Monica is a retired schoolteacher in her late 70s that, despite her poor health and a degenerative spinal condition that has stolen much of her height and mobility, loves to travel. In her trips to visit her children in Europe, the Middle East and Australia, she always has to negotiate assistance to the gate to push her wheelchair.

Over the course of her gradual deterioration, she claims that most people are only too pleased to provide assistance as long as you make direct requests in an unembarrassed manner and treat them as if they are a favoured relative from the outset.

Thanks to SHAPES project she now can use the social assistive robot KOMPAÏ that will push her wheelchair with no need of special requests or timely negation.

With this social assistive robot, Monica will also be able to search and apply for new courses in Internet, check the weather provision, listen to music or audio stories, watch videos, talk to her family via videocalls and play games.

Monica’s full story: “Trains, Planes and Mobility Scooters”.
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