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# New device Vigi'Fall will make growing older safer thanks to EU funding

The FallWatch Consortium brings together a wealth of European technology and expertise in a tiny triangular patch called Vigi'Fall that can be worn by the user in a non-intrusive, permanent manner. The interaction between the device worn by the user, the infrared motion sensors mounted throughout the living area and a central control box ensures the accurate detection of a serious fall and the timely intervention of an emergency medical team. The next phase of the project, FallWatch DEMO, aims to optimise functionality and accuracy even further by incorporating heartbeat monitoring. The FallWatch/FallWatch DEMO projects have received combined funding of almost €2 million from the European Commission. The consortium is led by French start-up Vigilio S.A. and is a good example of how information / communication technologies (ICT) can make life easier and better for the elderly.

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