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Welcome to the EU_SHAFE Newsletter!

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Welcome to the third release of the **EU_SHAFE Newsletter!**

EU_SHAFE is a running project funded by the Interreg Europe Programme, within the area of **Research and Innovation**. EU_SHAFE lasts **42 months** and involves **10 partners** working together to improve policies and practices in **7 European regions** by developing a comprehensive approach to Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments (SHAFE).

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10 partners
7 countries



EU_SHAFE develops a methodology for analysing and influencing local policy instruments in SHAFE through interregional knowledge exchange

The EU_SHAFE team has developed a methodology for the analysis of the policy instruments of the seven European regions involved in the project in what they approach Smart, Health, Age-friendly Environments (SHAFE).

The methodology has a twofold objective: first, it aims at analyzing how the policy instruments from each participating region approach four from the eight WHO domains for SHAFE (Housing, Social Participation, Community and Health Services and Communication).

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The main events of EU_SHAFE during its third semester

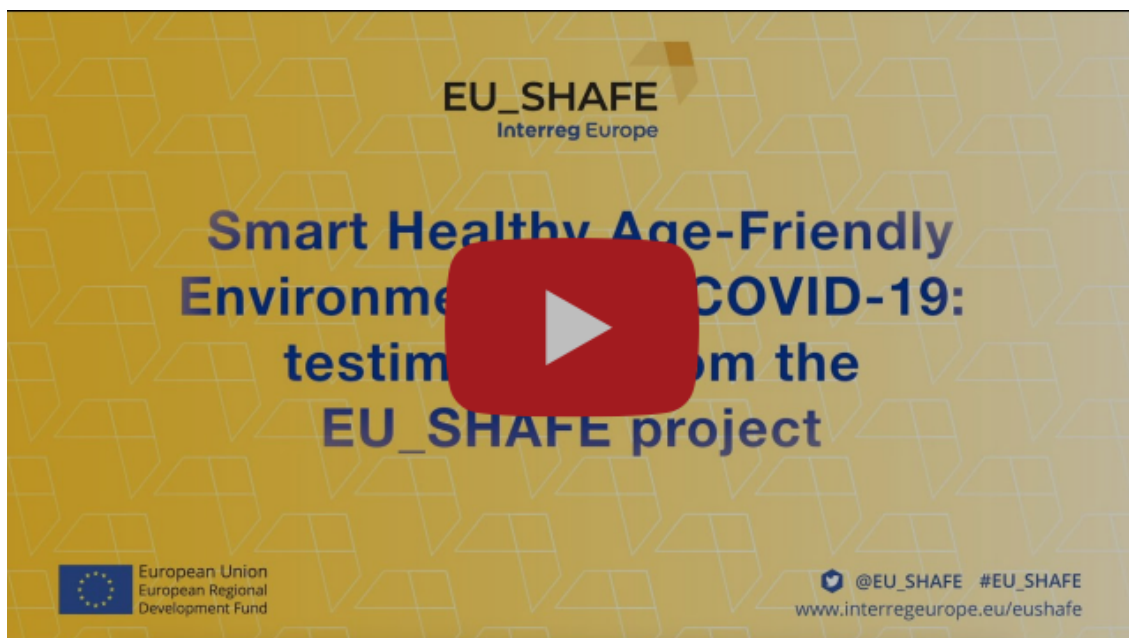
In spite of the great difficulties that the current health emergency is causing, the EU_SHAFE project succeeded in organising the **two main events** that were on its agenda during winter 2020-2021: the project's first intense sharing of good practices for interregional learning and the second domain focused interregional policy learning events.

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SHAFE and the COVID-19 health crisis

The novel strain of COVID-19 is marking a turning point in civic, economic, political and organizational terms. The EU_SHAFE Coordinator and three local authorities' partners offer valuable insights into the stress load within their organizations and the repercussions upon the project's activities, highlighting how they are reacting to a unique and dramatic emergency.



Highlights



A chat with Sonja Hansen,

European Project Officer, Center of Assisted Living Technology, Health and Care in Aarhus Municipality

What is the status of the policies addressing smart healthy age-friendly environments in your region?

In January 2021, the Aarhus City Council updated our policy instrument, emphasizing public private innovation even further. The objectives of the policy are now even more in line with the EU_SHAFE perspectives (Economic, Social and Public), and the Fund wishes to make good use of the project opportunity to be inspired by the other project partners' action plans, especially regarding the economic perspective.

As a municipality we are responsible for the health care of the citizens, and together with the Central Denmark Region we are working with eco-systems for smart healthy age-friendly environments. As a EIP on AHA Reference Site we have participated in several webinars sharing knowledge with other Reference Sites within the area of SHAFE. We are also discussing the theme in the COST-Action Net4Age, where we are involved. The coming results can probably be transferred to the different regions/municipalities for creating sustainable solutions and funding possibilities for ageing well in the digital world.

Who are the key SHAFE's stakeholders in your territory and what is your strategy to engage with them?

Our stakeholder group is composed of experts from the municipality, Aarhus Senior Council, the University of Aarhus and the Test and Development Centre of Assisted Living Technology in Viborg.

Due to the current pandemic that hinders the possibility of F2F meetings, we contact the Aarhus stakeholders by email and have asked them to complete questionnaires regarding the assessment and possible scalability of the various good practices. Several stakeholders are also contacted directly to further comment on specific practices that relate to their individual fields of interest and expertise.

The "online relationship" established with the local stakeholders group has, so far,

have been gathered on the possible up-take of the practices within the Danish context, and on their relevance for the organisations represented by our stakeholders.

Which is the added value you think EU_SHAFE will bring to your region?

Aarhus municipality's EU_SHAFE action plan will focus on our policy instrument's structural change, from an operational perspective to a business development perspective. It will analyse the possibilities, strengths, weaknesses and threats that will be brought about by the change and that will affect both the private sector and Aarhus Municipality. On a larger scale, EU_SHAFE brings partners together from all over Europe, which means that policies from the different regions can be of mutual inspiration to partners and stakeholders. Also, the Commission priorities on healthy ageing in a digital world could lead to further actions, policies, and future funding possibilities.

Next Event

EU_SHAFE 2nd Intense sharing of good practices for inter-regional learning meetings in Louth

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27th May 2021
9am - 12pm GMT
10am - 1pm CET

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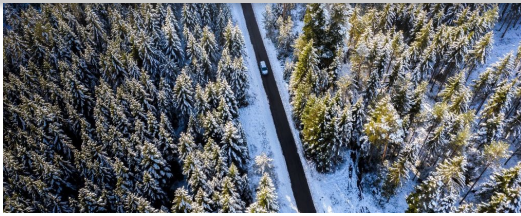
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The consortium is well-balanced in terms of involvement from academia and research, as well as public and non-profit organisations.



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