

# In the spotlight

**carer+**

developing digital competences of care workers  
to improve the quality of life of older people

# Piloting

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## WHAT WE DO

CARER+ project links and builds on a range of activities around Europe aimed at significantly improving the quality of lives of older people in their homes using new ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) and AAL (Ambient Assisted Living) technologies. The project also promotes the key role of professional social carers in this process, through the development of digital competencies.

## THE PILOTING PROGRAMME

Pilot testing the new technologies and approaches is a key element of the project including the detailed assessment of the Li1 and Webnapperon devices (supported by Internet Tablets and other Smart Networked Objects) tested with 500 users from five countries: France, Italy, Latvia, Romania and Spain. In the pilot phase 200 carers will be involved in a training programme lasting 200 hours as part of a Continuous Professional Development Programme (CPD). Further 50 informal care givers will participate via an Adult Learning Programme. At the same time, 250 care recipients will be equipped with Li1, Webnapperon or other Smart Networked Objects. The pilot phase starts in September 2013 with the 200 hours (4 months) training for the carers. A CARER+ e-learning platform provides ICT enhanced blended learning for carers in each country. Five mentors coordinated by a "super-trainer" in every country will support the learning activities. The training will be followed by a monitored 6 months home care service provision period. In this phase, carers will develop their individual caring practices by using the applied ICT tools. The pilot programme will be evaluated and will contribute to further home care recommendations for policy makers.

## PILOT SITES AND PARTNERS

The piloting programme will be implemented at 10 sites, in the five involved countries, including both rural and urban areas:

- In France:** Institut FEPEM de l'Emploi Familial (IFEFF), with the support of Fédération des Particuliers Employeurs de France (FEPEM)
- In Italy:** Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale Scarl (IRS), Milano
- In Romania:** Foundation EOS – Educating for an Open Society Romania, Timisoara
- In Latvia:** Latvijas Samariešu Apvienības (LSA) & Latvian Information and Communication Technology Association (LIKTA), Riga
- In Spain:** Iniciativas Innovadoras (II), Navarra

Other organisations, outside the consortium and from other countries are welcome to join through an open call for piloting.

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