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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 will interview older people across the EU to get a broad understanding of how their daily lives work. We know that involving older people in the development of digital health services leads to 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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What benefits does SHAPES aim to provide?

The SHAPES project will provide an open and standardized one-stop-shop platform that resembles a central gateway for older people, to access digital solutions and services to facilitate healthy ageing. These services range from illness prevention and social interaction up to managing diseases and improve rehabilitation. The underlying digital solutions allow monitoring, data collection and analysis in areas such as daily routine, social interactions, vital and mental status and medication intake. This approach creates a link between the self-management and information collection about the health status of older people and the work of health and care service providers. New capabilities for preventive or intervening measures will improve the use of resources in health and care, while contributing to better quality of life of older people using the technologies.
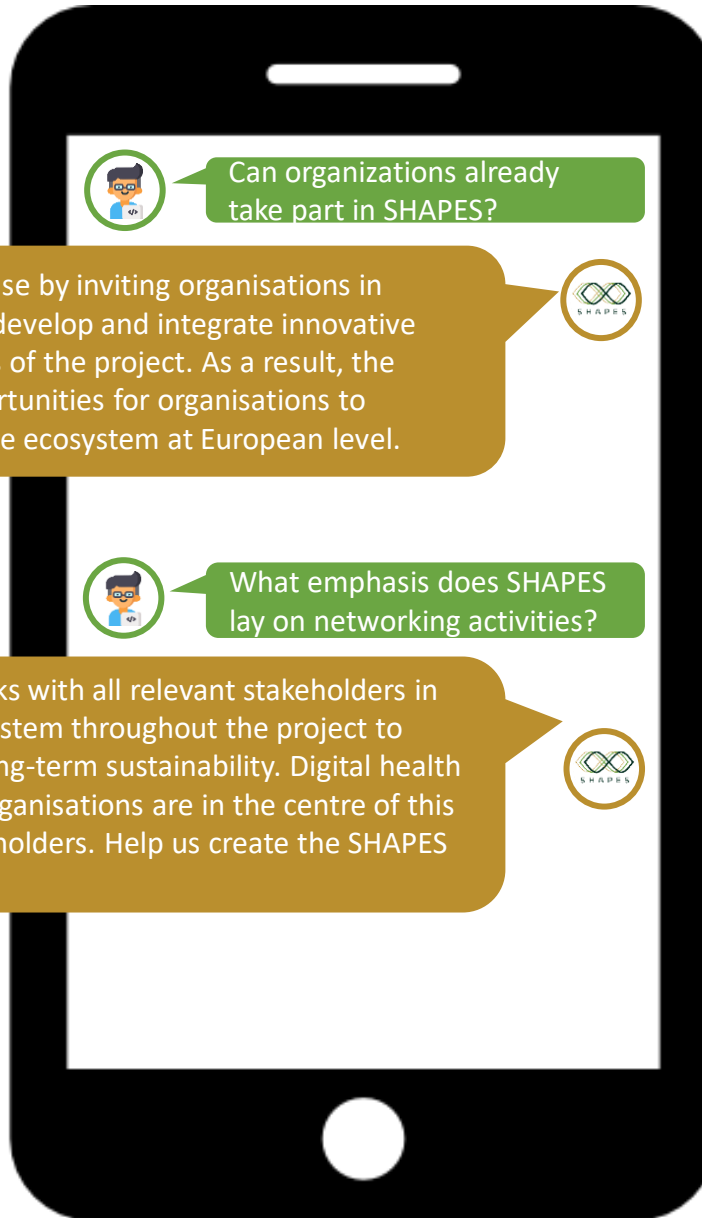
How will organizations interact with SHAPES?

Organizations will be able to use the SHAPES open platform to develop, test, and promote their digital health innovations in cooperation with the consortium and easily reach customers and users. This approach leads to a steadily growing portfolio of SHAPES services that help to overcome the gap between preventing and treating diseases of older people and facilitate active and healthy ageing.

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Can organizations already take part in SHAPES?

Yes, SHAPES broadens its expertise by inviting organisations in several funded open calls to co-develop and integrate innovative solutions to meet the challenges of the project. As a result, the SHAPES open calls provide opportunities for organisations to integrate their solutions in a large ecosystem at European level.
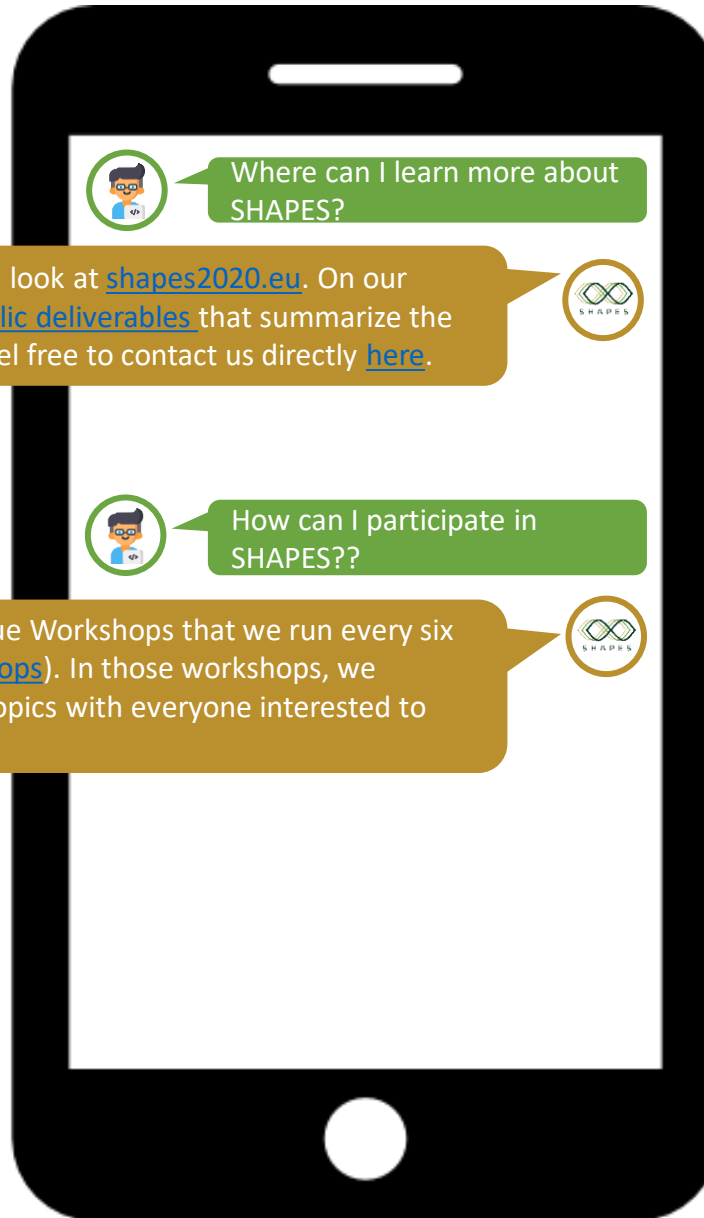
What emphasis does SHAPES lay on networking activities?

The SHAPES consortium networks with all relevant stakeholders in the digital health and care ecosystem throughout the project to guarantee service uptake and long-term sustainability. Digital health management and networking organisations are in the centre of this process to engage with all stakeholders. Help us create the SHAPES solutions and services, together.

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