



European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

REFERENCE SITE

As a result of the [Call for Reference Sites 2019](#) launched in June 2019, a total of 77 regional and local organisations have been awarded “Reference Site” status.

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](#).












For the first time, as a result of the peer-review and expert review process in the 2019 Call, [six 4 star reference Sites have been awarded a “Certificate of excellence”](#) in recognition of their outstanding work in driving regional innovation in active and healthy ageing, improving the quality of life of the ageing population, making health and social care delivery more sustainable and stimulating economic growth and competitiveness. These Reference Sites include: South Denmark, Basque country, Andalusia, Catalonia, HANN and Scotland.












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.











Would you like to meet and engage with the new Reference Sites? Join us at the [EIP on AHA Conference of Partners 2019](#) held in collaboration with the Active and Assisted Living Programme’s AAL Forum from the [23-25 September in Aarhus, Denmark](#). The Reference Site Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 25 of September at 19:00.












List of awarded Reference Sites 2019












Reference Site	Country	Award
A. Falkiewicz Specialist Hospital	Poland	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Academic Health Science Network North West Coast (Innovation Agency)	UK	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
Arenadour	France	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Campania Reference Site	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Center for Gastrology & Primary Food Care (Primary npo)	Netherlands	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Central Denmark Region	Denmark	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Centre for Research and Technology Hellas Information Technologies Institute	Greece	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
City of Oulu	Finland	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
City of Zagreb	Croatia	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆
Clinica Oculistica, Ospedale policlinico San Martino	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆
Department of Epidemiology, Lazio Regional Health Service	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆











Department of Health and Social Policies of the Autonomous Province of Trento – TrentinoSalute4.0	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Department of Health, Northern Ireland	UK	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Department of Universal and Public Health, Regional Government of Valencia Community	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
DoctorsHello	Greece	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★☆☆☆☆
East of France Network	France	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★☆☆
Elbrus Centre	Ukraine	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth	Germany	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE
Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
GA ² LEN e.V (NGO)	Germany	 EIP on AHA CANDIDATE REFERENCE SITE
Galician Health Ministry	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	UK	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★

HANNN	Netherlands	 Special recognition for excellence
Happy Aging, In4Care	Belgium	
HealthRegion CologneBonn	Germany	
Human.technology Styria GmbH	Austria	
IDIVAL - Fundación Instituto de Investigación Marqués de Valdecilla	Spain	
Local health and social Authority ULSS 3 Serenissima (AULSS3), Veneto Region	Italy	
Lombardy Region – D.G. Welfare	Italy	
Long Lasting Memories Care, Greece, Cyprus	Greece - Cyprus	
MACVIA	France	
Madrid Regional Health Ministry	Spain	
Medical University of Lodz (MUL)	Poland	

Ministry of Health Catalonia. Fundació TICSALUT Social	Spain	 Special recognition for excellence
Ministry of Health, Basque Government	Spain	 Special recognition for excellence
Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-Württemberg	Germany	
Municipality of Athens	Greece	
Municipality of Badalona	Spain	
Municipality of Rome	Italy	
National Center for Scientific Research “Demokritos”	Greece	
Newcastle University	UK	
NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG)	UK	
Nouvelle Aquitaine Region	France	
NOVA University of Lisbon	Portugal	

Porto4Ageing Reference Site, University of Porto	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Reference Site Agder, South Norway	Norway	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Reference Site Region of Murcia	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Region Norrbotten	Sweden	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★
Region of Algarve Reference Site	Portugal	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★☆☆☆
Region of Crete	Greece	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★☆☆☆
Region of Southern Denmark	Denmark	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★ Special recognition for excellence
Region of Navarra	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Region of Zealand	Denmark	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Regional Agency for Health and Social Care of Emilia-Romagna Region	Italy	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★☆
Regional Ministry of Health and Families of Andalusia (RMHFA)	Spain	 EIP on AHA REFERENCE SITE ★★★★★ Special recognition for excellence

Regional Ministry of Health and Social Services of Extremadura	Spain	
Regional Ministry of Rights and Social Services, Asturias	Spain	
Regional Authority of the Centre Region (CCRDC) – Ageing@Coimbra	Portugal	
Regione Liguria	Italy	
Regione Marche, Servizio Sanità	Italy	
Regione Piemonte and IRES	Italy	
Regione Puglia	Italy	
Saxon State Ministry of Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (SMS)	Germany	
School of Medicine, University of Crete	Greece	
Scottish Government	UK	 <p>Special recognition for excellence</p>
Senior Riga	Latvia	

Servicio Aragonés de Salud (SALUD)	Spain	
Sicilian Region, Regional Health Department	Italy	
SIVI Cluster (Innovative Solutions for Independent Living Cluster)	Spain	
Slovenian Innovation Hub European Economic Interest Grouping	Slovenia	
Stavanger Region European Office	Norway	
Tante Louise	Netherlands	
Tays Eye Centre, Tampere University Hospital	Finland	
The Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD Amsterdam)	Netherlands	
Tuscany Region	Italy	
University Hospital Olomouc - NTMC	Czech Republic	
Welsh Government	UK	