



AAL Programme

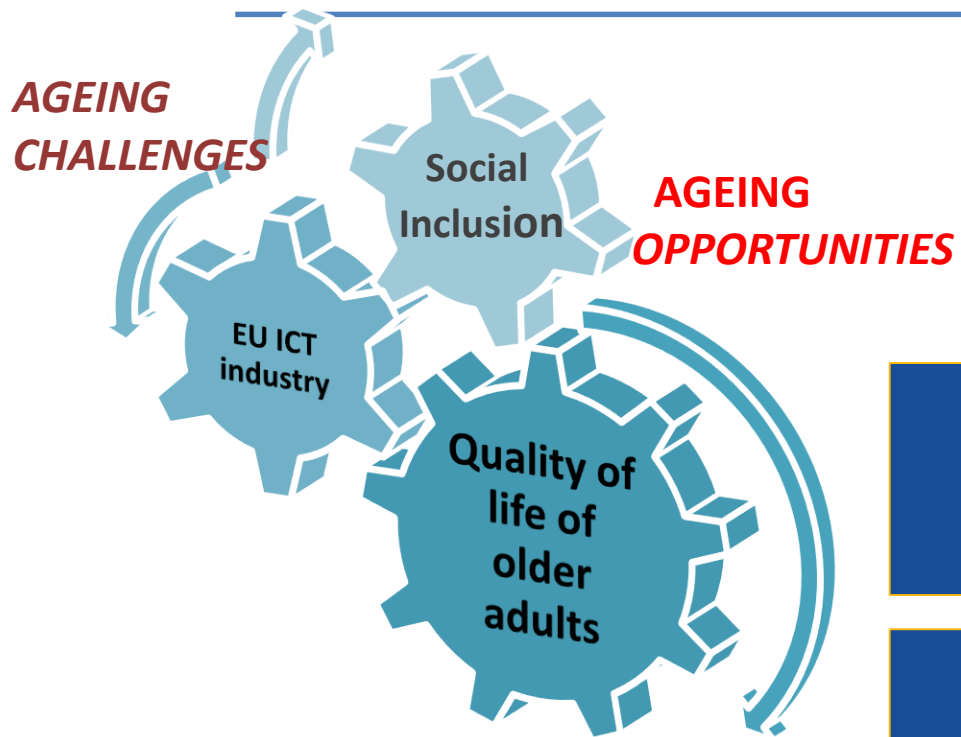
ICT for ageing well

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What is AAL?



European initiative to fund projects proposing solutions based on **ICT** to improve the quality of life of **older adults**

COFUNDING ACTIVITY

- Applied research
- Innovation closer to market

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS

- > 3 countries involved
- Business / SMEs / Users / R&D

USER DRIVEN

- Innovation paradigms
- Conception / Testing / Business

AAL – The AAL Association

European Commission

*Approves the work-programme
Carries reviews*

Advisory Board

One chair plus up to nine further members

General Assembly

*Final decision body of the association
One member per country*

Executive Board

Represents the Association and manages legal relations; work programme; budget; calls

Working Groups

*Content Call preparation, Future Strategy, Support Actions, etc.
External experts can be appointed*

Management Unit

Central Mgmt. Unit

6 people (DIR, PS, FIN & COM/PR)

National Contact Persons

one per NFA

Legal entity based in Brussels, created to implement the AAL Programmes



AAL Association - CMU

- Central Management Unit based in Brussels (6 persons) taking care of:
 - Coordination of the AAL Association
 - Call preparation and publication
 - Proposals submission, evaluation and invitation for negotiations
 - Project reviews (mid term and final) and continuous project monitoring
 - Organisation of information days, workshops and support activities
 - Organisation of annual Forum
 - Central financial management (payment requests and running of the Association)



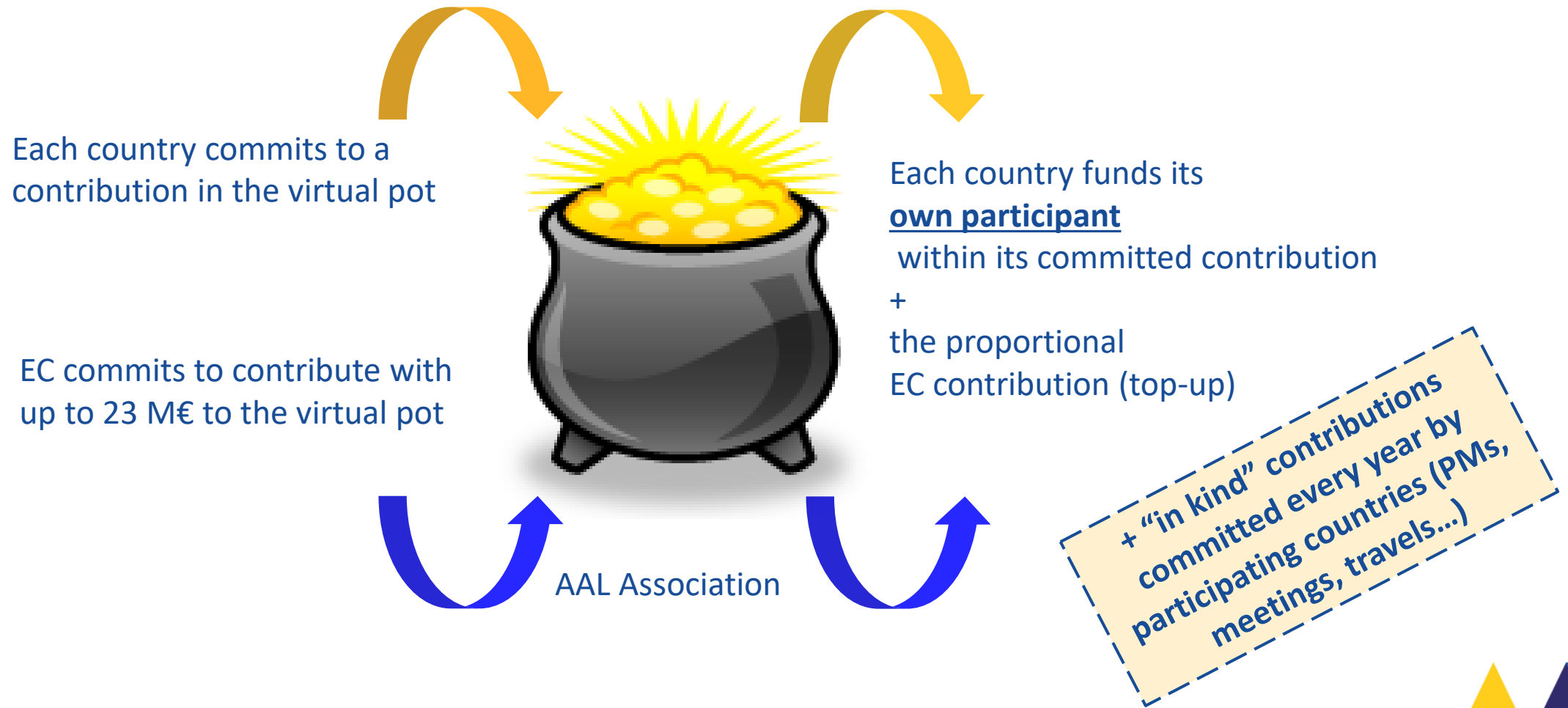
AAL Association - NFAs

- National Contact Persons based in their respective countries, taking care of:
 - National eligibility check and grant agreements preparation
 - Project monitoring at national level
 - Programme communication and promotion at national level
 - Organisation of national/regional information days, workshops, annual Forum, support activities

Some NFAs active in:

- Participation in the governing/implementing bodies such as:
 - General Assembly
 - Executive Board
 - Working groups and Steering Committees

Funding – how does it work for yearly calls – a virtual common pot



AAL Programme – facts and figures (1)

EU Programme Type/Structure:

Co-funded (Art. 185 TFEU)

Current Membership:

18 countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada,

Cyprus, Denmark, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, UK

24 public funding agencies:

- 12 R&D Ministries & Agencies
- 6 Innovation Agencies
- 4 Health Ministries
- 2 Regional Agencies



AAL Programme – facts and figures (2)

- 11 annual calls with over 220 collaborative projects funded across 23 countries; with submission and evaluation platforms
- Multi-stakeholder projects between end-users, research organisations and SMEs;
- Support to over 700 SMEs to bring solutions to market;
- Strong involvement of end-users with over 40.000 involved in the period of 2008-2011 alone;
- Strong involvement of local actors and ecosystems, such as regions, care providers, municipalities (link with EIP AHA)
- At least 25% of terminated projects in AAL1 declared to have launched solutions in the market.



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