Carer+: Ageing well in the community and at home: developing digital competencies of care workers to improve the quality of life of older people

The Carer+ project aims to identify these new competences to support older persons in the home - anticipating a new and vital role for care workers, as a 'CarerPlus',*by developing a set of learning paths and educational resources for mobile and work based learning*, that respond to major challenges to their professionalisation: isolation, access to technology, flexibility of study modes, lack of support and motivation, formal accreditation, recognition of prior experience, and scalability.
The service proposed consists of the *deployment of a pervasive technological environment for self and professional development, supported by a pedagogical approach that foregrounds active cooperation (peer-to-peer and intergenerational learning)* that includes engagement with:

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- The use of complex Smart Networked Objects enabled with WiFi, ZigBee, Bluetooth, 3G+, LED, and RFID technologies integrating all-in-one solutions for eInclusion and eHealth: and offer functionalities that range from fall prevention to communication services that facilitate the social link with family and relatives via health planners, health narrative records, cognitive stimulation and text-to-speech engines. \n
- The use of simple Smart Networked Objects enabled with WiFi, 3G+, and RFID technologies integrating all-in-one solutions for eInclusion. \n
- The use of Internet Tablets and Smartphones.

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Target users and their needs
CarerPlus addresses the development of *digital competences and digitally-supported professional skills* for care workers, including actively into the process care recipients. The primary target groups addressed will be the relevant actors of social care sector: care workers and caregivers, their trainers within VET and Adult Education, older people, policy and decision makers, families, associations of care recipients and caregivers.

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