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What is SHAPES?

SHAPES is a large research project that is running across 14 European countries. The SHAPES consortium consists of 36 partners from academia, industry and civil societies that aim at helping older people to continue living healthy and active lives at home and within their communities.

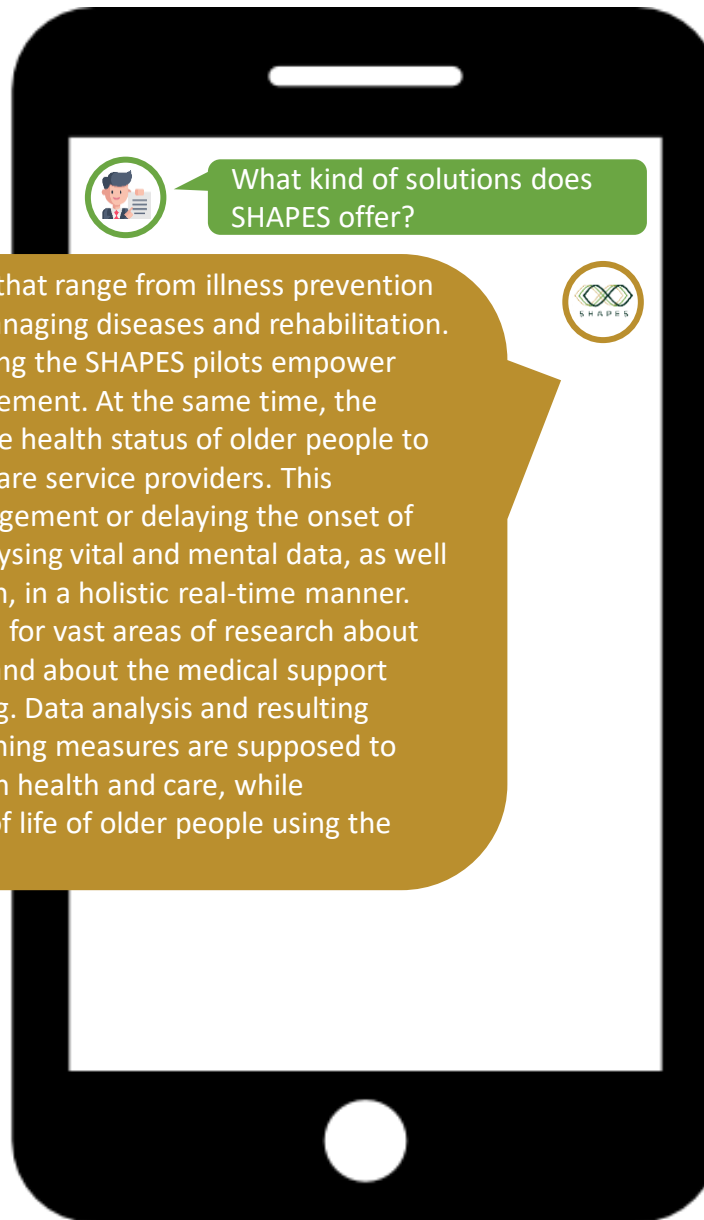


How will SHAPES help older people?

To provide helping services, our researchers interview older people across the EU to get a broad understanding of how their daily lives work. We involve older people in the development of digital health services to ensure a sustainable use of these solutions and to allow managing and preventing health conditions that may be more prevalent among older people. Thus, SHAPES fosters the co-development of new digital services and digital devices in a joint approach of technology companies, technology and service advisors as well as its users and beneficiaries. At the same time, our researchers are investigating how different European health and care systems operate. This research helps us to create a SHAPES platform that provides user-oriented services and to ensure that all these digital services work together in a user-friendly way.



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SHAPES will establish services that range from illness prevention and social interaction up to managing diseases and rehabilitation. The digital services tested during the SHAPES pilots empower users via improved self-management. At the same time, the services provide insight into the health status of older people to assist the work of health and care service providers. This approach enables better management or delaying the onset of illness, by monitoring and analysing vital and mental data, as well as daily routine and medication, in a holistic real-time manner. This data forms the foundation for vast areas of research about the life world of older people and about the medical support needed for their healthy ageing. Data analysis and resulting effective preventive or intervening measures are supposed to improve the use of resources in health and care, while contributing to better quality of life of older people using the technologies.

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Which role do insurances / payers for healthcare play in SHAPES?

For the sustainability of provided services, it is essential for SHAPES to establish benefit-oriented reimbursement processes of those services together with payers. Throughout the project, the SHAPES consortium consults payers and reimbursement professionals to ensure successful service integration.



Where can I learn more about SHAPES?

For a more details, please have a look at shapes2020.eu. On our website, we also provide our [public deliverables](#) that summarize the results of SHAPES. Please also feel free to contact us directly [here](#).



How can I participate in SHAPES?

We invite you to join our Dialogue Workshops that we run every six months (shapes2020.eu/workshops). In those workshops, we present and discuss important topics with everyone interested to ensure the success of SHAPES.

