

# AMBIENT ASSISTED LIVING

The Newsletter of CompAAL



## PROJECT

The COMPAAL consortium is delighted to bring to your attention the latest developments of professions, skills and competences in the domain of AAL - Ambient-Assisted Living.

[CompAAL](#) aims at developing qualification profiles for jobs in AAL. As widely known, Europe is becoming an Aging society. Ensuring good services and care for elderly people will contribute to the AHA – Active and Health Ageing goals.

The challenge is to make the most of the enormous potential that we harbor even at a more advanced age. **AAL specialist skills** are needed in many professions, in which the job requirements have changed under these fast-evolving technologies.

In this light, the CompAAL consortium has produced some valuable papers on top of which, the **DESK RESEARCH Synthesis Report** and the **Synthesis Field Research**. The primary aim of the Desk Research has been to identify the main needs and requirements of jobs in the field of AAL in all participating countries and to define the knowledge, skills and competences (learning outcomes), which are insufficiently trained in the framework of related qualification programmes. The Field Research's primary aim has been to gather data directly from the professionals working in the field of AAL either in R&D or as existing practitioners.

The aforementioned reports present an up-to-date overview of all the separate national reports conducted in eight European countries: Greece, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Spain. The synthesis report at hand aims to faithfully draw together all countries' findings and conclude to solid suggestions in so far as the learning outcomes needed in the emerging AAL job sector. To download the full **COMPAAL DESK RESEARCH**, [click here](#) and **Field Research reports**, [click here](#).

If you would like to read a summary of the major content of the Desk Research, we invite you to enjoy another inspiring article submitted by Dr.-Ing. Dirk Sommermeyer, COMPAAL consortium partner, at the AAL conference in Berlin January 2013. To download the article please [click here](#).

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## EVENTS

Finally, we are pleased to inform you about the following upcoming related events, including the final conference that closes the [GoldenWorkers Project](#):



■ **GoldenWorkers Final Conference** will be held in Barcelona, Spain on 18th December 2012.

The event aims at highlighting the future of work for an ageing population; how innovation and technologies will transform organizations.

[More information here.](#)

■ **6th AAL-Congress: Quality of Life during Demographic and Technological Change** will take place in Berlin on 22/23 January 2013.

[More information here.](#)

■ **INNO 4 AGEING event** will be held in Barcelona on 13/14 December 2012.

INNO4AGEING is the first Spanish Hospital and Medical-centers developers of R&D&I within XISCAT| *Health Innovation Network of Catalonia*.

[More information here.](#)

■ **PETRA 2013: 6th International Conference on Pervasive Technologies Related to Assistive Environments** will take place at Rhodes Island (Greece) on 29 -31 May 2013.

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.](#)

Thank you and enjoy an inspiring read!

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