



## **INVITATION “USER SESSION” IN AAL FORUM ICC GHENT, BELGIUM**

**23 September 2015, 14.00 – 17.30**

***N.B. SESSION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE***

***UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE LATEST  
ICT-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH MCI/DEMENTIA,  
INFORMAL CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS!***

We kindly invite you to get acquainted with and give feedback on **“AAL solutions”** specifically developed to support people with (mild) cognitive impairments and dementia, informal carers and professional carers.

**AAL solutions** are combinations of easy-to-use ICT/technology based products and services that can help people with MCI/dementia to live independently as long as possible. Solutions can help to independently carry out daily activities, to maintain social contacts and take medication in time, to remind about appointments or physical exercise, to navigate outside and be localised when lost, to alarm carers if necessary, to provide safety and peace of mind of carers, to share tasks and chores, to coordinate care etc. etc.

### ***USER SESSION***

During the AAL FORUM, on 23 September, we organise a special ‘User session’: *“Users/customers assess AAL solutions for people with MCI/dementia and their carers”*. In this session the latest ICT based solutions are presented. Some are already entering the market, others are in the final stages of development. You can already familiarize with products that might be interesting for you – right now or at some time in the future. The developers would love to hear your opinions and ideas in order to address the wishes and needs of (potential) end users even better. Furthermore we will discuss your views on the potential of ICT, your opinions on the AAL systems that are developed and the topics that deserve better attention.



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## **PROGRAMME**

During the session eight AAL partners will present 'their' AAL- solution. After each presentation the audience will be asked to react to some questions about issues such as usefulness and user friendliness. Then there will be time for your questions and for discussion.

## **WHAT IS THE AAL FORUM?**

The AAL FORUM is an international meeting place for people who are interested in the development and deployment of AAL solutions. AAL means Active & Assisted Living. Each year we organise an AAL FORUM – this year in Ghent / Flanders - vibrant with activities, demonstrations, international encounters and discussions about topics related to the role of ICT in an ageing society. E.g. How to ensure that systems are really easy to use, affordable and meeting the wishes of (older) users? How to safeguard the autonomy and privacy of (older) users? How can national/regional/local policies stimulate the development and the use of ICT?

## **WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE AAL FORUM?**

The AAL FORUM is visited by ICT-developers and companies as well as (future) users, researchers and policymakers.

## **WHY ARE YOU INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE AAL FORUM?**

In all AAL projects there is an intensive collaboration with (potential) end users. Right now is the moment to inform a larger group of potential end users about the (almost) finished products, services and systems and ask them to give feedback to further improve.

## **FREE REGISTRATION FOR THIS SESSION**

If you want to visit this specific 'user session' in the AAL FORUM (people with MCI/dementia, informal carers, volunteers, professional carers) the free registration includes:

- participation in this session
- a visit of the exhibition
- participation in the 'Get Together and Networking Drink' after the session.

To register for this session, please send an **email to:**

**Geja Langerveld**, [langerveld@zonmw.nl](mailto:langerveld@zonmw.nl)



If you want to visit other sessions and workshops at the [AAL FORUM](#), you can [register](#) and pay for 1 day or for the whole conference. More information about AAL is available on the [AAL website](#).



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