Charlotte is a 68-year-old recent retiree teacher and single mother that lives in a beautiful old villa in the countryside in Germany. As an enthusiastic scholar eager for lifelong learning, she returned to University at the age of 38 where she graduated with a master’s degree in educational sciences and the psychology of old age.

At the age of 17, she got into a car accident that nearly paralyzed her and bound her to a hospital bed for 1 year. Charlotte’s feet are still paralyzed and to this day she walks with the aid of a stick for better balance.

Thanks to the SHAPES project she now can use the social assistive robot KOMPAÏ that will assist her during walking, through the assistance bars for physical tasks.

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

Charlotte’s full story: “When I go to work, I go to China”: Communication and Agency in Hospital Environments.
PROJECT DATA

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