A new cycle for the EIP on AHA (2018-2020)

The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) is now starting a new cycle of activities over the 2018-2020 time-period.

The EIP on AHA is composed of a set of Action Groups and Reference Sites.

- **Action Groups** are groups of stakeholders that work together in specific thematic areas, related to the overall objectives of the EIP on AHA and its focus on scaling-up innovation. Each Action Group has an Action Plan. Participants commit to running a number of activities that contribute towards the headline targets of that action plan.

- **Reference Sites** are ecosystems comprising different players that jointly implement a comprehensive innovation-based approach to active and healthy ageing. Players include regional and/or local government authorities, cities, hospital/care organisations, industry, small- and medium-sized enterprises and/or start-ups, research and innovation organisations, and civil society.

Cross-cutting initiatives are advanced by the Partnership, and are open to any Partner to participate.

- The **Blueprint on Digital Transformation of Health and Care** gathers representatives from the demand and supply sides of digital health and care innovation, and aims to provide policy direction on measures that can support adoption of digital health and care innovation in Europe. It is the follow-up of the EIP on AHA **Scaling Up Strategy**. It should reflect the policy vision of the EIP on AHA Partners, and become an interactive channel for giving and receiving policy inputs between the European Commission and Partners.

- The **Innovation 2 Market** initiative targets innovative small- and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups, already operating at a national or a regional level, that have ambitions to scale up their digital health and care solutions cross-border.

- **MAFEIP** is the Monitoring and Assessment Framework initially developed in response to the EIP on AHA specific monitoring needs. It is to be used as an impact assessment tool to support evidence-based decision-making process for all institutions and users in the health and care sector.
Towards the end of 2017, the main activities undertaken will be:
- An update of the Commitments by members of the Action Groups.
- An open call for engagement to the Blueprint.
- A new release of the MAFEIP tool.

2018 will start, and follow with:
- An EIP on AHA Conference of Partners to be held in Brussels on 27-28 February 2018.
- The publication of a Map of Investments, a gap analysis, and later a Plan, from the I2M.
- An update of the Blueprint.

In 2019:
- An open Call for Commitments will be launched.
- An open Call for Reference Sites will be organised and a Call for Reference Sites’ twinning pairs.

In 2020 the EIP on AHA activities will be followed up on regular basis and reported on at the end of the cycle.