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European Knowledge Tree Group for eHealth

Dear <<First Name>>

Welcome to our ninth Newsletter. Peter Saraga has had to stand down as Chair of our Leadership Group and he is succeeded by Ron Wheatcroft. Read what Ron has to say here.

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AAL Forum Meeting Bilboa, Spain

This year the AAL Forum will take place in Bilbao, Spain between 24th and 26th September, in concomitance with the Silver Week. The aim is to create an interactive and inspiring event, building on the creativity and the commitment of the AAL community.
This event is entitled Ageing Well in the digital age: a growing community of changemakers and it will pursue the involvement of each attendee as a driver for change within their ecosystems.

The EKTG Session follows one of the streams of the Forum: Risk Competence in AAL and technology innovations as viewed by users and policy makers. This will take place on

continue the debate and interaction. More information from the AAL website.

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Carers Action Plan (UK)

on 5 June the Carers Action Plan was launched by the Care Minister, Caroline Dinenage. During the subsequent Carers Week 2018 the theme was '*Healthy and Connected'* and at the launch the important role that technology could play in enhancing the life experiences of both carers and the cared for was highlighted.

Within Chapter 4 of the Carers Action Plan, '*Recognising and supporting carers in the wider community and society',* on P. 25, is a section entitled *Technology and innovation*, which includes actions which seek to improve carers' everyday experiences, raise societal awareness of carers and help create carer friendly communities by using innovative ideas supported by technology. Read Chapter 4, or download the whole Plan.

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Commission Notice: Guidance on Innovation Procurement

Public procurement rules are no longer only concerned with "how to buy" – they provide scope for incentives on "what to buy", without prescribing them. The objective of spending tax-payers' money well is gaining new dimensions, beyond merely satisfying the primary needs of public entities. With each public purchase, the public opinion is rightly interested to know whether the procured solution is not only formally compliant, but also whether it brings the best added value in terms of quality, cost-efficiency, environmental and social

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Best eHealth practices funded by the EU Health Programme

The best practice portal on health promotion, diseases prevention and management of non-communicable diseases is online. It brings together good practices collected in previous EU Health Programme actions in the following fields: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, health inequalities, reducing alcohol related harm and integrated care. Read more...

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City4Age - The ultimate city for the elderly population

The European funded City4Age project aims to make cities more age-friendly. It will create innovative ICT tools and services for early detection of risks related to frailty and of Mild Cognitive Impairments (MCI). The services will be tested in several European cities, as well as in Singapore. Read more...

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2018 EU Ageing Report: Policy Challenges for Ageing Societies

The 2018 Ageing Report shows that fiscal costs linked to pensions, health care and long-term care are expected to rise over the coming decades, as Europe's population continues to age significantly. Read more...

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A formal memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization (WHO). [Read more . . .](#)

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New chair appointed to improve patient access to innovation in the NHS

Lord Ara Darzi has been appointed as chair of the Accelerated Access Collaborative, a joint government–industry group to speed up patient access to ground-breaking technologies and treatments. [Read more . . .](#)

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Green Paper on Social Care

In a speech to the House of Commons on the 18th June, Jeremy Hunt announced that the planned Green Paper on social care will be delayed until the autumn. It will be published around the same time as the NHS plan announced by the Prime Minister on the 17th June. Budgets for both social care and public health will be published as part of the forthcoming Spending Review. (Note: with the recent Government reshuffle, Jeremy Hunt has been replaced by Matt Hancock.)

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UK Parliament Science and Technology Committee

They have published their Second Report on Brexit, science and innovation. [Read it . . .](#)

Health as a Social Movement: Theory into Practice

Since the project was commissioned by NHS England in 2016, the Royal Society for the Arts, Manufacturing and Science (RSA) has been working with the New Economics Foundation (NEF) to build momentum for change by supporting six NHS 'New Care Model' sites across England. The Health as a social movement programme has contributed to a growing inventiveness of the health system to be open to new influences to meet the daunting challenges it faces, regardless of significant extra resource. Read the Report.

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A recent FT report emphasises the importance of using Telemedicine

As governments cut public spending in the aftermath of the financial crisis, health services across Europe and the US have come under enormous pressure to cope with the basic medical needs of ageing populations. Research from Deloitte shows that in the UK, more than three in five people between the ages of 55 and 75 use a smartphone, although only 8 per cent of the group used their phones for video calls each week. Read it . . .

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Data in the EU: Commission steps up efforts to increase availability and boost healthcare data sharing

The European Commission is putting forward a set of measures to increase the availability of data in the EU, building on previous initiatives to boost the free flow of non-personal data in the Digital Single Market. Read more...

Assessing health technology in the EU: Commission proposes to reinforce cooperation amongst Member States

The Commission has put forward a proposal to boost cooperation amongst EU Member States for assessing health technology. Read more...

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UK offers fibre vouchers for consumers and SMEs

The UK government has announced yet another scheme designed to boost fibre penetration but this one might actually be useful. Read more . . .

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Remote monitoring solutions in healthcare

Addressing hospitals, health professionals and other stakeholders, the EU-funded eHealth HUB project has published a report comparing over 70 European solutions for remote patient monitoring. Read more . . .

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Scotland Diverging on Social Security

The final passing of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill into law. This clarifies that several aspects for services will be better than in England. Read more.

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Planned €100bn for EU research 'not enough'

Research organisations are calling on politicians to give the EU's next R&D Framework programme a bigger budget than the €97.6 billion proposed by the European Commission on 2 May, but they are facing competing arguments from other interests. Read more.

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Data Protection

As a result of the EU GDPR, major changes have taken place to UK law relating to data privacy and protection which includes personal information ("data") which we keep about you.

We have produced a Privacy Notice which deals with:-
- What is Lawful Processing
- What data does the Group acquire and keep about you
- Where does the Group get the data from and how is the data stored
- Does the Group transfer your data elsewhere
- How long does the Group retain your data
- Your rights

You can download a copy or read it on our website.

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