iCareCoops

initiate . interact . integrate

Challenge
Over the next 40 years the proportion of the population over the age of 65 in the European Union will double, rising from 17% in 2005 to 30% in 2050. Due to this demographic change, dignified ageing and caregiving will gain relevance in the long-term future. This development has critical social and economic implications for European healthcare systems already facing challenges of sustainability and resource scarcity.

Vision
The cooperative concept is already well-established and successful in domains such as food supply and agriculture and presents an auspicious solution for the care sector as well. It encourages informal carers and care organisations to build autonomous, regional care systems.

The team of iCareCoops identified emerging information and communication technologies as the missing link to foster these independent care communities all across Europe.
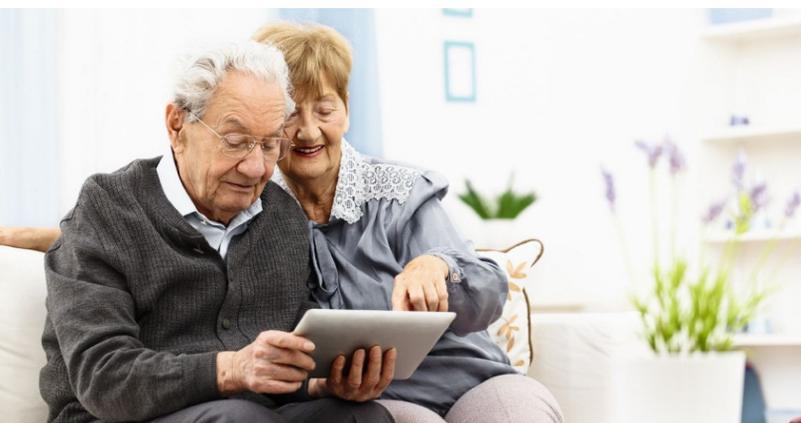
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The iCareCoops diagram showing: INTEREST GROUPS, CARE COOPERATIVE MEMBERS, INFORMAL CARERS, FORMAL CARERS, AAL SOLUTIONS, AAL SERVICES, ELDERLY PEOPLE, CARE RECEIVERS.

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Information Hub
- Foundation Navigator
- Care Coop Presenter

Cooperative Solution
- Open Knowledge Hub
- Collective Buying
- AAL Solution Selector
- Member Management
- Shared Logistics
- Software Solution
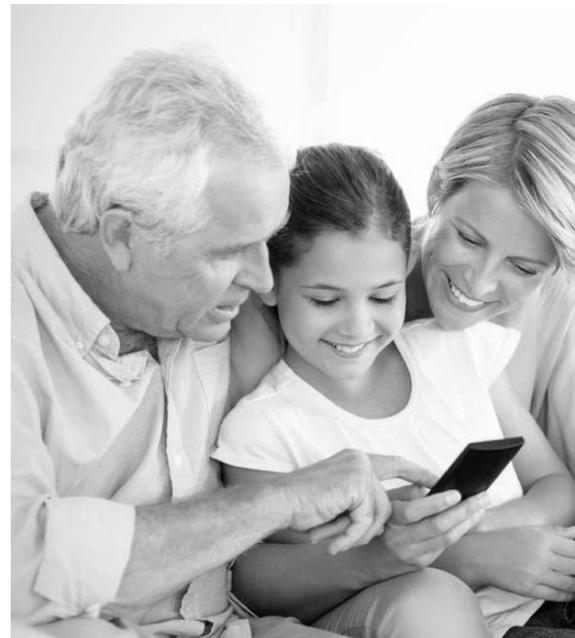
AAL Integration
- Volunteer Locator
- CareCast App

Stakeholders and Services

iCareCoops is designed as a three-level-concept with information, cooperative, and, AAL-driven service levels. These intelligent, interactive, and inclusive services can easily be accessed on a powerful web-based platform with a flexible and scalable architecture.

Users will find essential know-how on elderly care and cooperatives on the complementary Open Knowledge Hub. The Foundation Navigator and convenient applications such as Member Management, Shared Logistics, and Collective Buying of AAL devices streamline the process of founding and efficiently running a cooperative. Existing AAL tools will be deeply integrated via the AAL Solution Selector and a free CareCast App with an open API.

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iCareCoops brings together eight partners from seven different European countries, experts specialised in the fields of elderly care, cooperatives, ICT, and AAL applications. Based on comprehensive base research and stakeholder studies they will elaborate the concept of the ICT-driven care cooperative. End-users will be involved in all phases of the project. The platform will be demonstrated in a real environment with, among others, the Senior Citizen Cooperative Riedlingen, a pioneer in the field of care cooperatives.

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