SHAFE [website](#) or following the official project hashtag **#EU_SHAFE**.

Project Summary

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