

# AMBIENT ASSISTED LIVING

The Newsletter of CompAAL



## EDITORIAL

The CompAAL consortium presents you the latest developments of professions, skills and competences in the domain of Ambient Assisted Living (AAL).

As widely known, Europe is becoming an Aging society. The consequences of the demographic change represent an exceptional challenge for public health and elderly care systems of the European Union. ICT based assistance systems promise a solution to this problem, enabling the elderly to stay longer in their familiar surroundings. Yet, these systems are highly demanding both to those planning, installing and maintaining them and to the caregivers.

[CompAAL](#) aims at developing Job Role Profiles in the field of AAL. Focusing on the development of well-trained employees, which will ensure high quality of services and care for elderly people, the project will contribute to the Active and Health Aging (AHA) goals of the European Commission.

Enjoy an inspiring read!

## Launch of engAGEnt

Building on CompAAL, a new project, engAGEnt, co-funded by the European Commission, was launched on October 2012, which aims at developing a harmonised European curriculum for vocational training that will qualify people for the job role of an AAL specialist or consultant. The AAL specialist/consultant will have the knowledge, skills and competences for analyzing the living situation of an elderly subject and developing strategies that will improve the living conditions of the elderly population.

## PROFILES

### 5 AAL Job Role Profiles (CompAAL project)

One of the main results of CompAAL is the generation of five AAL Job Role Profiles which include the skills and competences that professionals in the field of AAL must possess. Below you find an overview of the first version of the Role Profiles:

- **AAL System Architect**  
Determines the structure and management of a programme or computing system (software, hardware, interfaces).
- **AAL Solutions and System Developer**  
Develops, implements and tests AAL components and systems according to customer needs.
- **AAL Maintenance Specialist**  
Installs, configures and maintains AAL products, components and systems; provides technical assistance (online support or on the spot).
- **AAL Consultant**  
Owns product and market knowledge; analyses customers' needs and necessities, defines and specifies solution requirements, evaluates installed AAL solutions.
- **AAL Community Manager**  
Provides an interactive environment in which, persons benefitting of assistance, are connected with care providers and their broader environment. The AAL Community Manager is the partner of the customer, i.e. s/he trains, attends and supports the customer, co-ordinates care services and social interactions; all these actions are facilitated by AAL technologies, ensuring the well-being and social inclusion of the customer.

We invite you to have a look on the detailed version of this first draft of the AAL Role Profiles on the [AAL corner of the e-Jobs Observatory](#).

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## EVENTS

### Past Event

#### 6<sup>th</sup> AAL Congress, Berlin

On 22 – 23 January 2013 approximately 800 congress delegates gathered in Berlin to attend the [6th AAL Congress](#). The topic this year was "Quality of Life in Transition of demographics and technology" with a focus on the following themes:

Healthcare delivery chains

Participation and mobility

Living and working

Quality of life in rural areas

Technical Research

During the Congress scientific papers were presented in parallel sessions, through which the current developments of new assistance systems and services for various target groups and situations were illustrated.

Representatives from the Institut for Assistance Systems und Qualification (iAQ, German partner) attended the Congress and presented both engAGent and COMPAAL at the exhibition and poster session of the Congress.

### Upcoming events

The CompAAL consortium invites you to participate in the following AAL-related events:

- **Transnational Info Day – Call 6 “ICT based solutions for Supporting Occupation in Life of Older Adults” – 18 February, Dublin, Ireland.**

Luxinnovation and the National Research Fund (FNR) – the National Contact Points for the AAL Joint Programme (JP) in Luxembourg – organize a transnational AAL Info day & Brokerage Event on 18 February 2013.

The INFORMATION SESSION (morning) will allow participants to get in-depth information on the thematic AAL call 6 on “ICT based solutions for Supporting Occupation in Life of Older Adults” and on the AAL JP in general.

The MATCHMAKING SESSION (afternoon) will offer extensive networking opportunities, allowing participants to meet the right partners, in order to start building international consortia around selected project ideas.

[More information here.](#)

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- **National Info Days**

In view of the publication of the 6th call of the AAL Joint Programme, a number of National Information Days are being organized to raise awareness about the general indications of the call and the funding opportunities to catch. These events will allow the participants to start building international consortia around selected project ideas and to learn how to prepare an application.

[Here you can find a list of the events.](#)

- **e-Health Week – 13-15 May 2013, Dublin, Ireland**

eHealth Week 2013 brings together two main events: the *High Level eHealth Conference* co-organised by the European Commission and the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and *WoHIT (World of Health IT Conference & Exhibition)* organised by HIMSS Europe. The event not only brings industry partners and providers from across Europe, but also important government and regional decision makers.

[More information here.](#)

- **PETRA 2013 - 6th International Conference on Pervasive Technologies Related to Assistive Environments - 29 -31 May 2013, Rhodes Island, Greece**

The conference will take place on 29 -31 May 2013 at Rhodes Island, Greece. It aims at bringing together different types of technology to address an important social and healthcare issue: as the world's population ages, there is growing interest in solutions for the in- home care of the elderly as well as for the care of people with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other disabilities or traumas.

[More information here.](#)

- **AAL Forum 2013 - 24-26 September 2013, Norrköping, Sweden**

AAL Forum is the official and major annual meeting of the AAL JP, which is funded by the European Commission and 22 countries. This is the place where projects, solutions and results will be presented and exhibited. In addition, important policy discussions will be held regarding barriers and opportunities as well as future measures and programme contents.

[More information here.](#)