



## European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

# A2 Action Group Newsletter – May 2014

### *Last plenary A2 Action Group Meeting*

13th March 2014, Vilanova i la Geltru, Barcelona (Spain)

The first A2 Partner Meeting in 2014 has been hosted by the Technical University of Catalonia and it immediately followed the joint meeting organized by the Thematic Networks (TNs) E-NO FALLS and ProFouND on 12th and 13th March. During the 13th March morning all A2 Partners have been invited to take part to the sessions organized by the TNs: “Meet the experts”, “Challenges for fall prevention delivery and ICT” and “Fall prevention campaigning”. After that, the A2 meeting started at 15:15 CET. First of all, this meeting has been an opportunity to discuss about the current status of the Action Plan revision process and collect suggestions for further modifications and improvements. AA1, AA2 and AA4 Coordinators presented the proposed revision for their own Action Area that is intended to make the work more efficient, the timeline more realistic and try to eliminate overlapping among Action Areas and among deliverables while the revision work for AA3 is still ongoing. The Coordination Team committed to conclude it as soon as possible due to the large request from the participants for having the new Action Plan available and the possibility to analyse the new configuration of deliverables and select those they wish to contribute to. Each AA Coordinator illustrated also the progress done so far in the activities and asked for contributions from the partners participating in the meeting that expressed their willingness to be actively involved. The other main topics discussed during the meeting were: 1) the release of the EC 2014 Roadmap for EIP AHA; 2) participation of the A2 Action Group in the upcoming eHealth Forum in Athens on 12th – 14th May 2014; 3) the identification of key results / deliverables to be released within next September 2014 before the new European Commission takes office; 4) the EIP AHA monitoring framework. Regarding this last point, the partners debated about the current indicators proposed by the Commission and discussed on how to collect wider feedbacks from the Partners that were not participating in the meeting about the indicators that are commonly used in their countries or regions and/or the new ones they would propose.

### *Fruitful internal meetings*



Since the end of last January, when the previous issue of this newsletter was released several events took place.

In the last months the A2 Action Group met face to face two times: in the plenary Action Group meeting that took place in Barcelona on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, after the joint E-NoFalls / ProFouND meeting, and in an informal meeting that was held in Athens, the 13<sup>th</sup> May, during the eHealth Forum. Also the next plenary Action Group meeting is already planned in Brussels on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. You will get information on all these three events in the current issue of this newsletter.

Indeed, the Action Group is working hard on one side to complete the revision of the Action Plan, a process already started few months ago, and, on the other, to define suitable indicators to assess the progress and the results of the EIP-AHA in the specific A2 Action Group scientific area. It is expected that the next Brussels meeting will allow to complete both the processes.

## e-Health Forum, Athens 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014, an informal meeting of A2 Action Group partners took place (summary by Nick Guldemand).



Source: <http://ehealth2014.org/>

Eventually, more than 40 members of A2 joined the eHealth forum in Athens. Fall prevention and management was frequently mentioned topic across the conference as practical example where integrated care and technology comes together. During the parallel program State of the Art Technologies for Assistive Living we had a dedicated track on fall prevention and management, which was excellently organised by the 2 thematic networks E-NO-FALLS and ProFouND. The parallel program was chaired by Homer Papadopoulos of the USEFIL project.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had an informal meeting to discuss/explore the following topics:

1. Current status of the activities and identification of the key deliverables to be submitted to the EC within September in view of the establishment of the new European Commission.
2. Announcement of next official A2 meeting in Brussels (20<sup>th</sup> June) and collection of suggestions for the agenda.
3. Discussion on how to collect information from commitments about their position regarding the EIP monitoring framework and, specifically, the indicators used for fall prevention.

Ad 1)

- some of the partners attending the meeting could report progress e.g. Region Skane is starting with implementation of the cascade training (teach trainers on fall prevention exercise program), also in contact with other regions in Sweden.
- As soon as the Action Plan is finalised, new partners could further explore

opportunities for their contributions and contact the responsible deliverable leaders of the Action Area coordinator.

- Suggestions for key deliverables:
  - Toolbox for fall prevention, detection and monitoring technologies > in collaboration with E-NO-FALLS:
    - a request for input will soon be send to the A2 partners
    - Also synergy action with C2 via Mariëlle Swinkels
  - Overview of good practices and implementation scale: the combination of good practices (services) and a Technology Toolbox is a logical one.

Ad 2)

A2 meeting in Brussels (20<sup>th</sup> June) agenda:

- Current status
- Action Plan + progress of the actions
- key deliverables
  - Toolbox
  - Good practices
- Synergies (see below)

Ad 3)

Indicators monitoring framework: points of attention

- Process or outcome indicators?
- What could be provided by regions/partners? fracture, hospitalisation, etc.
- Collecting information from partners: request through mail and yammer
- Input from AA2 data & evidence

Other comments/remarks/questions:

- Toolkit for translation: during Barcelona meeting Toolkit for translation was in development: what's the status?
- Meetings & costs: for most of us it's impossible to join every meeting because of limited resources. It was suggested that we facilitate teleconferencing e.g. through Adobe connect > maybe the EC could support with this?
- Synergies
  - How to work efficiently on synergies between action groups?

- o Communication management plan from EC and coordinators necessary: e.g. cross cutting Yammer groups?

and practical very useful. All was organised in a very pleasant and friendly atmosphere. Thank you and well done (Nick Guldemond).

The eHealth forum under coordination of the Greek presidency was inspiring, constructive

## Next A2 Action Group meeting: registrations are open

Brussels, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The next A2 Action group plenary meeting is scheduled on next 20<sup>th</sup> June in Brussels.

The meeting will start at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. to allow the members to travel to Brussels and back home in a single day and the agenda (including exact time and location) will be circulated during next days.

See here below a provisional list of the main topics the meeting will deal with:

- Current status of the A2 activities
- New release of the Action Plan
- Key deliverables expected to be submitted to the EC within next September (on the basis of the inputs

raised during the informal meeting at the eHealth Forum in Athens)

- Synergies with the other Action Groups
  - o How to work efficiently on synergies between action groups?

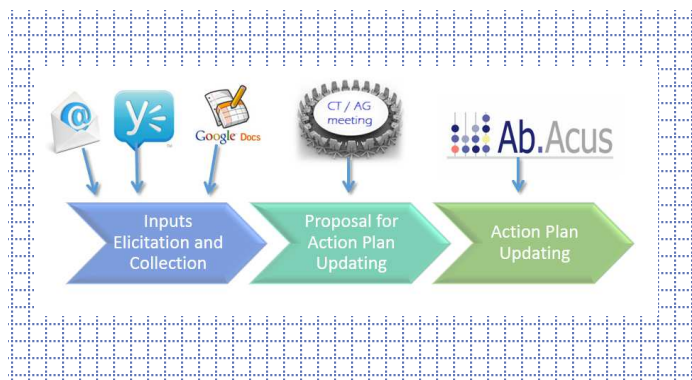
Register to the event within next 8<sup>th</sup> June by entering the following link:

<http://doodle.com/d9w762b5y2pq9tqn>

## The revised A2 Action Group Action Plan

The process of revision of the Action Plan to better detail activities planned in 2014 and 2015 is still ongoing.

The A2 AG Action Plan (AP) was defined in



late 2012, describing actions to take place since January 2013 up to December 2015.

The AP reports also about participating commitments and their expected role and contribution.

The current version of the AP is available on dotproject repository at <http://www.ab-acus.eu/dotproject/index.php?m=files&tab=1>. At the same URL is available also the full description of the revision process that is ongoing among the Coordination team members.

The revision process is now almost complete, only one Action Area is still under revision. The new AP text is expected to be agreed at the next A2 Action Group meeting in Brussels on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Publications:**

Title:	Study of the cut-off point of the Morse Fall Scale (MFS)
Authors:	Maria José Martins da Costa-Dias; Teresa Martins; Fátima Araújo
Supervisors:	
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The paper has been made available by Maria José Martins da Costa Dias, Hospital Luz, and it is downloadable from the dotproject repository:

<http://www.ab-acus.eu/dotproject/index.php?m=files&tab=8>

### **Funding opportunities:**

Next Horizon 2020 calls related to the Societal Challenge 1 "Health, demographic change and wellbeing" are available here:

H2020-PHC-2015-two-stage (deadline 1<sup>st</sup> stage on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-phc-2015-two-stage.html>

H2020-PHC-2015-single-stage (deadline on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-phc-2015-single-stage.html>

H2020-HCO-2015 – coordination activities (deadline on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-hco-2015.html>

The third Health Programme is on the way, please check it at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm)

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