European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

2nd Call for Reference Sites

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EIP on AHA Reference Site Collaborative Network (RSCN)
Reference Sites were defined as regions, cities, integrated hospitals/care organisations implementing innovative approaches to AHA.

- June 2012 - 54 Organisations submitted Expression of Intent.
- Submit up to 3 Areas of Good Practice.
- July 2013 - 32 Reference Sites awarded 1, 2, or 3 Star Status.
- November 2013 - Reference Site Collaborative Network established.
- 2016 - 2nd Call for Reference Sites.
Reference Sites – Positive Experiences

- Catalyst for innovation and scaling up in a Region
- Contribute to development of regional strategies
- Sharing knowledge and expertise with other Reference Sites
- Collaborating in the development and agreement of cross regional service delivery models e.g. Airways ICP;
- Enable scaling up of service delivery models by ensuring health and care providers are able to adopt innovative practices;
- Forming partnerships for funding calls
Challenges That Reference Sites Faced

- For some - Lack of clarity on the role of Reference Sites
- Scaling up innovative practices and solutions if Regional Administrative Authority not engaged
- Diversity in classification of Reference Sites
- For some - Getting political buy-in at regional level
- For some - Influencing regional strategies
- For Some - Aligning innovative practice to strategic need
- Financial support for exchange of knowledge and expertise to support transferability and scaling up of good practice
Addressing The Challenges

Stakeholder Partnerships
Political Support
Strategic Approach
Outcome Focussed
“Triple Win”
Sharing Good Practice

Quality in care
- Individual Benefit

Triple win in the RS
- Overall Regional Benefit

Research and Innovation
- Industrial Benefit

Working methods and working environment
- Institutional and Staff Benefit
EIP on AHA - Quadruple Helix

Regional Government, Health & Care Providers, Academia, Industry and Civil Society collaborating together to drive structural changes far beyond the scope any one organization could achieve on its own.

Involve all stakeholders in quadruple helix to innovate and experiment in real world settings.
Characteristics of a Reference Site for 2nd Call

- Alliance or partnership of stakeholders within a Region or Area
- Comprehensive strategies in place, or under development, to support active and healthy ageing
- Health, societal, and economic challenges addressed through a strategic “whole system approach” which delivers against the EIP-AHA triple win objectives
Alignment of actions with EIP-AHA Pillars

Partnerships established with other Regions for the transfer and exchange of good practice, and/or joint working on projects

Contribute to a European evidence base

Demonstrate areas of good practice and how they have been, or can be, scaled up
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

- Political Organisational, Technological and Financial Readiness
- Sharing learning, knowledge and resources for innovation
- Contributing to European co-operation and transferability
- Delivering Evidence of Impact against the triple win approach
- Scale of demonstration and deployment of innovation
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

Political, Organisational, Technological and Financial Readiness

– Is innovation for active and healthy ageing a strategic priority for your region?
– Is innovation for active and healthy ageing a part of Innovation, R&D, Smart Specialisation Strategies, or other relevant Health and Social Care Strategies?
– Are the activities within the EIP on AHA seen as integral to your region’s priorities?
– Have you implemented, or are implementing, a ‘quadruple helix’ approach to stakeholder engagement?
– Are there Implementation plans and sources of funding/resources for successful deployment and implementation of innovative solutions?
– Is the plan in line with the objectives of the EIP on AHA and does it comprise the implementation of commitments from the EIP on AHA Action Plans relevant to your region? If not, how will this be achieved?
– Are you using other European funds, transnational developments and shared learning?
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

Sharing learning, knowledge and resources for innovation

- Is there an infrastructure for knowledge transfer to support learning, coaching and improvement so that partners from a range of sectors can be mobilised to disseminate knowledge and to scale up and increase coverage of innovative practices; e.g.
  - living labs,
  - demonstrators, test sites,
  - show rooms,
  - easily accessible research environments,
  - open source facilities,
  - knowledge networks,
  - collaboration platforms,

- Are training and further education programmes delivered to health and care professionals and other stakeholders (in the Reference Site region or in other regions), assisting them to learn how to implement and effectively work with innovative solutions for prevention and health promotion, care and cure, and active and independent living of elderly people, including age friendly and smart health and care solutions?
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

Contributing to European co-operation and transferability

– Has emerging learning and experience from the region already been shared with other regions?
– Are regional and/or local innovations already being adopted, tailored or informing local and/or regional progress in other regions around Europe or beyond?
– Are the innovative practices and solutions, along with the evidence bases, included in the EIP on AHA Repository of Innovative Practices:
– Have innovative good practices been transferred at scale in other locations, or regions, or nationally in the same country.
– Have innovative good practices been transferred either at local, regional or national level in at least one other country.
– Is the region actively involved with the EIP on AHA Action Groups?
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

Delivering Evidence of Impact against the triple win approach

- Is there a strategic approach to the coordination of care and services to the ageing population across providers / settings?
- Is there a clear strategic intent to establish stakeholder partnerships to drive innovation and upscaling of good practices, supported by an agreed structure and shared governance?
- Are there examples of public/private innovation and upscaling?
- Is the Reference Site ready to collaborate with comparable innovative solutions in other regions in order to aggregate datasets and undertake common qualitative surveys?
- Is there evidence of a contribution to growth of new markets, employment & job creation within the region and within Europe?
- Have innovative solutions within active and healthy ageing been implemented and delivered evidenced benefits for individuals and increased the sustainability and efficiency of the local and / or regional system?
- Are evaluation tools used as an integral part of deployment and implementation process of age friendly and smart health and care solutions
Criteria for Assessment of Reference Sites

- Scale of demonstration and deployment of innovation
  - Is there evidence of large scale deployment within the last 3 years (reaching 10-20% of the target population within the area covered by the Reference Site) of innovative practices with clear evidence of positive impact?
  - The successful deployment of good practices will have included engagement with key stakeholders to improve their understanding of the benefits to be achieved through adoption.
  - Describe up to three good practice examples (GPs) that have been evaluated and implemented at scale within your Region, or good practice examples you propose to scale up, and which can be replicated and transferred beyond your region.
    - Each GP example should:
      - link to at least one of the EIP on AHA pillars
      - evidence the added value and benefits over existing models
      - include a strategy for engagement, mobilisation and knowledge transfer
      - demonstrate capability to scale at large
  - Highest scoring good practice will count towards assessment for Award
Evaluation

- Scale of demonstration and deployment of innovation
- Delivering Evidence of Impact against the triple win approach
- Technological and Financial Readiness
- Contributing to European cooperation and transferability
- Sharing learning, knowledge and resources for innovation Learning
Continuous Improvement

- Proposed approach is built on the concept of continuous improvement
- Self assessment tool can also be used by Reference Sites, and candidate Reference Sites, as a strategic dialogue tool to support regional improvement processes within the entire stakeholder partnership
Peer Review

Carried out by 3 Reference Sites/Candidate Reference Sites not from the same Member State as the applicant

Peer Reviewers identified by the European Commission

Assess the evidence submitted in the application against the 5 criteria

Moderation of scores and assessment also carried out by European Commission

Agreed score will determine if Reference Site will achieve a 1, 2, 3, or 4 Star Award
Assessment

- Evidence submitted against each criteria will be assessed and awarded a score from Level 0 to Level 3.
- 3 areas of good practice can be submitted under criterion 5; however only the highest scoring area will be carried forward to the summary of scores.
- Reference Sites that do not meet the Essential Criteria or only obtain a total of three points or less, will remain candidate Reference Sites.

Reference Site Award:
- 1 Star: obtaining between 4 and 7 points.
- 2 Stars: obtaining between 8 and 10 points.
- 3 Stars: obtaining between 11 and 13 points.
- 4 Stars: obtaining between 14 and 15 points.
Timetable

- 29 January 2016: announcement of 2\textsuperscript{nd} Call
- 15 April 2016: submission of Self Assessment
- June 2016: completion of Peer Reviews
- August/September 2016: Notification to Reference Sites
- December 2016: Awards Ceremony, Brussels
Conclusion

- Reference Sites should ensure there is support, and an agreed strategic direction on EIP on AHA activity.
- Development of strategic partnerships and adoption of a Quadruple Helix model are important components to defining and addressing need and the development of innovative solutions and practices.
- Reference Sites should be willing to exchange knowledge and expertise with others.
- Reference Site Assessment is made against all 5 criteria.
- Continuous Improvement is integral to the process.
Thank You