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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our NET4Age-Friendly COST Action is getting mature and wider than ever!

As we progress to featuring the main results soon, it is worth to understand how SHAFE was born and how this COST Action is being an essential umbrella to advance towards the implementation of Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments. And, of course, to publicise the next steps! We present you the SHAFE Foundation and our plans for the future.

The Action Chair and Vice-Chair
Carina Dantas & Willeke van Staalduinen

GRANT RESULTS

- SHAFE mapping on social innovation ecosystems
- SHAFE ontology
- SHAFE business models
- OTHER WM results

SHAFE / NET4Age-Friendly recognised by the United Nations as a good practice

The United Nations launched an Open call for good practices, success stories and lessons learned by all stakeholders in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. More than 700 submissions were reviewed by a team of experts from United Nations entities and "SHAFE implemented through NET4Age-friendly" was one of the recognized good practices from all over the world.

COST Connect event on Ageing in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

Our COST Action Chair and Vice-Chair Carina Dantas and Willeke Van Staalduinen were in Brussels on 20 and 21 April 2023, at the COST Association, for the COST Connect event on Ageing in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities with COST, EIT Health and European Commission officers, as well as experts from relevant areas and other COST Action representatives.

EC Conference on the Rural Pact

NET4Age-Friendly and the SHAFE network were represented at the Rural Pact Conference by our Vice-Chair and Grant Holder Willeke Van Staalduinen.

The Rural Pact aims to strengthen the multi-level governance for the EU's rural areas and there is a strong link with the work we have been performing in our COST Action.

NET4 replies to Green Paper on Ageing

NET4Age-Friendly members have developed a collaborative contribution to the EC Green Paper on Ageing, that was under open consultation until April 21st 2021. The contributions are spread by different topics and provide a comprehensive addition of relevant topics spreading from health to ICT and, of course, the built environments. Social elements are also at the core of this document, even more within the pandemic context.

Workshop - Bridging innovation to service provision

NET4Age-Friendly was featured at the 27 April 2023 webinar of the workshop series Bridging innovation to service provision, with the Highlights from NET4Age-Friendly Special Issue: from assessments to digitally supported interventions.

WHEN WE MET

MC Meeting in The Hague

The MC Meeting in Hague took place on May 24th 2023.

The meeting accommodated both in-person and online attendees, ensuring widespread participation.

MC Meeting in Hamburg

On September 29th and 30th 2022, a packed room of NET4Age-Friendly members got together in Hamburg, Germany, to align decisions about cooperation budget, scientific programs, forms of support, location of the events, results achieved, and further tasks.

The face-to-face meeting took place at the office of the Ministry and there was also the possibility to join online. A total of 48 participants joined in presence, 25 MC members and 23 active WG members, plus 20 online participations during the WG meetings and Plenary.

MC meeting in Szeged

On May 17 and 18, 2022, the University of Szeged, Hungary, hosted the meeting of the NET4Age-Friendly Network - which was organized by the Attila József Study and Information Center of the University of Szeged.

MC Meeting in Anacapri and Naples

The first face-to-face meeting of NET4Age-Friendly took place in Naples and Capri in October 2021.

The Local Organiser was Maddalena Illario, UNINA, who organised the face-to-face meeting in Capri Island, Italy, with 23 on-site participants. 29 MC members joined online on October 6th; 46 MC members and other participants were present online on October 7th.

NET4Age-Friendly Kick Off Meeting

The first Management Committee (MC) meeting of the NET4Age-Friendly COST Action was held on the 21 and 22 October 2020 and the key positions of the project elected.

This COST Action initiated with official participants from 38 countries and a network of 213 stakeholders.

WG1 and WG3 Meeting in Treviso

NET4Age-Friendly working groups 1 and 3 met in Treviso, Italy on the 26th and 27th of January 2023 for an intense workshop aimed at furthering the compilation of the NET4Age Knowledge Base, which is expected to be release later in 2023.

The meeting was hosted by ISRAA, represented by Oscar Zanutto of WG3.

WG5 Meeting in Rome

The IEEE Conference METROXRAINE | METROLOGY FOR EXTENDED REALITY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND NEURAL ENGINEERING joined several NET4Age-Friendly members in Rome between 26 and 28 October 2022.

The Action also held a WG5 meeting, hosted by UNINA, to discuss the ontology of SHAFE and next steps towards the NET4Age-Friendly Reference Framework.

Bucharest Training School

NET4Age-Friendly organized a Training School between the days 12 and 15 September 2022, in Bucharest, Romania, hosted by Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Romania, in collaboration with Ana Aslan International Foundation.

The main theme of this training school was the Sustainability of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, focused specially on Big Data and Business Modelling.

NEXT EVENTS

Training School in Tirana

The Continuous Education Center at Epoka University, together with the Department of Architecture of Epoka University, in partnership with SpaRe.Life | IWS and under the NET4Age-Friendly COST Action CA19136, will host the Training School: Ageing in the City. Independent living and social participation in age-friendly smart places and spaces, on the 10-12 July 2023, in Tirana - Albania.

OPEN CALL for Trainees for the Skopje Training School

NET4Age-Friendly Training School on Policies, Technologies, and Entrepreneurship for Digitalization of Society opened a call for trainees! Join us on the 26-28 September 2023 in the Faculty for Computer Science and Engineering of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia.
Call information, application form and key dates in this link.

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