



European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

REFERENCE SITE












As a result of the [Extended 3rd call for Reference Sites 2019](#) launched in October 2019, [26 regional and local organisations](#) have been awarded “Reference Site” status, increasing the total number of Reference Sites [beyond 100!](#)














These organisations have demonstrated the existence of comprehensive strategies to advance innovation and to understand and address the challenges of delivering health and care services to the ageing population. They successfully bring together a wide range of stakeholders based on a “[Quadruple Helix](#)” model that includes representatives from industry, civil society, academia and government authorities at a regional and local level. These collaborations [drive structural change far beyond the scope any one particular organisation could achieve on its own](#), helping to create an environment for other regions across Europe to learn, transfer and adapt knowledge to local realities, with regional, social and economic development as the long-term objective.

The Reference Site status has been granted to those organisations who have shown excellence in the development, adoption and scaling up of innovative practices for active and healthy ageing. This work should also be aligned with the strategic objectives of the [European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing](#) (EIP on AHA) and the relevant new strategic developments including the [Transformation of Health and Care in the Digital Single Market](#) and work carried out through the Horizon 2020 [WE4AHA CSA](#), particularly in the 3 horizontal initiatives, such as the [Blueprint](#) and the [Innovation to Market \(I2M\)](#) plan and [MAFEIP](#).

However, this is only the beginning. The EIP on AHA provides a [framework for continuous improvement](#) and the involvement of new relevant stakeholders to enable any Reference Site to maintain and further improve its status. The process for becoming or making progress as a Reference Site incorporates an [Improvement Tool](#) which Reference Sites can use to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement, as well as develop an implementation plan. This will allow Reference Sites to continually challenge and benchmark themselves to ensure they are at the forefront in strategy and policy development and therefore contributing to the economic growth in their region and across Europe.

List of awarded Reference Sites as a result of the Extended 3rd call

Reference Site	Country	Award
Ageing Thinking Amadora - A.T.	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Ageing@Minho - University of Minho	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Ain Shams University Hospitals	Egypt	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
ALICE – Ageing Longer Integrated Care Environment	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Balearic Islands	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Cape Winelands Biosphere Reserve	South Africa	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
City of Belgrade	Serbia	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
City of Kuopio Elderly Care	Finland	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
City of Kraljevo	Serbia	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Coalition for health innovation	Romania	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Digital Health Platform of the Usti Region	Czech Republic	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆

Flanders' Care (FC)	Belgium	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★
Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH)	Greece	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★
Gard Turkey (Global Alliance Against Respiratory Diseases)	Turkey	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
Georgia	Georgia	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Health & Care Network Kempen	Belgium	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
Healthy and Active Connections	Poland	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Integr@tención	Spain - Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
Lisbon Ageing Well	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Paris - Lille Heathy Life Extension Testing (PLIHLET)	France	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Pays de la Loire	France	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★
POM West-Flanders	Belgium	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
RJH's Innovation and Collaboration Centre	Sweden	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★
Skane	Sweden	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★

Twente	The Netherlands	 <p>EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★ ★ ★ ☆</p>
Vilnius	Lithuania	 <p>EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★ ★ ★ ☆</p>