CA19136 - International Interdisciplinary Network on Smart Healthy Age-friendly Environments (NET4Age-Friendly)

SECOND GRANTS CALL for 4th GRANT PERIOD

OPEN CALL for grants

Summary of the Action

NET4Age-Friendly is a COST Action that aims to establish an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers from all sectors, to foster awareness and to support the creation and implementation of smart, healthy indoor and outdoor environments for present and future generations. To promote social inclusion, independent living and active and healthy ageing in society, the NET4Age-Friendly COST Action establishes an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers and stakeholders from all sectors. Its aim is to foster awareness, and to support the creation and implementation of smart, healthy indoor and outdoor environments for present and future generations. NET4Age-Friendly further aims to overcome fragmentation and critical gaps at both conceptual and pragmatic innovation level on responsive, age-friendly and sustainable environments to address European research and policy challenges.

The main approach of NET4Age-Friendly is the establishment of local or regional ecosystems in each COST country involved, to work on health and well-being in an age-friendly digital world. The ecosystems consist of citizens, public authorities, businesses/NGOs and researchers. They are supported by four thematic Working Groups: User-centered inclusive design in age-friendly environments and communities, Integrated health and well-being pathways; Digital solutions and large-scale sustainable implementation; Policy development, funding forecast and cost-benefit evaluations.

More about the Action can be found here and the Action MoU is available here.

APPLY for Inclusiveness Target Countries Grant (ITC) or Dissemination Conference Grant (DCG)
- ✓ Interested in sharing your results, works, and ideas?
- ✓ Interested in making an impact of your project on fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and capacity building?
- ✓ Interested in sharing and disseminating the NET4Age results and promoting our work and activities?
  - ☞ **Apply for those grants, after you read the ITC and DCG rules and criteria!**

APPLY for VM OR STSM!

- ✓ Interested in bringing expertise to your own professional development?
  - ☞ Apply for a VM within a Specific Area of NET4Age-Friendly Interest
  - ☞ Make your innovative proposal in line with current WG tasks
  - ☞ Make your case and GO!

IMPORTANT NOTE: ONLY VM AND STSM GRANTS THAT ARE IN LINE WITH THIS CALL AND SPECIFIC TASKS WILL BE GRANTED!
The task force will provide assistance!

What is a VM?

A Virtual mobility (VM) consists of a collaboration in virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc. VMs should:

- support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations;
- Support specific / general topic that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination);
- include flexible and inclusive networking activities crucial to establish new collaborations or reinforce existing collaborations across disciplines and different sectors

More info about rules available via this link.

Specific tasks to be accomplished

WG1

1. Develop the **D9 Module on user-centred inclusive design for framework – M44**

   – *Module will synthesize and present the user-centred inclusive design for framework (WG1) build upon the D6 report available via https://www.net4age.eu/d6-final-report-user-centred-design-shafe*

   – *Module will establish the general framework for further adopters that will use available technologies in terms of inclusion, accessibility, usability, and engagement, focusing on environmental, design, technology, and infrastructure design thinking in the ageing domain*

   – *results/summaries need to be transformed/adapted to modules until end June 2024.*

☒ Main contacts and more about **WG1**: User-centred inclusive design of age-friendly environments and communities.

WG2

1. Develop the **D 10 Module on integrated health and wellbeing pathways for the framework – M44**

   – *Module will synthesize and present the integrated health and well-being pathways build upon the D7 D7 Integrated health and wellbeing pathways available via https://www.net4age.eu/d7-integrated-health-and-wellbeing-pathways*

   – *Module will be designed to explore the concept of integrated health and well-being pathways within the framework of holistic care. It will delve into the interconnectedness of physical, mental, and social aspects of health, emphasizing the importance of coordination and collaboration among healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive care to individuals and communities*

   – *results/summaries need to be transformed/adapted to modules until end June 2024.*

☒ Main contacts and more about **WG2**: Integrated health and well-being pathways.

WG3

1. Develop the **D11 module on digital innovations and implementation for framework - M44**

   – *Module will synthesize and present the digital innovations and implementation for framework, building upon D8 deliverable available via https://www.net4age.eu/d8-final-report-digital-innovation-and-implementation*

   – *Module will be designed to expand on and optimise the existing Knowledge base of State-of-the-Art actions, available at https://www.net4age.eu/analysis-responses*

   – *Further expand and integrate the Knowledge Base results with the SHAFE ontology; Delve into the potential practical applications and uses of the Knowledge Base*

   – *results/summaries need to be transformed/adapted to modules until end June 2024.*

☒ Main contacts and more about **WG3**: Digital solutions and large-scale sustainable implementation.

1. Develop the **D12 Module on policy, funding and business models for the Reference Framework– M44**
   - *Module will synthesize and present the policy, funding and business models for framework (WG4) build upon the D4 and D5 reports available via https://www.net4age.eu/D4-report-on-SHAFE-policies-strategies-and-funding and https://www.net4age.eu/d5-evaluation-and-business-models-shafe*
   - *Module will establish the general framework for further policy and funding and also refer to innovative business models related to SHAFE*
   - *Module will conclude with a White Paper on Policy/Funding on SHAFE*
   - *results/summaries need to be transformed/adapted to modules until end June 2024.*

2. Develop the **Module on business and evaluation models for the Framework– M44**
   - *Module will synthesize and present the evaluation and impact models for framework (WG4) build upon the D5 report available via https://www.net4age.eu/d5-evaluation-and-business-models-shafe*
   - *Module will establish the general framework for further evaluation and impact frameworks and will conclude on a dissemination plan for to further link SHAFE evaluation and impact to the larger European agenda*
   - *results/summaries need to be transformed/adapted to modules until end June 2024.*

✉ Main contacts and more about **WG4**: SHAFE impact and sustainability: policy development, funding forecast and cost benefit evaluations.

Deadlines

- Deadline for submission of applications: **May 10th, 2024**

*The applications will be evaluated on **the first come first served basis**, to ensure smooth process and avoid delays that could hamper finalizing the deliverables. Applicants will be informed within e-COST and application account.*

Applications should be made online at the e-COST website. Your application will be considered by the Grant Awarding Committee for NET4Age-Friendly. Before filling out the application, please consult the VM rules provided. In case you have any questions about the application procedure or rules, please contact the **Grant Awarding Coordinator, Milica Solarević** at milica.solarevic@dgt.uns.ac.rs.

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