



PROCURA, Let's Work Together!

Public Procurement to Procure Innovative Socio-health Solutions for Active Aging and Independent Living

Gerencia de Servicios Sociales de Castilla y León and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, as partners of the Interreg - SUDOE "PROCURA" project, are looking for ICT solutions for addressing the needs of the aging population who loses autonomy.

Since June 14th an Open Market Consultation for Public Procurement to procure innovative Socio-health Solutions for Active Aging and Independent Living is open for participation during 60 days till August 16th. If you are interested on taking part, you can access to the on-line questionnaire: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/OMC_PROCURA_EN



What the main steps are...

01 CREATING A COMMUNITY OF REGIONS



To Improve transnational collaboration

02 FOSTERING TRAINING



To Increase stakeholders skills

03 DEVELOPING A PILOT



To foster competitiveness of regions and companies

Promoting Public Procurement of Innovation for Active ageing and the Autonomy of people

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This procedure has two lots:

1. Looking for ICT solutions enabling to develop a Smart Walker to approach the user's position and avoid falls through a braking system. Possible integration of sensor technologies capable of offering other optional features. It is important because this solution will allow us to preserve personal autonomy, which is a key challenge in our opinion. The inability of the current walkers to approach the user automatically, makes the person needing the help of an assistant or simply suffer the risk of falls. For example, a person who gets out of bed and has the walker away.

2. Looking for ICT solutions enabling to develop a toilet capable of assisting the user to stand up once seated, in addition to washing and drying the user after use. Interesting because this solution will allow the user to preserve personal autonomy, which in our opinion is a key challenge. The inability to go to the toilet autonomously causes serious problems of intestinal transit in many elderly or physically disabled, in addition to the issue of preserving privacy.

This is part of a Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI) process. PPI means procurement where contracting authorities act as a launch customer of innovative goods or services which are not yet available on a commercial basis in the market to cover some specific identified needs, and it includes conformance testing.

The application of the PPI instrument is based on an innovative integrated social-health care model in order to develop efficient solutions for addressing the needs of the aging population who loses autonomy, while increasing and improving the competitiveness of companies and innovative entities with the mobilisation of the regional ecosystems of innovation.

Who we are...

To achieve successfully its mission, PROCURA relies on an efficient team of partners from Sudoe space (France, Spain, Portugal). Complementary skills is key success for the project.

Why we need innovation...

In order to deal with this situation, it is a priority to rethink public policies. Social and health sectors need to collaborate in order to foster innovation for delivering more efficient services to the users. Despite its high potential, Public Procurement of Innovation is still underused in the Sudoe Space.

Through its action, PROCURA will encourage the actors of social and health sector to use public procurement of Innovation tool.

What we do...

Public Procurement of Innovation occurs when public authorities act as a launch customer for innovative goods or services.

PROCURA will promote an integrated model of social and health care that has shown greater effectiveness and efficiency than a health-only response. This will be possible using R&D as a crucial element to achieve higher-quality and cost-efficient services, improving competitiveness and transforming socio-health care through the mechanism of the Public Procurement for Innovation

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