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Results announced - 2016 Call for Reference Sites of the EIP on AHA

As a result of the Call for Reference sites 2016 launched in December 2015 at the Conference of Partners of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, a total of 74 regional and local organisations have been awarded "Reference Site" status.

These organisations have demonstrated the existence of comprehensive strategies to advance innovation for active and healthy ageing, based on a "Quadruple Helix" model that includes stakeholders from industry, civil society, academia and government authorities at a regional and local level.

Together these regions represent a commitment of over four billion € (2016-2019 period) to invest in innovative solutions that will lead to improvements in the quality of life of the ageing population, support efficiencies and sustainability of health and social care delivery and finally, stimulate economic growth and competitiveness. These investments will benefit an expected five million people in the next three years.

The Reference Site status is granted to organisations who have demonstrated excellence in the development, adoption and scaling up of innovative practices for active and healthy ageing, in line with the strategic objectives of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP

on AHA) and particularly the European Scaling Up Strategy for Innovation in Active and Healthy Ageing. The Scaling Up strategy supports the European Commission priority of establishing a Digital Single Market to unlock online opportunities for digital products and services.

For the first time, as a result of the peer-review and expert review process in the 2016 Call, and given the "national and cross-regional dimension" of the applicant's activities, the panel of experts has decided to award the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, the status of "National Reference for Excellence in promoting Innovation for Active and Healthy Ageing". Future calls will further explore the potential to have government-led National initiatives interested in participating in the EIP on AHA, proving an opportunity to showcase their innovative practices and contribution to scaling up innovation for the ageing population.

Twinning Support Scheme

On behalf of the European Commission, a new pilot scheme has been launched to support regional deployment of innovation by Reference Sites of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) through the reimbursement of expenses incurred in transfer of innovative practices.

Regional organisations that are engaged in the works of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) by means of "Individual Commitments" or "Collaborative Commitments" and holding Reference Site status as a result of the 2016 call can apply to benefit from a scheme that supports expenses incurred to facilitate the transfer of innovative practices for implementation in another region. The focus is on digitally-enabled innovative ICT solutions for health and care delivery for the ageing population.

There are two types of organisations involved: The "Organisation adopting the innovative practice" (receiving/adopter organisation) (is the organisation that will receive the innovative practice and deploy / implement it in its territory). This is the organisation that is awarded Reference Site status in the 2016 call and will benefit from the experience and know-how developed by the "organisation transferring an innovative practice" in a particular field of intervention.

The "Organisation transferring the innovative practice" (originator organisation), which is the organisation with the experience and know-how

developed in a particular field of intervention, that is awarded Reference Site status in the 2016 call and that is included in the innovative practices repository of the EIP on AHA.

An essential requirement for the adopting organisations is clear financial commitment to implement/procure the innovative practice within the timeframe 2016-2018. Applications to the scheme can be made through a "joint request" (submitted through a brief online form) – to be completed between 20 July 2016 and 1 September 2016.

The "joint request" is filled in by the adopting and transferring organisations together, requesting the twinning support, and providing details on the content of the twinning action, (notably which is the innovation practice to be transferred) and outlining the commitment to start implementing that innovative practice within the 2016-2018 timeframe (see Criteria for Application).

An independent panel made up of the Scale AHA European project, PROEIPAH and the European Commission will select up to 20 twinning actions awarded funding by 1st October 2016.

The deadline for receiving joint applications by Reference Sites through an online application form is 1 September 2016. Only one person from the two organisations can apply by entering the agreed information using the online application form.




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To facilitate the partner search, a dedicated online forum for exchanging ideas, posting offers and searching for suitable application partners has been created.

EIP on AHA Reference Sites

Here are the organisations awarded the Reference Sites of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing status!

- [Amsterdam Metropolitan Area](#), The Netherlands
- [Andalusia](#), Spain
- [Aragon](#), Spain
- [Arsenà.IT - Veneto Research Centre for eHealth Innovation](#), Italy
- [Asturias](#), Spain
- [Aust-Agder County and Vest-Agder County](#), Norway
- [Baden-Württemberg](#), Germany
- [Balearic Islands](#), Spain
- [Barcelona Province](#), Spain
- [Basque Country](#), Spain
- [Campania](#), Italy
- [Catalonia](#), Spain
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- [City of Augsburg](#), Germany
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- [City of Helsinki](#), Finland
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- [City of Kuopio](#), Finland
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- [City of Oulu](#), Finland
- [City of Sofia](#), Bulgaria
- [City of Terrassa](#), Spain
- [City of Zagreb](#), Croatia
- [East of France](#), France
- [Emilia-Romagna](#), Italy
- [Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth](#), Germany
- [Flanders](#), Belgium
- [Friuli Venezia Giulia](#), Italy
- [Galicia](#), Spain
- [Global Alliance Chronic Respiratory Diseases Regional Network](#), Turkey
- [Greater Manchester](#), United Kingdom
- [Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands](#), The Netherlands
- [Heraklion-Crete](#), Greece
- [Île-de-France](#), France
- [Kiev-Zhitomir](#), Ukraine
- [Kinzigtal](#), Germany
- [Lazio](#), Italy
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- [Limburg](#), Belgium
- [Lodz Province](#), Poland
- [Lombardy](#), Italy
- [MACVIA France Network](#), France
- [Madrid](#), Spain
- [Medical Delta](#), The Netherlands
- [Metropolitan Area of Porto \(Porto4Ageing\)](#), Portugal
- [Milan Metropolitan - Bergamo Province](#), Italy

ScaleAHA Call for Reference Sites Process



The Call for Reference Sites for the European Partnership for Active and Healthy Ageing was officially open from 29 January 2016 to 15 April 2016. In total, 81 applications from 22 different countries were submitted during this limited period. Applicants could download a PDF version of their application after they finished. The study team processed the applications and answers collected in the back-end were exported to form the final application.

A peer review preparatory webinar took place on 10 May 2016 which included a peer review briefing and an allocation of applications to reviewers. The briefing provided background information on the EIP on AHA and elaborated the key criteria of the call, the organisation of the call process and some guidance regarding conduct and formulation of the evaluation. The webinar was closed with a Q&A round. The online content management system Limesurvey was used for the peer review process which started on 13 May

2016. The reviewers received emails with links to the online platform and passwords to access the applications they had been allocated.

The online form for each peer review consisted of:

- an evaluation summary
- rating of the five criteria
- comments to support the rating of the five criteria

All 222 peer reviews (each application underwent three reviews) were submitted by 5 June. Over the course of June, the peer review results were closely examined by the European Commission, representatives of the Reference Site Collaborative Network and empirica, in order for final scores to be agreed upon for those applications which had not received unanimous ratings. Applicants were informed of the outcome on 8 July. The 74 Reference Sites were officially announced on 14 July and the Twinning Support Scheme was launched on 20 July.

EIP on AHA Reference Sites

Join us at the European Summit on Innovation for Active and Healthy Ageing (5-8 December 2016) to meet the Reference Sites. If in the meantime you are interested in engaging with the Reference Sites please contact the Reference Sites Collaborative Network.

- [Murcia](#), Spain
- [Norrbotten County](#), Sweden
- [North Brabant Province](#), The Netherlands
- [North East England](#), United Kingdom
- [North West Coast of England](#), United Kingdom
- [Northern Ireland](#), United Kingdom
- [Nouvelle-Aquitaine](#), France
- [Oberbergischer Kreis](#), Germany
- [Olomouc](#), Czech Republic
- [Pays De La Loire](#), France
- [Piedmont](#), Italy
- [Pirkanmaa](#), Finland
- [Puglia](#), Italy
- [Regional Network Long Lasting Memories](#), Greece and Cyprus
- [Republic of Ireland Regional Network](#), Ireland
- [Saxony](#), Germany
- [Scania](#), Sweden
- [Scotland](#), United Kingdom
- [Southern Denmark](#), Denmark
- [Stavanger](#), Norway
- [Styria](#), Austria
- [Trentino](#), Italy
- [Tuscany](#), Italy
- [Twente](#), The Netherlands
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- [West Flanders Province](#), Belgium
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EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, Günther Oettinger, congratulated the 74 recipients of the EIP on AHA Reference Site status.

Presentation of the study in Valencia, 21 June 2016

Scale-AHA took part in the EIP on AHA focused event, "Towards an active and healthy ageing", organised on 21 June 2016 in Valencia, Spain, by IISLAFE, HOSPITAL LA FE and ITACA-UPV. Reinhard Hammerschmidt (empirica) gave a presentation titled "Scaling EIP on AHA Initiatives. The Future".

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