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Executive Summary

Most existing technological solutions designed for enhanced communication of older adults in their home environments focus on interaction between the user groups and their family members. Yet, there is evidence for increasing demand for more elaborate tools: new innovative technologies need to account for additional requirements of communication, diversified social relations and various aspects for access, control, security and the visualization of data. Research on the two pilot sites of the present project, namely Norway and Switzerland, reveals that preconditions for respective solutions can be diverse, as areas of usage, policies, legal aspects and requirements for system architectures tend to differ, thus having an impact on both the importance of different target groups and the need for specific system features. Possibilities for adapting new solutions to specific socio-technical environments of usage is therefore as important as the (consumer) requirements of the actual users.

The present study sheds light on the specific environments of older adults, their behavior and attitude towards the communication of (medically related) data as well as their familiarity with communication technologies. It reveals that data collection and the respective communication thereof is a sensitive issue that requires close attention. Older adults assume the role of informed users, capable and interested in questioning the purpose of specific features and system actions electronic health systems have. They are therefore far from assuming the mere role of individuals with age related impairments, who seek to find solutions to specific restraints, even at the dispense of their overall comfort and habits. Older adults rather come out with specific interests from their point of view as informed users and customers with individual preferences. The strong desire of data ownership and control requires differentiated views on the addressees of specific information older adults (are willing to) deliver, as well as on the purpose and the shape of the media implied. These findings demand, above all, close consideration of individual social relations underlying all spheres of communication concerned by the envisaged technology: Systems must be personalizable. As regards technological affinity as such, there is reason to assume a desire on the part of older adults for keeping up with the latest developments. New solutions, yet, need to fit into the given routines and environments of the target groups and should not be perceived as additional effort. The cost-benefit ratio for the usage of new technology and / or their implementation into daily lifes must be clearly positive. All architectural aspects therefore need to be assessed concerning their specific strength for problem-solving or potential to create new desires and / or enhanced life quality for their users.

In the final version of this deliverable we complemented the initial literature review and user survey, with two workshops, one conducted in Switzerland and another in Norway, and with a user review of an early propotype of one of the project's applications. These additional findings strengthen the discoveries from the earlier analysis.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The present PersonAAL-project responds to the challenge of significant social and demographic change European societies increasingly face. The ageing of populations, the change of lifestyles towards growing individualization, a strive for lifelong personal independence and self-determination and the growth of single households go hand in hand with the transformation of social and health systems as well as the increasing digitalization of both private and professional lives.

PersonAAL takes on with these developments. Based on innovative technological solutions, new IT-infrastructures will be developed to assist elderly people satisfy their specific requirements for managing an active, independent life at home. The project features mobile access to personalized support applications with the objective to improve remote formal and informal care as well as the relationships of older adults with their families and friends. PersonAAL will therefore focus on interaction modalities, provision of tailored user interfaces and multi-channel connections through different devices.

In order to ensure the proper adaptation of PersonAAL to the realities of older adult's needs and requirements, there are at least two overarching issues to be addressed in the course of the project. First, the specific lifestyles, capabilities, living environments and ambitions of elderly people must be taken into account in order to find adequate concepts and solutions for the purpose of promoting independence. This embraces both their current contexts of care they find themselves in – including their overall social and health situation, access to possible services as well as the underlying policy frameworks – and their preferences and future prospects for an independent life at home. Second, IT-solutions must be designed in a way that they respond to the specific consumer requirements of the target generations. In that respect the target group characteristics of older adults must be considered as distinct from general consumer interests and behavior. This implies, for example, their specific attitudes towards IT, their inclination to adapt daily routines and habits, as well as usability issues stemming from age-related impairments. Accordingly, the present deliverable sheds light on the requirements of older adults in their functions as (potential) beneficiaries from care services and consumers with specific, age-related interests, needs and requirements.

These requirements should be read in conjunction with the social, technical and regulatory environments as well as the needs and requirements of informal caregivers (as dealt with in deliverable D2.2.) and health workers (as dealt with in deliverable D2.3) and be taken as a basis for the upcoming development process and system design. In view of that, the present analysis pursues the objective to identify relevant issues allowing choices between potential features, modes of interaction and designs the PersonAAL-system will adopt. The findings from the current study will therefore be complemented by a set of recommendations for the technological developments made throughout the project phase. This study can be used as both an ex ante guideline and an ex post tool for controlling the matching of the developed prototypes with the consumer needs to be satisfied.

The document will be structured as follows. Section 2 reflects on background information regarding (the need for) homecare services and in the field of e-health solutions for elderly people. Based on the review of primary and secondary literature, the present knowledge about the use of web applications, interaction requirements, prevailing frameworks and practices in the

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health sectors of the targeted research sites, namely Norway and Switzerland, as well as a collection of the technological state-of-the-art will be elaborated.

These findings are complemented by additional requirements gathering activities described in the following sections. Section 3 describes a user survey that was conducted for the purpose of this project in Switzerland among the envisaged target group of elderly people, in order to learn more about the dealing of older adults with health-related information, ways of communication and the general usage and acceptance of ICT. Section 4 presents a user study conducted in Switzerland with the objective to gather information about PersonAAL's primary users by asking their informal caregivers about their important daily activities, that need monitoring and/or care support. Section 5 describes another user study held in Switzerland focused on the review of a first version of the "remote assistance application" and the "personalization rule editor" aiming to gather information about the completeness of the devices that should be part of the personalised rule editor, in terms of matching features with the senior's living environments, routines and preferences. Section 6 presents the initial findings from a user study in Norway for collecting requirements applicable to one of the applications that will be developed in the scope of the project: the Medication Monitoring application. Finally, Section 7 concludes this deliverable with a summary of the overall findings from the different activities conducted so far.

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2 STATUS QUO

2.1 Use of digital solutions and Internet services

As the PersonAAL system is going to feature innovative web applications, it is important to gather some background knowledge about the use and acceptance of digital solutions among elderly people. As the field trial of the PersonAAL project will in part take place in Norway and Switzerland, basic data about the use of digital tools and the internet has been collected regarding these two countries.

2.1.1 Norway

This recent and thorough report from Consumption Research Norway (Slettemeås, 2014) is based on a survey of 1000 respondents between 61-100 years of age, indicate a widespread use of Internet among elderlies in Norway.

Access to Internet:

- 74% have access to a computer connected to Internet (for the respondents between 81-100 years the number is a little lower: 55%)
- 93% of the respondents between 61-70 years uses a computer with Internet access daily or weekly
- 79% of the respondents between 81-100 years uses a computer with Internet access daily or weekly
- 37% of the respondents have access to a tablet/pad (26% between 81-100 years)
- 37% of the respondents have access to a smartphone (16% between 81-100 years)

Use of Internet-based services:

- 41% of the respondents searches for information online every day
- 58% reads news online daily
- 56% access their online bank weekly
- 38% uses e-mail or chat functions every day
- 26% uses social media every day
- 59% have used online public services the past 12 months

Need for digital assistance from informal caregivers:

- 48% need assistance to buy digital equipment
- 68% need assistance to in order to install software
- 67% need help for choosing settings on their computer or tablet
- 56% need assistance in order to connect different type of digital equipment together
- 63% need help to fix technical errors
- 45% need help to download software and apps
- 50% need assistance in order to update security software

Coping:

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- 59% feel safe to very safe online
- 55% believe digital tools have become a necessity in their daily life
- 41% think they cope well in their use of Internet

Impaired functioning and use of ICT:

- 22% report to have one or more impairments (32% of respondents between 81-100 years)
- 14% believe their impairment have a negative impact on their use of Internet and digital equipment (25% between 81-100 years)
- 38% report that Internet and online services are extra beneficial, due to their impairment

2.1.2 Switzerland

According to the national statistics authorities in Switzerland (Bundesamt für Statistik), the share of elderly people using the internet has been constantly growing in the past 20 years. For the age group of people between 60 and 69 years, almost 70% were counted to the 'close circle of users' in 2015. For the age groups 70+, this share reached only about 40%. The overall share for the age groups 60+, yet, already reaches 53%. Although there are still considerable digital gaps to younger age groups and even though there are currently no clear indication that the gap to the use of the internet by the age group of the 30 years olds (98%) will be closed soon, the high share of the future elderlies predicts that digital solutions will become increasingly important also for the elderlies: Among the 50 to 59 years-olds, almost 75% are already counted to the close circle of users (Bundesamt für Statistik, 2016).

2.2 Review of Interaction Requirements – Communication/Information/Visualization

Modern research in intelligent interactive systems can offer valuable assistant to the older segment of the population by helping older adults engage more fully with the world. However, many existing user interfaces often work for the "average" user but do not cater for the needs of the elderly (Kurniawan2008). This contributes to a low uptake of technologies by the older adults. Therefore, the challenges are in designing interactions and technology that encourages older people to actively engage with each other and the ones around them and remain independent (Sundar2011).

In the last ten years there have been a huge amount of applications developed in the context of older adults' communication but the majority has focused on the communication with family members (Lindley2009, Raffle2010, Judge2011, Kim2013, Baecker2014, Neves2015). The focus on family has for that reason been appointed as the main requirement for older adults' communication through technology. However, other requirements have also been appointed both in terms of communication and in terms of visualization.

Regarding visualization, the use of the Meeteetse (Brunette2005), an application that focused on place attachment to connect older adults on the same community, was among the first to show that problems related with interaction create the necessity for animated transitions, visual cues

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and color-coding to give older users a visceral sense of changing pages. The older adults use of PersonCards (Lindley2009), a system which was a step forward to Meeteetse, showed also the necessity for systems to allow for a focused intense communication build-up as older adults are prepared to devote time to activities of keeping in contact. In this sense, other very recent studies revealed the same tendency and even suggested the need for functionalities that emulate past-feelings like writing a paper letter (Hope2014). Additionally, a great deal of works which focused on older adults also suggest visualization issues related with privacy: the need for older adults to feel safe and in control of who sees their data (Garattini2012, Baecker2014), or as Lindley et al. described, the need for a closed network (Lindley2012); the lack of interest communicating with people they do not know, or the need to focus on people they know well (Garattini2012, Kim2013, Neves2015). Moreover, other issues commonly reported take notice in the importance of a close contact like the necessity for digital systems to be allied with face-to-face communication (Garattini2012) and in this context the relevance that should be given to video-chat features (Coelho2015, Michailidou2015), or the necessity for the user interface to act as a catalyst for communication (Norval2014, Hope2014). Quite common is also the need for adapting visualization to each individual or group of individuals (Grosinger2012, Harley2014, Coelho2011, Neves2015, Michailidou2015, Peissner2012) as older adults are quite different between each other both in terms of age-related impairments and preferences or culturally.

A lot of research, the majority around family communication, also provided additional findings concerning communication requirements. Both PersonCards (Lindley2009), a multifamily media space called Family Portals (Judge2011), a video-based communicator entitled TimelyPresent (Kim2013) and more recently two communication prototypes entitled Wayve (Lindley2012) and InTouch (Baecker2014), have evidenced that communication should allow for a personalized level of intimacy like personal touches, voice or handwriting or even nonverbal social cues such as laughter, smiles and funny gestures. In the same sense, PersonCards (Lindley2009) and other studies (Lehtinen2009, Gibson2010, Burke2011) focused on the necessity for social applications (or applications focused on communication with relatives) to offer reciprocity features as older adults want to be able to give something back to their loved ones. Vutborg2010 also described this as supporting older adults caring. This latter researcher implemented and evaluated a communication tool for mediated older adults and grandchildren sharing of virtual objects and audio messages and highlighted other three requirements, the conversational context (to have something to talk about), facilitation (to be given the opportunity to talk), and diversified interaction forms (to maintain attention of different users with different characteristics). This was also described as support for multimodality and employed by a great amount of systems focused on this segment of the population (Lindley2012, Baecker2014, Neves2015, Lee2012, Picking2012, ElGlaly2012, Xiong2013). Still concerning alternative modalities of interaction, and past works, which focused on using distinct ways of interaction, speech interaction has been quite commonly used with older adults (Milne2005, Sato2011, Basapur2007, Brewer2005). In this matter, Coelho2015 showed that speech interaction is in fact the main alternative to traditional remote control input on TV-based applications, following Oliveira2010 findings with the MoviPil application, which showed that voice feedback was also the best solution. Still and somehow contradicting this findings, Warnock2013 argued that "there is no best modality but the best modality for that situation" showing relevance for the context of interaction. Simultaneously, research has shown that using touchscreen technology (Oliveira2010, Lee2012, Picking2012, ElGlaly2012) or standard technology present in every home (Garattini2012, Picking2012, Warnock2013, Xiong2013) can be another way of making easier the access to technology by the oldest segment of the population. Lastly, and still concerning requirements for communication, a lot of research shows that one-on-one exchanges are fundamental for older adults, as they are

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rich in content that strengthens relationships and health, such as self-disclosure, supportiveness and positivity (Lehtinen2009, Valkenburg2007, Burke2011, Hope2014). Therefore, interaction with ICT should be performed through direct communication features between older adults and their contacts (be it family members and relatives, but also doctors and nurses).

2.3 Review of Solutions for Intervention and Rehabilitation - Policy and Services

The following subsections review the policy and current practices in place regarding solutions for intervention and rehabilitation in the two pilot sites of the PersonAAL project, namely Norway and Switzerland. Considering that the envisaged system focusses on the improvement of care services by means of electronic monitoring and exchange of information, it is important to learn more about the existing types of care provided, related procedures, the involvement of different actors, the usage and prospects of different ICT solutions as well as related legal aspects.

2.3.1 Norway

The financial system of health and care services

In Norway all public health services are free of charge, apart for minor services fee typically not larger than 20 EUR. When these service fees in total accumulate to a maximum of 300 EUR a year, the patient is accepted from paying any more of them that year. Private service providers are available, but unless these service providers have negotiated contracts with the regional or local health authority, the service recipient will have to pay for these services. Additional health insurances have become more common, but typically their cover acute illness and is not applicable in the case of long-term health and care services that fall under the responsibility of the local health authorities.

The national health system

"The Ministry of Health and Care Services formulates and implements the national health policy with the help of several subordinate institutions.

The Norwegian Directorate of Health is a specialized agency under the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services. It is responsible for the compilation of various ordinances, national guidelines and campaigns. It also advises the ministries concerned on health policy and legislation. The Norwegian Board of Health Supervision is an independent authority responsible for the general supervision of the health services of the country. The Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) is a main source of medical information and advice."

Regional health services

"Public hospitals and specialist services are organized in "health enterprises". The chief state representative of a province is the governor, who is appointed by the central government. He or she is assisted by an executive board of civil servants, including the county medical officer and the dental surgeon of the province."

Local health and care services

"Local authorities, the municipalities, through their council and administration, represent the ground level of the administrative hierarchy. They are entrusted with the provision of a wide variety of primary health services.

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The primary health services in the present form were established through the Norwegian Primary Health Services Act of 1982. The responsibility for the primary health services was given to the 430 local authorities. The municipalities are to provide for care and treatment for all persons within their respective borders, including health promotion and prevention, emergency care and immigrant health care." (Norwegian Directorate of Health, 2012).

Relevant Norwegian health legislations

1. *The Patients' Rights Act*
In Norwegian: Lov om pasient- og brukerrettigheter (pasient- og brukerrettighetsloven)
2. *The Health Care Personnel Act*
In Norwegian: Lov om helsepersonell m.v. (helsepersonelloven)
3. *The Health and Care Services Act*
In Norwegian: Helse- og omsorgstjenesteloven

The formal definitions in The Patients' Rights Act of the key roles in these matters are (Notice: our translation):

1. *Patient*: A person who approaches health and care providers with a request of health care related services, or who is provided with such care from a health and care providers.
2. *Next of kin (informal caregivers)*: Person(s) that the patient pronounces as her or his next of kin. If patients are not able to provide names of their next of kin, the formal next of kin ought to be the person who have had extensive and regular contact with the person, based on the following order: wife or husband or person living with the patient in a marriage-like relationship, children above 18 years of age, parents, siblings above 18 years, grandparents, other family members with close ties to the patients, and formal guardians.
3. *Health care*: Actions that has preventive, diagnostic, curative or sustainable effects for a person's health conditions, including rehabilitation and caring services, and which is performed by health care professionals.
4. *Health care services*: Public primary and specialist health care service providers, dental services and private health care service providers
5. *Health care professionals*: Professions listed in The Patients' Rights Act
6. *User/client*: A person requesting or receiving services included in The Health and Care Services Act, that is not health care according to point 3.

Provision of homecare services

Health and care services delivered in the home of the patient are in large the responsibility of the municipality the recipient belong to, and are provided by public local health and care service providers. In emergency cases and after early discharged from hospitals, the service provider might be part of the specialized health system. However, for the type of services relevant in the PersonAAL project, the service provider would mostly be the local authorities or private

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companies delivering commercial services mainly on top of the service from the public local health and care service providers.

E-health policy in Norway

A new body, The Norwegian Directorate of e-health (NDE), was established in Norway the 1. Of January 2016. It is a sub-ordinate institution of our Ministry of Health and Care Services. NDE will implement the national policy on e-health, establish the requisite standards, and administrate the use of e-health methodology nation-wide. ICT standards are regulated by the legislation for ICT-standards in health and care services.

Legal situation for telemedicine

Telemedical services have to follow current security standards, and need preapproval from relevant data protection authorities. The main network and service provider for technical telemedicine solution is the Norwegian Health Network which is owned by the Ministry of health and care services.

2.3.2 Switzerland

Provision of homecare services

Medical care services in Switzerland can be carried out by different actors both from the private and the professional sphere. Apart from home visits by the GP and care services in nursing homes, the professional side is covered by private organizations or qualified freelancers specialized in the provision of consultation and assistance for persons in need living a home. Support can be either remote or on-site, by traditional means or by use of innovative information technology.

The outpatient services covered by health insurances are defined in the regulation 'Verordnung des EDI über Leistungen in der obligatorischen Krankenpflegeversicherung' (KLV; Krankenpflege Leistungsverordnung, 2016) as well as in the regulation 'Verordnung über die Krankenversicherung' (KVV; Verordnung über die Krankenversicherung, 2016).

Professional home visits are organized by qualified personnel. These can be graduate nurses or their assistants. There are three basic categories of services carried out. The first category contains evaluations of need, consultation and coordination regarding the qualification for and launching of care at home. This includes the requirements analysis and examination of the living and social environment, the consulting of the patient and informal caregivers about symptoms, past measures, medicine intake, applications, etc. and the coordination of measures and preventive measures regarding potential emergency situations. Second, therapeutical action for examination and treatment is covered. The third category concerns basic care (Krankenhaus Leistungsverordnung, 2016, Art. 33).

The need for care at home and necessary measures to be taken are usually evaluated in cooperation with the treating practitioner. Informal caregivers (e.g. family, friends, neighbors) can be integrated in the consultation process. The evaluating side takes into account possible complications in complex situations and ensures the deployment of specialized personnel.

For the care activities to be launched, an acknowledged home care service ('Spitex' or other organizations deploying registered nurses according to Art. 49, KVV) starts investigating the

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requirements upon a doctor's prescription (type, scope, duration etc.) and reports to the doctor with the suggestion of possible measures. The types of organization carrying out these activities are manifold. These can be non-profit-organizations, for-profit-organizations or freelancing specialists. The public sector, notably the municipality, is obliged to take over responsibility in cases where no capacities can be allocated to the patient on his or her own initiative.

After examination of the patient's needs and approval of suitable home care services, the patient can reject individual measures at any time. The official prescription is made by a practitioner on the basis of the overall situation of the patient, including the social environment and individual need for care. Fixed criteria are to be applied by means of a questionnaire. The severity of impairments and the stability of the patient's environment are central factors to be taken into account.

The costs for care services are distributed or shared between the insurance, the municipality and the patient, depending on the measure (e.g. basic care, consultation, home help). Normally, health insurances pay 60 hours of home care per quarter, the rest must be separately applied for. Domestic economy services are not covered by the obligatory health insurance. In specific situations, individual measures can be covered by social insurances / pension fund through so-called 'Ergänzungsleistungen' (AHV-IV, 2015).

The provision of examination and treatment at home covers common areas of nursing and therapeutical care such as

- Blood sugar evaluations
- Measuring vitality (e.g. urine, blood pressure, temperatures)
- Respiration
- Line placement (catheters)
- Dialysis
- Preparation and intake of medicine
- Taking of fertilizers
- Applications for monitoring and steering of body functions
- Surgical dressing (wound and visceral cavity treatment)
- Control of functioning of bladder and intestines
- Taking of bathes
- Execution of medical rehabilitation measures
- Psychological impairments

Basic care concerns activities such as assistance for eating, drinking, personal hygiene, basic rehabilitation exercises, prophylaxis and measures mobilizing the patients. In cases where patients suffer from psychological issues, respective measures can also include assistance in coping with daily activities, the planning of schedules and activities, training on self-organization, the promotion of social relations, measures envisaging the security and orientation of the patients, etc.

The progress of the patients is mainly followed through observation and assessment by the care personnel having the lead of the case. These also take on the coordination in case the impairment or the environment of the patient change. Graduate care personnel can decide about delegation of specific tasks to qualified assistants or informal caregivers upon personal assessment. Depending on the impairment, the care personnel can be committed with the elaboration of long-

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term solutions and adaptations of given living conditions and habits. Whereas short-term concern basic care and stabilization of domestic (housekeeping) activities, such long-term measures rather focus on solutions for coping with daily routines and independent domestic housekeeping.

E-health policy in Switzerland

There is no explicit health strategy in Switzerland yet. Swiss politics, though, are working on a common e-health strategy that may shape the future health system in the country. The national ministry for health (Bundesamt für Gesundheit) has issued in 2007 a basic paper defining three major building blocks in that regard: the implementation of electronic patient dossiers, the development of online-services and the implementation of adequate solutions. The Swiss e-health strategy is not meant to establish an entirely new architecture for the health market. Rather, emphasis is put on the design of a legal, organisatory and technical pillars. Issues such as data protection, privacy and obligations resulting from the use of e-health solutions are significant examples of the prerequisites allowing a secure and efficient replacement or complementation of traditional services (Bundesamt für Gesundheit, 2007). Central components are:

- The establishment of a central coordination body on national level
- Legal frameworks
- The definition of an architecture for e-health
- Standardization of patient data and interoperability
- Infrastructure for the secure authentication and identification of patients
- Quality standards for health information and health services

The political and administrative structure of the country increases much of the complexity the stakeholders of the current e-health initiatives face. Despite elaborate technical and organisatory frameworks, many of the existing ICT-solutions are insular systems without integration into larger networks. Public competences and solutions are spread all over the federal system comprising 26 cantons and almost 3000 municipalities, whereas private actors such as insurances and services providers benefit from a comparably large degree of freedom. Accordingly, information about patients and their requirements are often highly dispersed. There are few instances to date in which patient data is forwarded or shared among multiple stakeholders of the medical treatment and care processes (Bundesamt für Gesundheit, 2007).

The provision of healthcare in Switzerland is based on the remuneration of allowances defined through fixed DRG. Incentives for practitioners to coordinate treatment in such a way that repeated or avoidable examinations are avoided are exceptions under the current health policy as defined in the Krankenversicherungsgesetz. Moreover, in cases where cost savings can be reached by use of electronic solutions, these savings often are often reached by actors other than those who invested (ibid.).

Political decision makers have realized the need for public coordination, above all with regard to information sharing. Therefore, two measures have been decided: The introduction of national health insurance cards and the introduction of electronic patient dossiers. The national administration is qualified to regulate the collection and treatment of patient data according to Article 117 of the Swiss constitution (Bundesverfassung). The competence for implementation of technical and legal solutions, yet, stays with the cantons.

The health insurance cards have been operative since 2010. Information sharing, however, is by default limited to administrative data. Information about characteristics of patients such as

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chronic diseases, medication, implants etc. can be centrally accessible only the individual patient's request (Bundesamt für Gesundheit, 2016). The introduction of electronic patient dossiers will place in 2017. It envisages data sharing among communities of complementary service providers (e.g. hospitals, drug stores, home care services, laboratories). The basic architecture stipulated in the 'Bundesgesetz über das elektronische Patientendossier' from June 19, 2015, provides for certified access points where members of the respective communities can retrieve information. Patients can decide on their own whether or not they wish to open an electronic health dossier. Furthermore, they can voluntarily upload information they desire to share, for example, information about allergies or even contact data of informal caregivers. Access to the network requires distinct identification. Data is stored through decentralized patient-indices. The architecture is built on the principle of interoperability, i.e. systems capable of communicating with each other (Kohler et al., 2011).

Whereas both the introduction of electronic health cards and patient dossiers facilitate information sharing that may be essential prerequisites for telemedical services, few is done about telemedicine itself. Even though there is a common understanding that it will play a major role in the Swiss health market in the future, there is not yet an agreement about the implementation and shape of respective services. To date there are neither binding directives nor any reliable studies on the use and benefits of modern communication devices in the health sector (Swiss Association of Telecare & Health, 2016). As regards the Swiss e-health strategy, telemedicine is considered as part of the action concerning online services. Central measures and questions concern the following issues (Bundesamt für Gesundheit, 2007):

- Increase of the competence and information of the patient through access to health data
- Prevention
- Cost reduction
- Data sharing through and with public authorities
- Transaction and communication
- Interaction
- Telemedical services (consultations)

The Swiss association for telecare and e-health (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Telemedizin und eHealth, 2009) has launched in 2009 an initiative to define common standards for e-health. Teleconsultations, in these terms, were understood as all kinds of interaction between health practitioners and their patients in cases where in which treatment is directly concerned or in which decision-making based on the health situation takes place, provided, there is no physical contact between the two groups. Technically, such consultations can take place through phone calls, video-conferences, online-consultations are tele-biometrical services (ibid.). So-called tele-councils, where healthcare professionals consult each other without participation of the patient, are not counted among telemedical services.

Legal situation for telemedicine

For teleconsultations today, the same legal standards apply as for consultations with physical presence. These standards concern, above all, the duty of care. Once a medical issue is reported to a practitioner and there is the objective assumption that further analysis is required, the practitioner is obliged to take the required measures for a sound examination, including – in case of the patient's incapacity to move – the assurance suitable home visits (see judgement of the Federal Court dating October 23, 1990, BGE 116 II 519). Mandates for teleconsultations are subject to the 'Swiss Code of Obligations', including the free choice of practitioners and the right

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of these latter to accept or decline a mandate, provided there is no case of emergency. They are also subject to the common stipulations regarding medical confidentiality (penal code, Strafgesetzbuch, Art. 321) and data protection (Bundesgesetz über den Datenschutz, 1992). Prescription of narcotics is possible subject to the respective legislation on pharmaceutical products (Bundesgesetz über Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte, 2014) and drugs (Bundesgesetz über die Betäubungsmittel und die psychotropen Stoffe, 2013).

Teleconsultations rank among standard benefits of the social security scheme. The relevant stipulations in the accident insurance, the health insurance, the military insurance and the disability insurance providing for consultations with practitioners do not make a difference regarding the type of contact between the practitioners and their patients. In other words, it is irrelevant whether or not a meeting takes place on-site or remotely (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Telemedizin und eHealth, 2009).

2.4 Overview of Technological Solutions for e-Health Monitoring and Intervention

Activity monitoring has been increasingly used in healthcare studies with older adults. In fact, the development and implementation of ECG knew its biggest boom in the beginning of 2000s [Addison2005, Davenport2006], and until date has focused in three main areas, wireless body sensors, mobile telemedicine and the context of monitoring and detecting falls by using smart-home technology.

Concerning the first type, wearable health monitoring technology has been widely adopted to diagnose and assess major health risks and chronic cardiac diseases: LOBIN [Lopez2010] integrated ECG monitoring into a smart-shirt; [Yoo2009] developed a similar technology using a fashionable circuit board which could be used for a period of 24 hours; [Jourand2009] and [Heilman2008] took the same approach to measure respiratory rate and heart-rate; while [Buttussi 2008] and [Yoon2011] developed a mobile personal trainer and a textile electrode to supervise physical fitness activity and the degree of skin hydration throughout the day. However, all these systems experienced problems related with electrodes drying out and signal dropping as a result. These problems evolved into the implementation of technology based on more resistant electrodes like Blue Box [Pollonini2012], a wearable belt for wireless health monitoring of older adults staying at home [Sardini2010], and a combination between a smart-vest and personal digital assistant called MEMSWear [Feh2009].

Concerning the second type, mobile telemedicine has not only focused on ECG but also on other distinct health issues: MEDIC [Wu2008] was a medical-embedded device for individualized care which was integrated into a PDA or a cell-phone; Webber2009 were among the first to made use of a GPS watch and accelerometers to monitor and increase older adults mobility; in the same way, Hart2011 revealed that three days of accelerometer data and four days of pedometer data or logs can accurately predict physical activity, while one more day of data is needed to identify sedentary behavior; MedAssist [Bsoul2011] was a real-time monitoring system for registering sleep apnea; Oresko2010, Wey2012 and Barnwell2012 developed portable ECG monitoring systems integrated in smartphones for cardiovascular diagnosis; more recently HeartSaver [Sankari2011] was a mobile-based android application for automatic detection of cardiac pathologies; and.

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Other main focus related with monitoring technology was the case of technology aimed at falls prevention, detection and alarms. Over the last years, several ICTs emerged focusing on monitoring falls and alerting carers being both reactive and pro-active, and wearable and non-wearable: Brownsell2004 made use of waist mounted fall detectors for a period of 17 weeks; Mihailidis2008 were one of the first to study older adults acceptance of home monitoring technology like personal emergency response systems, fall detection systems and switches, motion-based and video-based sensors; Courtney2008 and Demiris2008 focused their intervention in the use of smart-home technology such as bed sensors, kitchen sensors, motion sensors and fall-detection sensors and included video-monitoring as part of the system; Horton2008 focused on fall observation using a pendant alarm, a bed occupancy sensor and a key safe; Dorsten2009 also made use of video-monitoring technology complementing it with several other assistive and surveillance technologies; Heinbuchner2010 measured the level of satisfaction of older adults wearing portable help buttons; Hozinger2010 made use of a wrist device prototype entitled EMERGE to measure pulse rate and impact and lack of movement (i.e. falls) where the data would be continuously sent to a wireless base station; Bailey2011 performed a four-week intervention based on daily exercises and activity logs using both emergency alarms, a pedometer, and home-automation features; VanHoof2011 deployed technology focused on emergency alarms and home automation with the use of sensors and set top boxes for video telephony and cameras activated with alarms; Hsin-Kai2012 deployed a telecare medical support system which was connected to a response center and made use of wireless pendants, fall detectors and several other sensors to detect anomalies in daily living.

Furthermore, and reflecting on all these studies, several conclusions and recommendations have been suggested by researchers. Baig2013 showed wearable and mobile ECG monitoring systems tend to be very well accepted in aged care facilities as they ensure better quality and health care delivery. In the same way, Boise2013 showed that about three quarters of older adults are willing to be monitored and have their data shared with doctor and family members.

Still main reasons against its adoption are usually reported as being the short battery life of systems, the lack of professional feedback, the lack of security and privacy of the data collected (the use of video-cameras is especially problematic in this sense), the unclarification of the systems goals, and the perceived risk of injury (Baig2013, Hawley-Hague2014, Mihailidis2008, Boise2013).

The same researchers also reveal the need for the system to be usable and accepted by not only the clinicians but above all the target population in order to be adopted: In the words of Baig2013 "the acceptance of any system in the healthcare industry depends on the user awareness and acceptability. Adaptation of a device within the clinical field is stuck when they are negatively perceived". Additionally, other factors like older adults' attitudes around control and independence (Hawley-Hague2014, Mihailidis2008), the possibility of aging-in-place, and notions such as low-cost, attractiveness, discreteness, comfort, maintenance, involvement of family members and the level of human contact (favoring video-conference tools) (Mihailidis2008) are also important in motivating them to adopt and use technology.

Finally, as a lot of new monitoring methods are currently under development, it is important to take into consideration the results of the review performed by Taraldsen et al. (Taraldsen2012) who alerted for the need of a consensus regarding ways of collecting and reporting data as these are typically too varied contributing to confusion in research.

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The lessons learnt from past projects in these areas are important for the PersonAAL technological platform. Regarding health monitoring, PersonAAL picks up on past work, and even commercial products, but also considers the development of remote sensing technology, made available through chest strats for those situations where commercial products are not applicable. The mobile telemedicine and remote monitoring findings are relevant in PersonAAL's context for two reasons: the development of applications that can provide remote monitoring facilities and communication with caretakers, but also in the scope of activity and behavior detection and interpretation. PersonAAL can integrate findings from all these domains into an integrated platform, and go beyond existing solutions, by providing mechanisms that enable caretakers to impart their knowledge about the senior person, configure the usage environment, and persuade the adoption of healthier lifestyles through persuasive mechanisms supported on detection of changes in the senior's behavior.

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3 USER SURVEY

3.1 Problem Statement

Whereas much is already known about the practices and technological possibilities of e-health-system in place, the successful development of new solutions needs to account for the specific environments and realities of the sites and user-groups targeted. The PersonAAL project seeks to adapt solutions to the specific requirements of older adults, providing them with useful and usable means for better managing older adults' lifestyles. This implies that the present attempts to develop and personalize the new system not only needs to adapt to the policies and (health-)care related practices in the countries under consideration, but also for the specific requirements of elderly people in their role as informed users and – thus – customers. In other words, whereas knowledge about the care systems in the respective countries is helpful to consider the basic frameworks in which the PersonAAL system can be integrated, further information will be required to adapt the system to the specific needs, preferences and habits of older adults apart from their role as patients or persons in need.

3.2 Goals

Whereas several technical features and solutions are ready to be integrated into the technical architecture, we do not know which of these features will be suitable to solve the specific requirements of the targeted end-users and in how far these will be accepted for the implementation in their daily lives. Learning more about the dealing of older adults with health-related information, ways of communication and the general usage and acceptance of ICT will therefore be vital to develop applications suitable to their specific ends, i.e. to finding the most suitable technical and conceptual design of the PersonAAL system. In addition to the mere nature of preferences and needs, the distribution and amplitude between different respondents is of major concern for the present study, as this will shed light on the actual importance of the different possibility to personalize individual features.

3.3 Research Questions

In addition to general characteristics of the sample, including possible impairments creating demand for specific care solutions, four major parameters were identified for the present investigations.

Modes of communication / Methods of providing health related information

This parameter looks into the general behavior of the target group regarding the sharing of personal (health related) data. The acceptance of external monitoring (e.g. with regard to continuity and empowerment), expectations on information sharing and feedback, the acceptance and use of different media and the replaceability of personal relations shall be further analyzed.

Use of technical devices

This parameter sheds light on the current familiarity of the target group with different ICT solutions. Issues such as habits, preferences and experiences are subject to scrutiny along with their fit into peoples' daily routines. This includes amongst others, possible concerns and

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openness to behavioral adaptations which might be crucial to consider when introducing new solutions.

Usability of technical devices

Usability issues are important factors for the acceptance of ICT, as handling, understandability and overall user-friendliness are likely to have a major impact on the acceptability and frequency of usage and thus the overall success of the envisaged product.

Criteria / prospects for market success

General criteria for the success of new ICT solutions such as PersonAAL shall be analyzed, among which belong the overall comfort with respective solutions, effects on the peace of mind and cost-considerations.

3.4 Method

3.4.1 Target Group Specification

The target group for the older adults' requirements analysis was defined as elderly people with or without impairments, having at least minor technological affinity. Information about the sample was collected as part of the survey in order to validate the quality of the target groups addressed and their matching with the target group for the envisaged PersonAAL system. However, it should be noted that the target group for the analysis should not be confused with the target group of the envisaged solution developed in the course of this project. Since PersonAAL may also focus on preventive measures and as the present survey also considers general consumer interests of elderly people (rather than only consumer interests of impaired people), the target group for this survey was defined in rather wide terms.

3.4.2 Method

3.4.2.1 Research Design

The research design was developed using input of all consortium partners. Based on the above-mentioned research parameters, partners were invited to state their opinion from the perspective of their background and expertise so that the results will directly contribute to their respective project contributions.

3.4.2.2 Media

As the target group was defined as elderly people with or without impairments and with at least minor technological affinity, an online survey was considered the most suitable tool. Sending out a questionnaire through the internet was considered helpful for reaching a large share of respondents as well as for reaching people who have at least basic experience with using the internet.

3.4.2.3 Language

As the survey was carried out in the German speaking part of Switzerland, it was entirely designed in German. Since the original research design was developed in cooperation of all consortium partners in English, translations into German had to be made. Questions were not literally

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translated but in line with their sense. After completion of the surveys, results were transformed back into English. Qualitative comments from text fields were translated according to their sense.

3.4.2.4 Limitations

As the current study is based on online survey data, the data gathered here shall be taken with care. Although responses can give indications about preferences and requirements by the respondents, some of the questions may be subject to interpretation and different experiences by these latter. For example, the participants may have individual ideas or associations regarding specific notions such as “e-health-system”, “homecare” or “voice recognition”, which could provoke different reactions on their part depending on their point of view. Moreover, respondents might be insufficiently informed about the consequences specific choices could have on related aspects to be considered. The current survey therefore reflects current behavior and attitudes from the point of view of the status quo, based on existing knowledge and experiences. This first analysis not yet give information about the behavior and attitudes once people are more sensitized for new solutions and their respective benefits.

As most of the respondents were addressed by email and as the basic survey is typed into an online tool, there is an express bias for the reach of the target group. In other words, the survey is likely to reach predominantly people using devices with online access, which makes it likely to have most respondents be rather inclined to use modern ICT solutions. This however, fits into the intention of the survey, which seeks information from target groups with at least basic technological affinity.

Generally speaking, the survey is not meant to be representative. It is intended to indicate trends and directions for further scrutiny among the target groups for the PersonAAL system in the course of the present project.

3.4.3 Procedure

The online survey started December 17, 2015 and was closed January 15, 2016. It was sent out by an online mailing on December 17, 2015, to the target group from the database of terzStiftung. A reminder was sent out to the same target groups on January 5, 2016. The mailing offered a short project description as well as a link to the online tool LimeSurvey hosting the questionnaire. The sample of addresses was not filtered before sending out the emails and everyone with access to the weblink was able to answer the survey. The filling out was completely anonymous. All questions, including those about personal characteristics, could be answered on a voluntary basis.

3.4.4 Sample

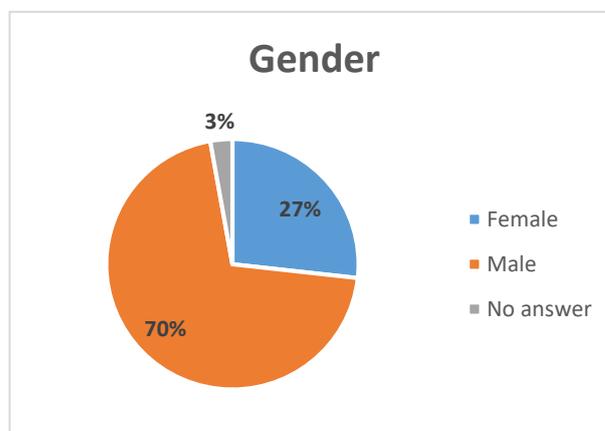
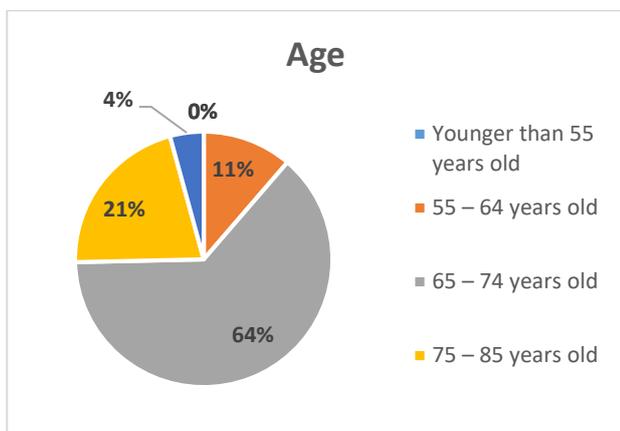
3.4.4.1 Response Rate

By January 13, 2016, LimeSurvey registered 196 file counts in the questionnaire, 71 of which were completed. The remaining file counts relate to the mere external opening of the hosting webpage or the dropping out before the end of the survey. For the underlying evaluation, the sample of 71 completed questionnaires has been further considered as the data base for the results published in this paper.

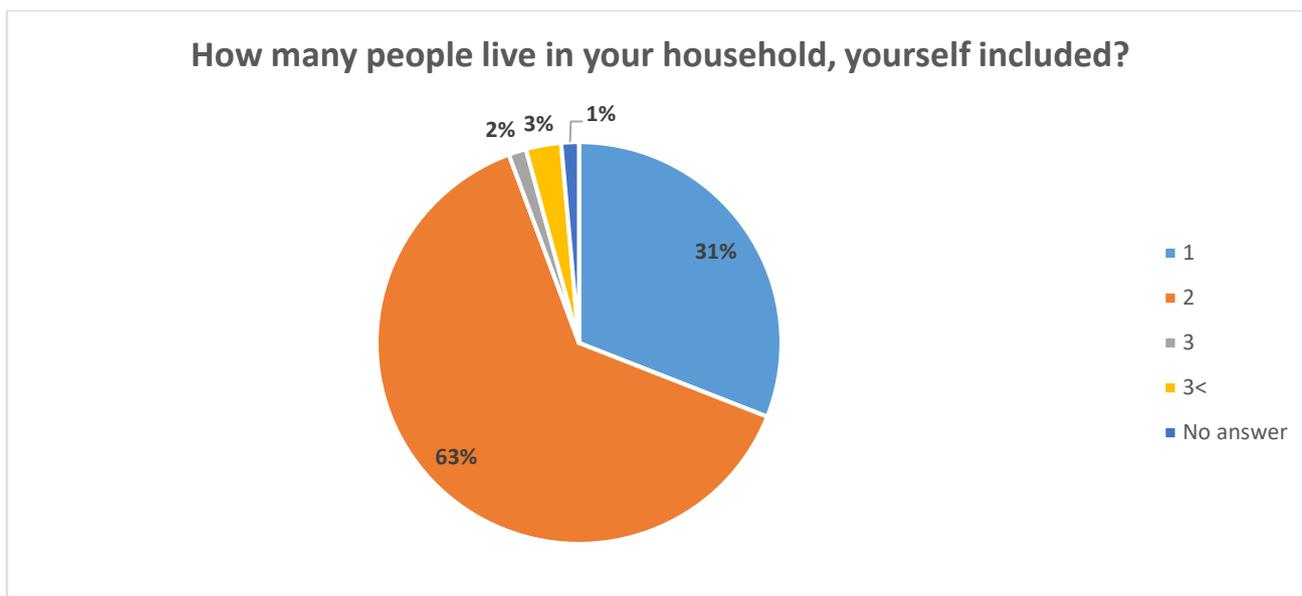
3.4.4.2 Composition and main characteristics

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In order to learn more about the sample, all respondents were asked for basic characteristics such as age, gender, living environment and personal (health conditions).



The large majority of respondents can be found in the age group 65-74 years (64%), followed by 21% in the group between 75-85 years and 11% between 55 and 64 years. A minority is older than 85 years old, none of the respondents is younger than 55 years old. As regards gender, a huge majority of 70% was male, only 27 % reported to be female.



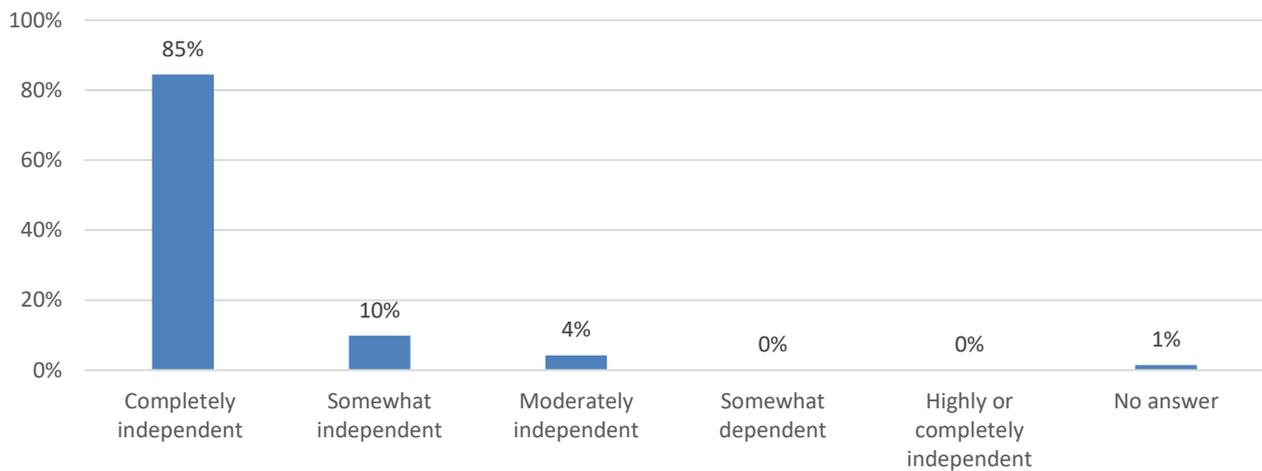
The living environment is an important factor for the underlying analysis considering that the PersonAAL-project envisages prolonged independence of elderly people at home and potential requirements of care given by different target groups. Only minorities (5%) of the respondents from the end-user survey reported to live together with more than one other person, which might suggest a lower need for assistance by external caregivers for monitoring activities. 63 % live with one other person (supposedly partners from similar age groups), whereas about one third (31%) live alone. Only 4% indicate to care for other people themselves.

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Do you regularly care for any other person who requires medical treatment?



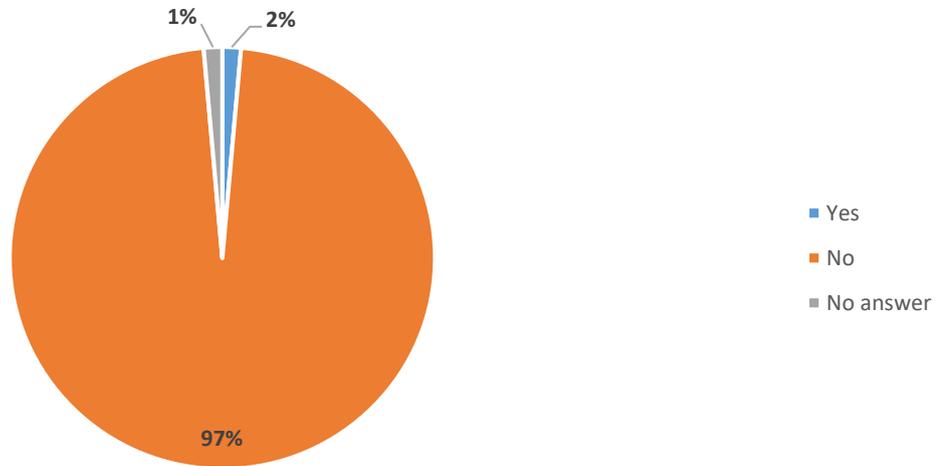
If you consider the organizing and carrying out of your daily activities. How independent (from required care) do you feel?



When asked about their level of independence, a large majority of 85% report that they do not require any care, whereas 14% consider themselves at least in some areas dependent on care.

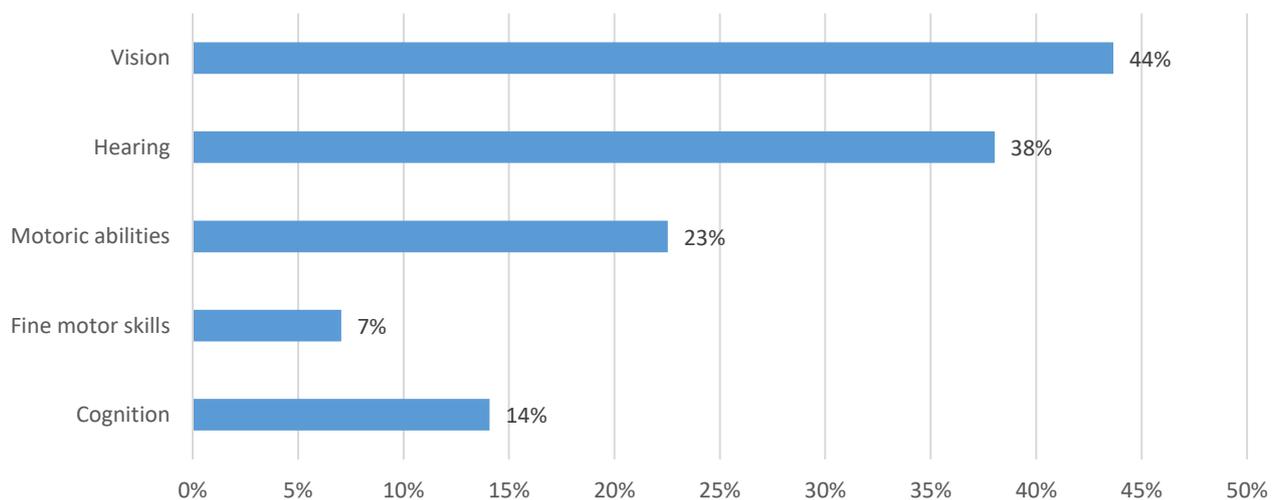
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Do you have any health issues that require continuous monitoring by caregivers?



Continuous monitoring as a result of health issues is even less required by the considered sample, with only 2% reporting respective needs.

In which of the following areas did you have (medically related) problems in the past? *Multiple answers possible*



Nevertheless, health related impairments are an issue to be considered. In order to learn more about the areas people might be sensitized for, health related problems experienced in the past were surveyed. Vision turned out as the most important category with 44% reporting problems

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in the past, followed by hearing (38%) and motoric abilities (23%). Cognitive issues (14%) and fine motor skills (7%) were checked in the survey by minorities. None of the impairments reported are necessarily linked to medical problems currently faced (for reasons of expected feedback on this response), even if they could. The numbers should therefore not be considered as an indication for impairments elderly generally tend to suffer from but as areas in which they might at least be sensitized for respective problems. At the same time, looking at the categories mentioned the least gives an idea about impairments barely experienced as problems both now and in the past and thus suggests in which areas effort should – subject to further verification – be put less into the PersonAAL development process.

3.5 Results

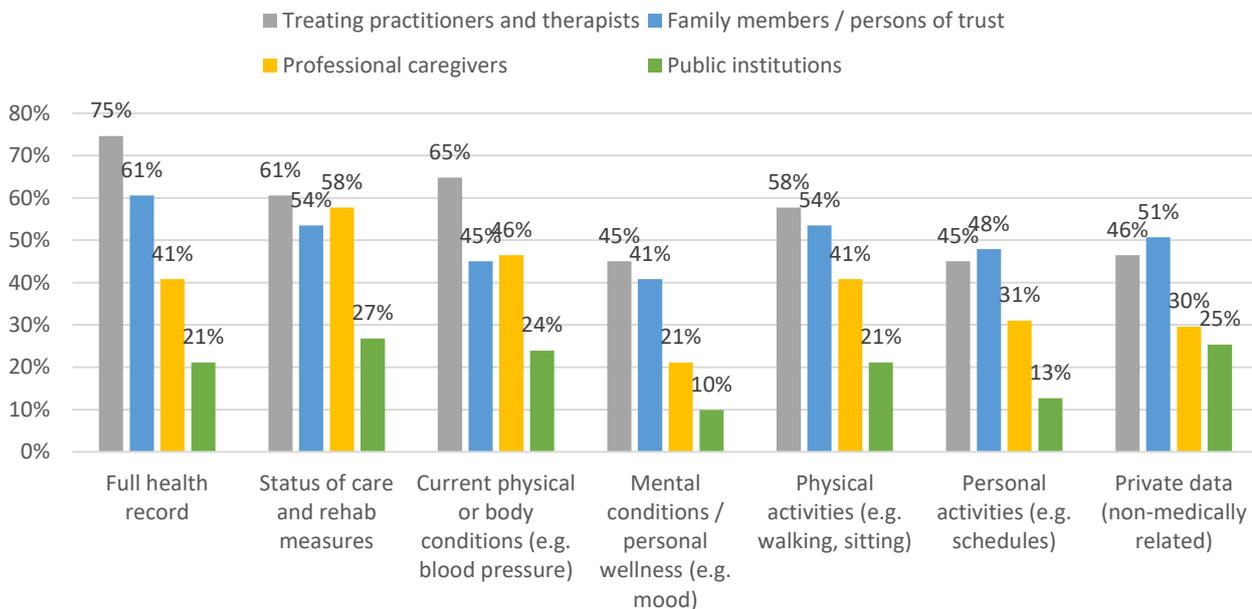
3.5.1 Modes of communication / Methods of providing health related information

Discovering modes of communication and methods of providing health related problems is important to understand how elderly people interact with potential caregivers and what differences they make between different categories of these latter. The major target of this exercise is to find out more about the acceptance of functions the PersonAAL system could feature and the way they need to look like for successful application and usage. Respective issues concern types of data, modes and channels for communicating data, storage, privacy rules and security.

One major question for the conceptual development of PersonAAL concerns the differentiation of users and potential frameworks for their interaction. Understanding the willingness of elderly to share their health related information is crucial to understand what different types of functionalities and data should be accessible by different stakeholders in the caring process, which also may lead to the design of distinct applications for each of them.

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Imagine a case in which you use constant medical treatment or rehabilitation at home by support of e-health-systems: What information would you be willing to share in general with the following actors if it supports your treatment? *Possible answers possible*



The chart above shows the acceptance of sharing different healthcare related data to different types of institutions, namely treating practitioners (including therapists), professional caregivers, persons of trust (including family) and public institutions. The results clearly indicate sharp differences in attitude when considering the different groups as addressees of health care related information. Referring to the number of respondents accepting the sharing of data, practitioners clearly rank the highest (between 45% and 75% approval depending on the type of data), followed by persons of trust (41% to 61%) and professional caregivers (21% to 58%). There is clearly low enthusiasm among the participants to share their data with public institutions, with ranges from 10% to 27%.

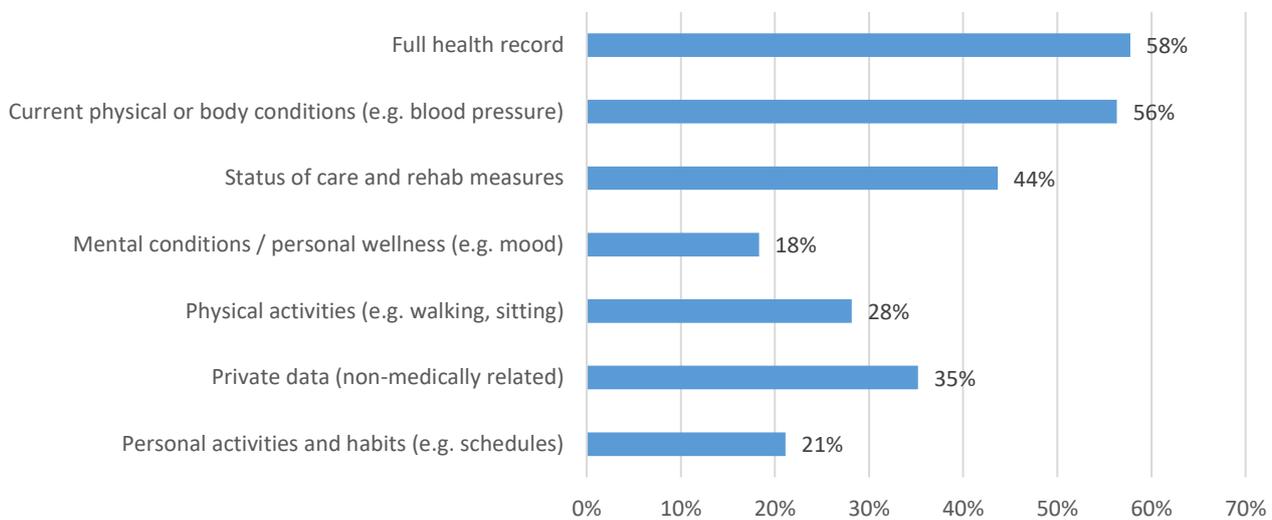
Strong differences can be observed above all, regarding the health record, where practitioners and persons of trust are majoritarian considered eligible addressees, whilst professional caregivers and public institutions are only accepted by minorities. Major gaps between these two pairs of target groups can also be observed regarding mental conditions, private data, physical activities and personal activities (with professional caregivers each time still ranking considerably higher than public institutions). Regarding the status of care and rehab measures as well as current physical and body conditions, only public institutions are clearly lacking behind as non-appreciated receivers of the respective information.

In addition to differences between target groups, the numbers suggest a generally prudent attitude of the respondents to share health care related data. Except for the sharing of the health

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record with practitioners, which most people might expect to be shared with practitioners anyway, no more than roughly every second person is willing to share their information with at least one of the listed target groups. Considering some qualitative data collected with these charts on a voluntary basis, privacy protection is considered a major issue to the respondents. Only information that is convincing as improving the health care process, should be shared at all, as can be inferred from the textual information delivered.

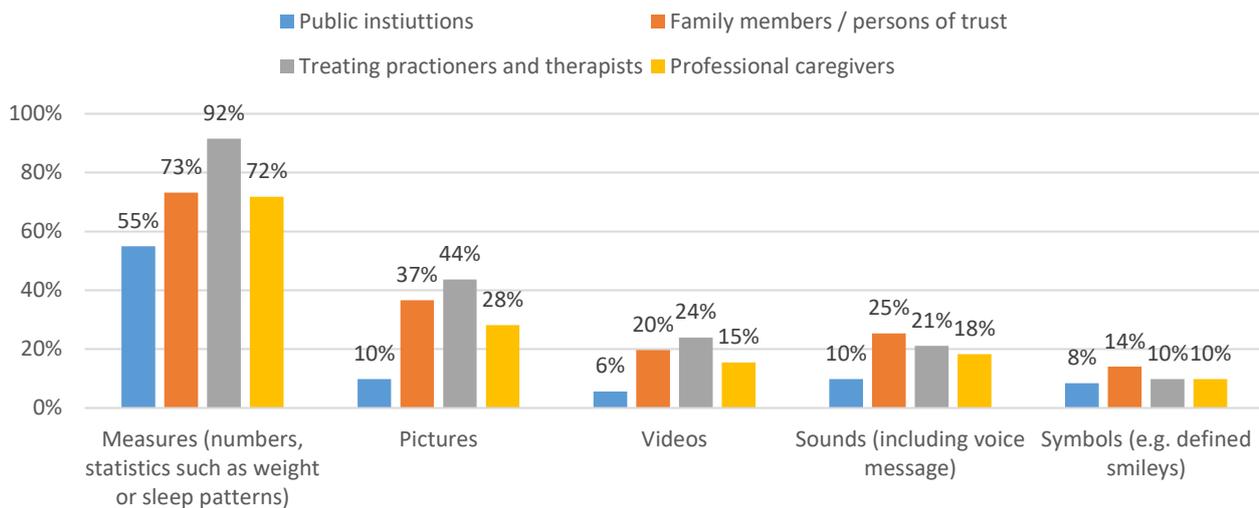
Which of the data you are willing to share through e-health platforms would you agree upon to be stored in the system, if such a measure improves your remote treatment and (long-term) monitoring of your rehabilitation? *Multiple answers possible*



Whereas these numbers relate to the attitude of sharing of health related information with the intent to see differences for specific target groups, the following information looks into the privacy factors in more detail by asking for the willingness of having different types of information stored in an e-health system. As indicated in the following chart, a majority would be willing to store the health record (58%) and current physical conditions (56%), whilst 44% and 35% are still willing to store their status of rehabilitation measures and private data. Only minorities, in contrast, allow for physical and private activities as well as mental conditions to be stored, suggesting that only data directly associable with distinct treatments and health improvement (data medically required from a layman’s perspective) would be considered beneficial for long-term saving. These conclusions are confirmed by the qualitative input which underline privacy protection and the claims that information should only be saved for transparent purposes and when medically required.

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Provided you were willing to share specific data supporting remote treatment through an e-health system: What of the following data formats would you be willing to use for the sharing of information with ... in order to get the best possible treatment? *Multiple answers possible*



As regards the sharing of information, different types of formats were put up for choice, namely measures, pictures, videos, sounds and symbols. This information should be used to find the most suitable functions in PersonAAL allowing communication with the different target groups, taking into considerations potential obstacles such as intimacy, privacy, data protection, reach and preferences for interaction. As can be derived from the following numbers, there is a strong indication that impersonal information, namely measures, are largely preferred over multimedia features (videos, pictures, sounds) and consolidated measures (symbols such as smileys). The highest values were reported for practitioners (92% approval), the lowest for public institutions (55%).

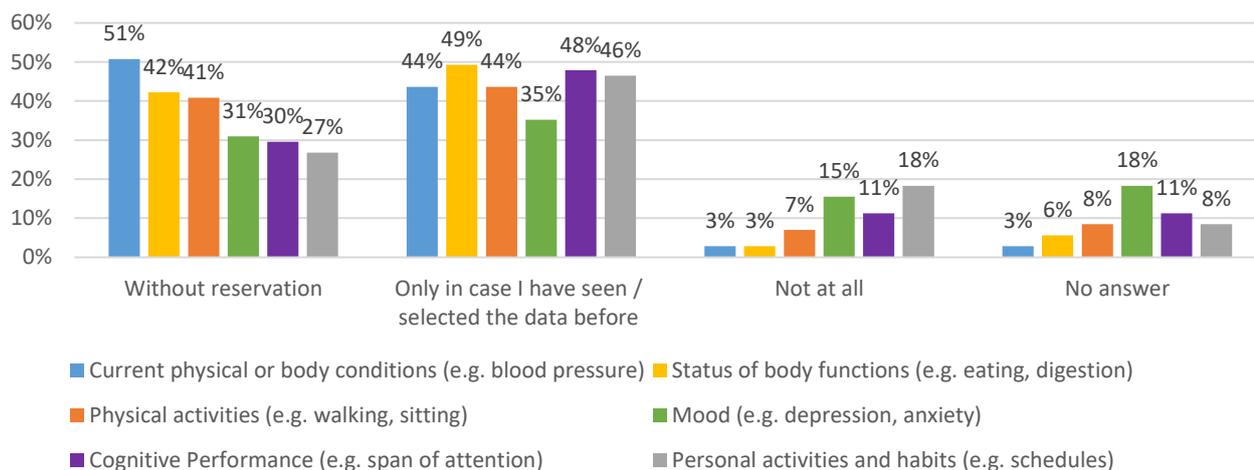
Considering the different target groups, there is a clear indication that the variety of formats possible for application differs among them. For example, the accumulated number of percentage points across all types of formats is by far higher for practitioners than the accumulated number among public institutions. In other words, whilst for both categories there are the highest values for submitting information as measures, there are clear differences regarding the acceptance of alternative formats, as ranging between 10% and 44% for practitioners and only between 6% and 10% for public institutions. For both persons of trust and caring professionals, there are still interesting response rates for alternatives to mere measures, ranging between 14% and 37% and 10% and 28%, respectively.

In order to gain a deeper understanding about the sharing of health-related information to different target groups, the survey asked in more detail how different types of information needed to be treated in case an electronic system as provided through PersonAAL was available to the

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end users. For each category of information, the willingness to share these latter could be specified in more detail, i.e. by indicating whether or not control over the data would be required before external communication of these latter.

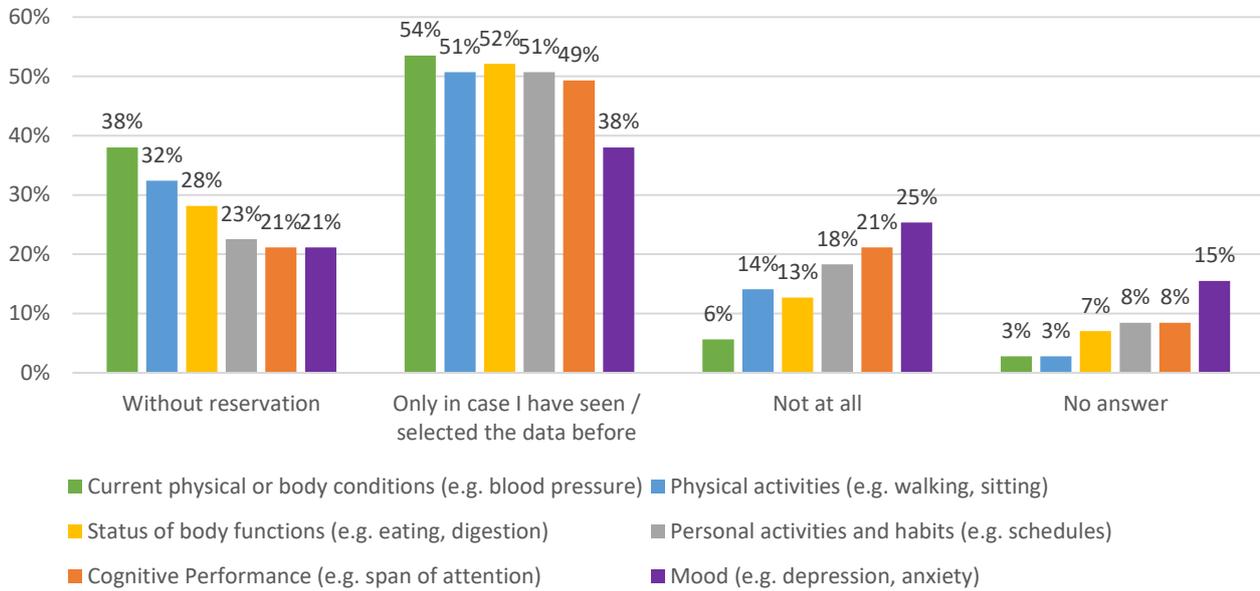
Imagine you have a technical system at home that monitors your health conditions and your progress on rehabilitation at home with the objective to improve measures your practitioners and caregivers can arrange for you. In what way would you be willing to share the collected information with your treating practitioner or therapist?



Between 35% (for mood-related information) and 49% (regarding status of body functions) of the responding end users claim their own selection of information prior to the submission to treating practitioners or therapists. No reservations were reported by 27% (regarding personal activities and habits) and 51% (Current physical and body conditions) of the respondents. The complete unwillingness to submit data, in contrast, is rather low, with a peaks at 18% (personal activities) and lowest shares at 3% (physical and body conditions). Again, the findings confirm that information to practitioners should be limited to those commonly considered as necessary for proper treatment under the standard of academic medicine.

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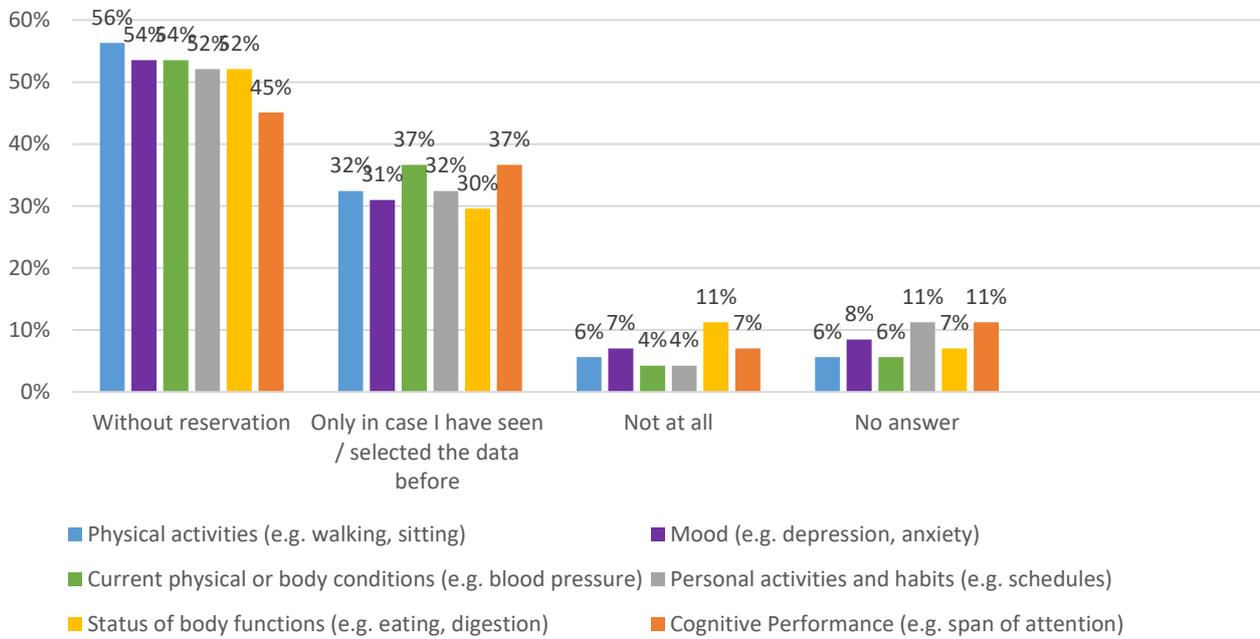
Please imagine the same system. In what way would you be willing to share the collected information with professional caregivers?



For professional caregivers, the picture looks clearly different. Whereas the shares for selecting data before submission are roughly comparable to the shares collected for practitioners - with roughly every second respondent requiring such control -, more reservations can be detected regarding uncontrolled submission. The highest approval was reported for current physical and body conditions (38%), which are likely to be relevant for the treatment by professional caregivers. Only one third to one fifth would agree upon unreserved submission of the remaining categories. Strikingly, the shares for respondents generally rejecting the communication of data are much higher, reaching up to 25% for mood or 21% for cognitive performance. These might be considered as irrelevant for the treatments at hand and therefore likely to be unappreciated for the purpose of sharing.

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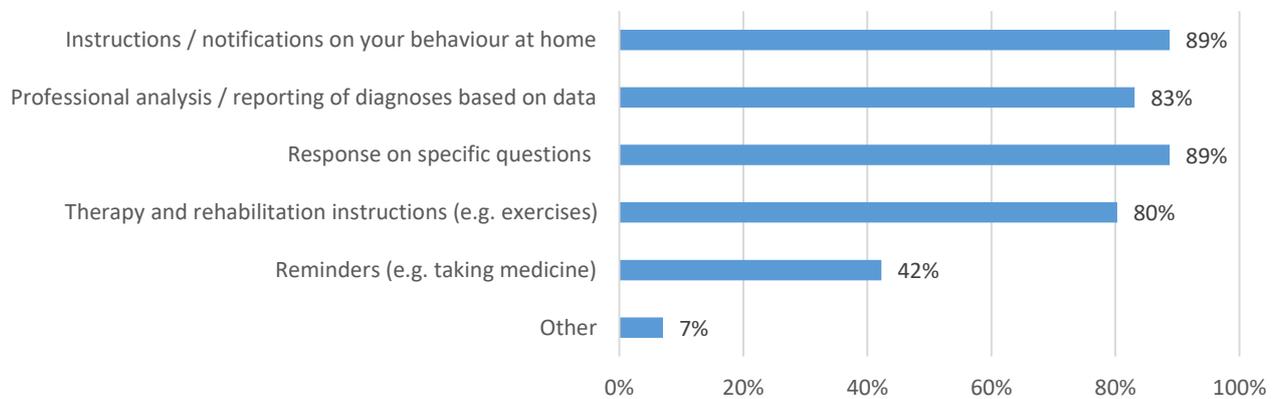
Please imagine the same system. In what way would you be willing to share the collected information with persons of trust caring for you (family / friends)?



The highest values for implicit sharing of health related data through an e-health system as provided by PersonAAL were collected with regard to the target group family / friends with ranges between 45% (cognitive performance) and 56% (physical activities). This information suggests that persons of trust from private realms are considered not only in their function as caregivers carrying out specific medically related tasks, but that they should be aware of additional information required for other purposes, e.g. more intimate or personal information. Accordingly, the values for conditional sharing are also lower than for healthcare professionals, ranging between 31% (mood) and 37% (cognitive performance, current physical or body conditions). Reservations are comparably high for mood (29%) and cognitive performance (21%) though, reaching about the amount of respondents without reservations.

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Imagine the same system. What sort of information would you want to receive from caregivers or practitioners? *Multiple answers possible*



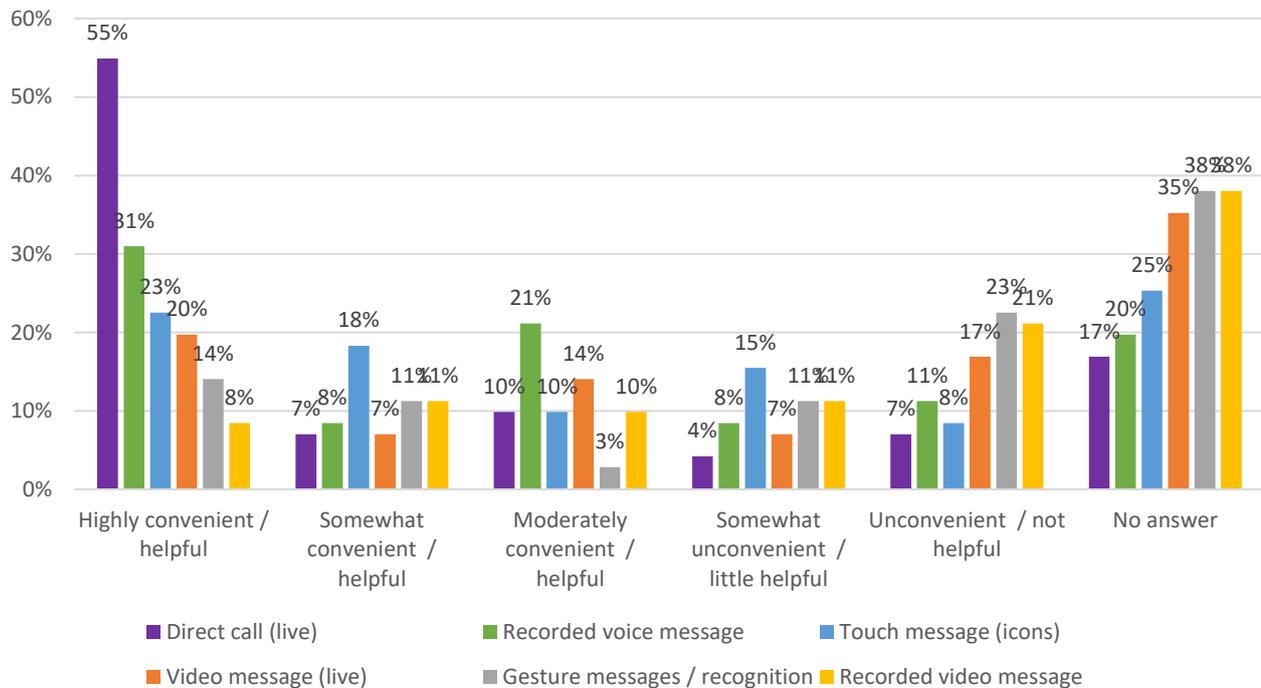
Looking at the inflow of information, the usage of a respective e-health system is likely to be much less restrictive. When asked about specific information end users want to receive from professional caregivers and practitioners, all offered categories of information were approved by more than 80%, except reminders. Instructions, analyses and responses and responses to specific request are thus likely to be highly appreciated by use of an e-health system. As reminders were welcomed only reported by 42% of the respondents, these might be valuable as an additional feature, yet no majoritarian requirement. Other suggestions concern information such as psychological aid, information on nutrition and detailed reports on treatment.

When asked about additional types of information the interviewees cannot provide to their practitioners at the moment but would like to share with them, most answers brought up cover aspects relevant for improved treatment. Data about nutrition, their physical and mental status and diagnoses made by other practitioners are examples thereof. Moreover, some respondents would desire to share information facilitation holistic medical treatment that looks at factors beyond the mere academic medicine, such as living environments, personal relations or their financial situation. Last not least, there is an indication that they would appreciate shorter intervals for the exchange of information to practitioners and caregivers than is given under the status quo.

Having considered the general willingness to share information with practitioners and caregivers through an e-health-system such as envisaged in PersonAAL, including types of data, storage and potential data formats, this impersonal / delayed sharing of information was directly compared with modes of direct interaction to the target groups. For this purpose, the respondents were asked about the convenience of different modes of informational exchange including both direct interaction and delayed modes. In contrast to the question asked earlier about accepted data formats, this question was not based on optional choice but on scale so that each way of communication can be analyzed in more detail.

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Imagine a system enabling you to exchange information with your caregivers or practitioners from your house. How would you rate the convenience / helpfulness of the following ways to transmit your messages to them?



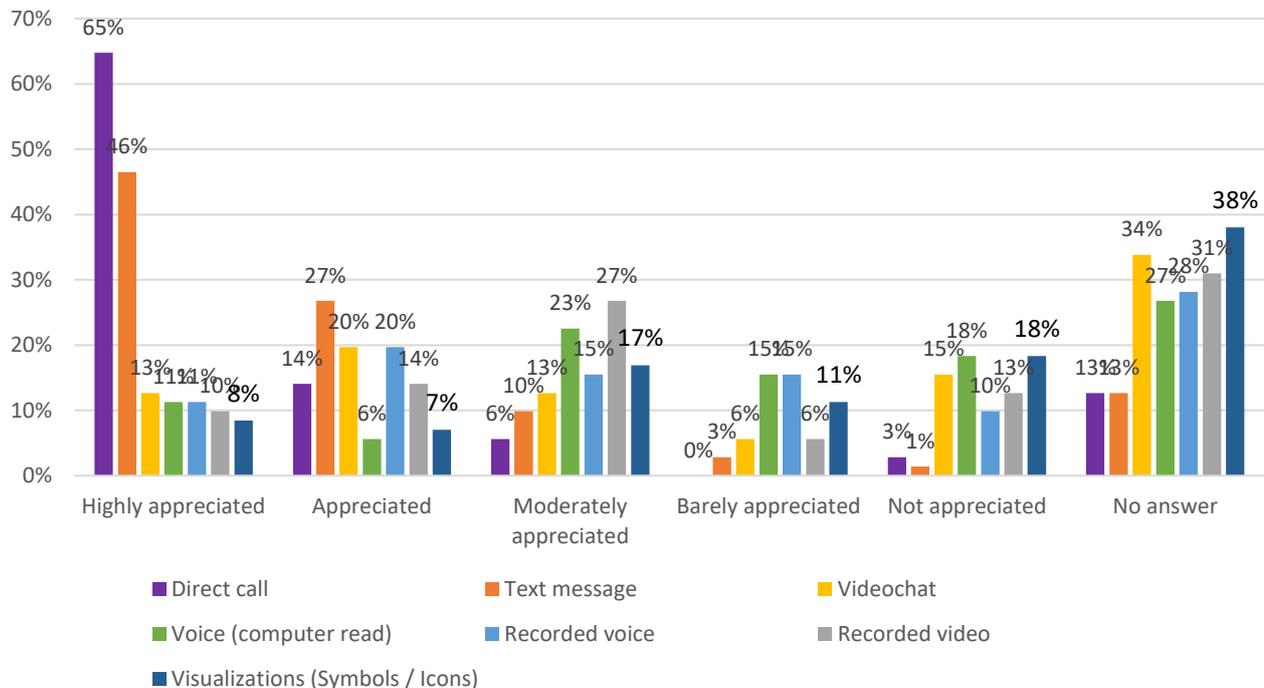
The findings show that direct calls are considered by far the most convenient mode, with 55% considering this type of informational exchange highly convenient. Video message, contrast was only considered highly convenient by about 20%, whereas almost the same amount of respondents considers this mode inconvenient. Comparably high acceptance was also reported for recorded voice messages and touch messages, with 39% and 41% considering these types at least somewhat convenient. Less enthusiasm was shown for recorded video and gesture messages that were considered inconvenient by 21% and 23% and highly convenient by only 8% and 14%, respectively.

The findings suggest that the respondents do not generally prefer direct talks over communication through messages. Rather, there are indications that voice is preferred over video. One may also conclude that the low shares for sounds in the earlier question on accepted data formats are rather associated with sounds other than voice messages.

Text chat and email communication are further appreciable options brought up by individual respondents. At the same time, however, usability and simplicity in handling were claimed for the overall usage so that the additional effort through text chats would need to be subject to further scrutiny.

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How do you rate the following options to receive information from your practitioners or caregivers? Please imagine a situation where these informations are received daily or several times a day?

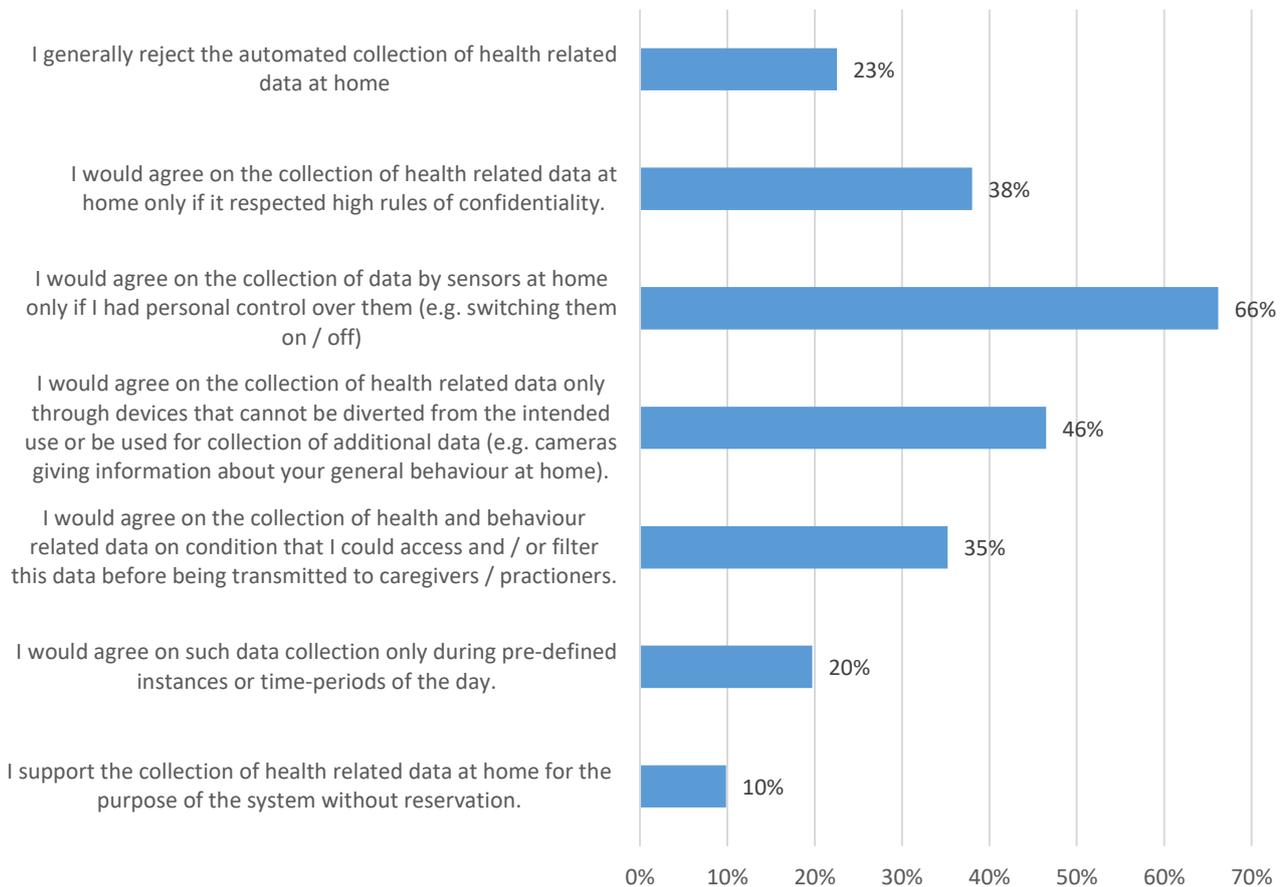


Looking on the inbound flow of communication, the picture looks rather different. As with the outbounds, phone calls are the medium with the highest share of respondents feeling high convenience (65%). Strikingly, all other mediums that were considered for the outwards communication, received rather low shares for high convenience. Moreover, rather high shares of respondents did not answer this question, which may indicate indecisiveness or lack of experience with modes other than directly talking to their caregivers. Rather low shares may also be affiliated with the fear of annoyance by the expected inbound frequencies. One may suppose that direct calls, in contrast, could be associated with experience and the respective awareness, that calls can be refused.

The current question also includes text messages since the effort for receiving instructions or information (other than sending) in written form may be bearable even in case of specific impairments. This type of communication is indeed considered highly appreciated by 46% of the participants and still appreciated by 27%.

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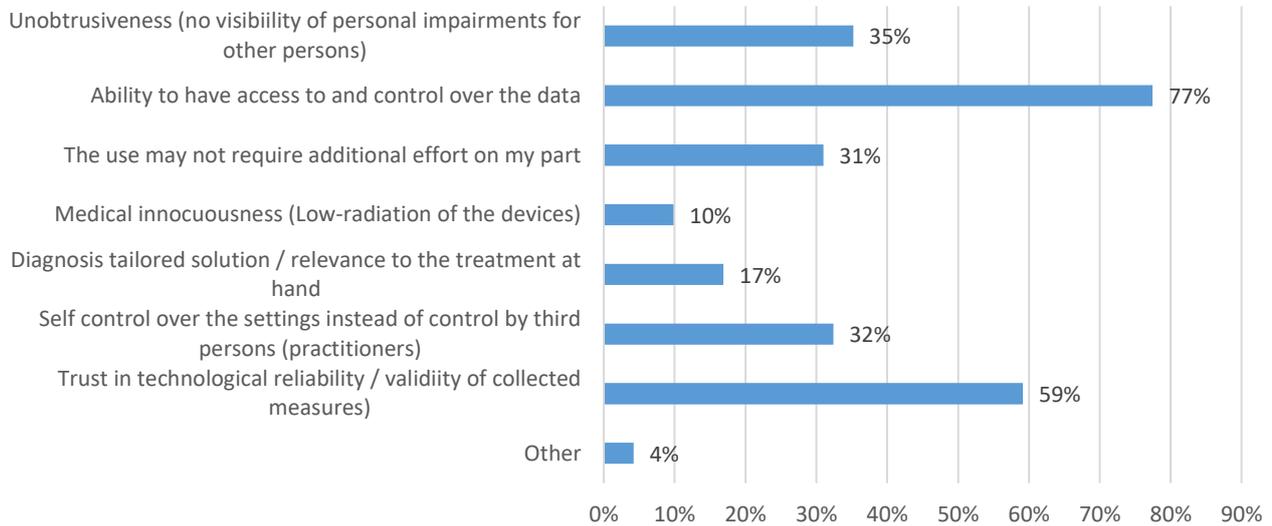
Imagine a situation in which a technical system collects data on your physical (health) conditions and progress of rehabilitation measures by use of sensors in your house. Which of the following statements reflects your opinion? *Multiple answers possible*



Privacy was mentioned earlier as an important issue in the context of the overall exchange of health related data through an e-health platform. As the PersonAAL system intends to collect health-related data by use of different sensors, the respective acceptance of such data collection was investigated. As can be derived from the above chart, two thirds of the end users asked would agree on the installations of sensors, yet only if personal control over these latter is given. 46% further specify that no alienation from the intent to install sensor should be possible, which emphasizes the claim that functions should be limited to data necessary for the intended treatments. The shares are also rather noticeable for the claims regarding confidentiality (38%) and possibilities of data selection (35%). 23% generally decline the collection of data related to health at home.

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Ignoring the costs or cost-benefit-ratio of installing such a system. What would be the prerequisite for you to accept it? *Multiple answers possible*

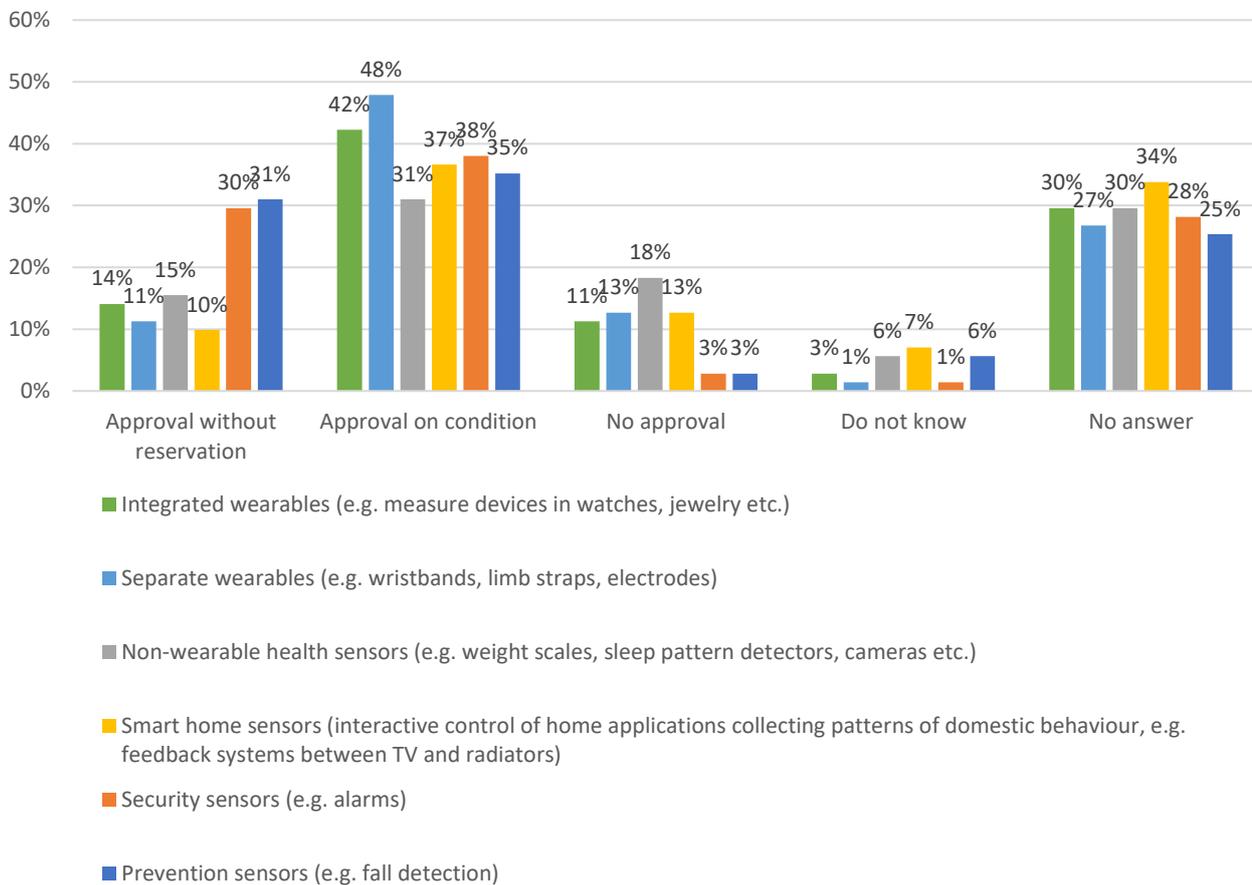


In addition to privacy protection, the questionnaire was interested in general prerequisites people have for accepting and working with an e-health system. As came out earlier, the ability to have personal access and control over the data is mentioned as a fundamental requirement by 77% of the respondents. 59% need clarity that the system works reliably. Unobtrusiveness, self-control over the settings and low outlay are important by still one third of the respondents, whereas medical innocuousness is only mentioned by 10%.

Strikingly, only 17% mention that they would be willing to accept the system only on condition that this latter is tailor-made for specific treatment they receive. Earlier, it was concluded that large numbers would be willing to share data to practitioners and professional caregivers only if they consider these data to be medically relevant. In light of this, the current findings suggest that that the system design as such should not be limited to specific treatments, but that it should rather offer all-round functionalities that can be adjusted or calibrated to specific monitoring requirements in terms of data collection.

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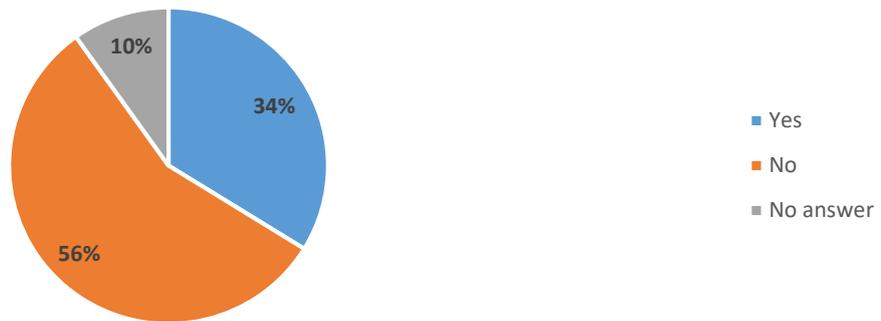
Which of the following devices would you not feel comfortable with when these were used for the monitoring of your care and rehabilitation in your house?



In order to find out the support of respective hardware for the data collection, the comfort with different categories of sensors was surveyed among the probands. Only minorities between 10% and 15% indicate clear discomfort with smart home sensors, integrated wearables (e.g. in jewelry), separate wearables and non-wearable health sensors. More people, in contrast, feel uncomfortable with those sensors that are presumably more common: Prevention sensors (e.g. fall detection; 31%) and security sensors (e.g. alarms; 30%). Between 31% (non-wearable health sensors) and 48% (separate wearables) approve their discomfort on condition, which could mean that the context for usage is decisive.

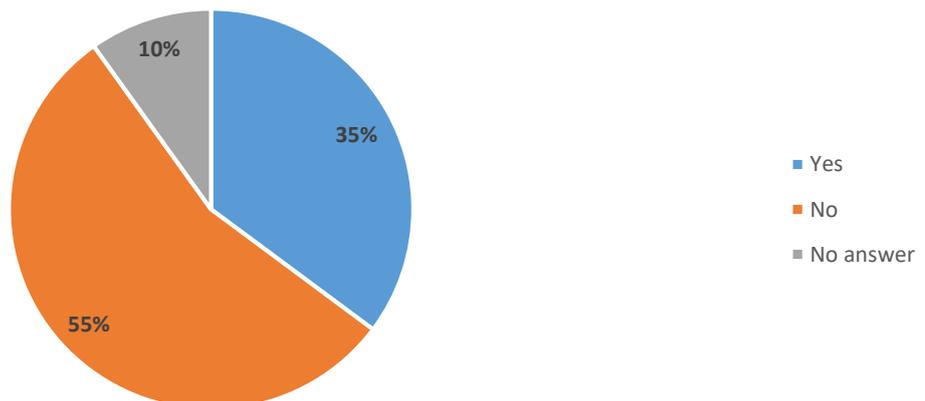
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Do you expect that sensor based monitoring of your health conditions and rehabilitation status by use of an electronic feedback-system can significantly improve the treatment you receive without such devices?



About 56% do not expect that sensor based monitoring of healthcare related activities would improve their actual treatment, whereas 34% do. These numbers, however, should be interpreted in light of the current health status of the respondents. As most of the interviewees currently do not require major care or care at all, most of them might not be aware of potential improvements an e-health system could actually enable in case of impairments. The 34% expecting an improvement can therefore already be considered an important substantiating the purpose.

Do you think you would visit your practitioner or therapist less frequently, if such an e-health system worked reliably?



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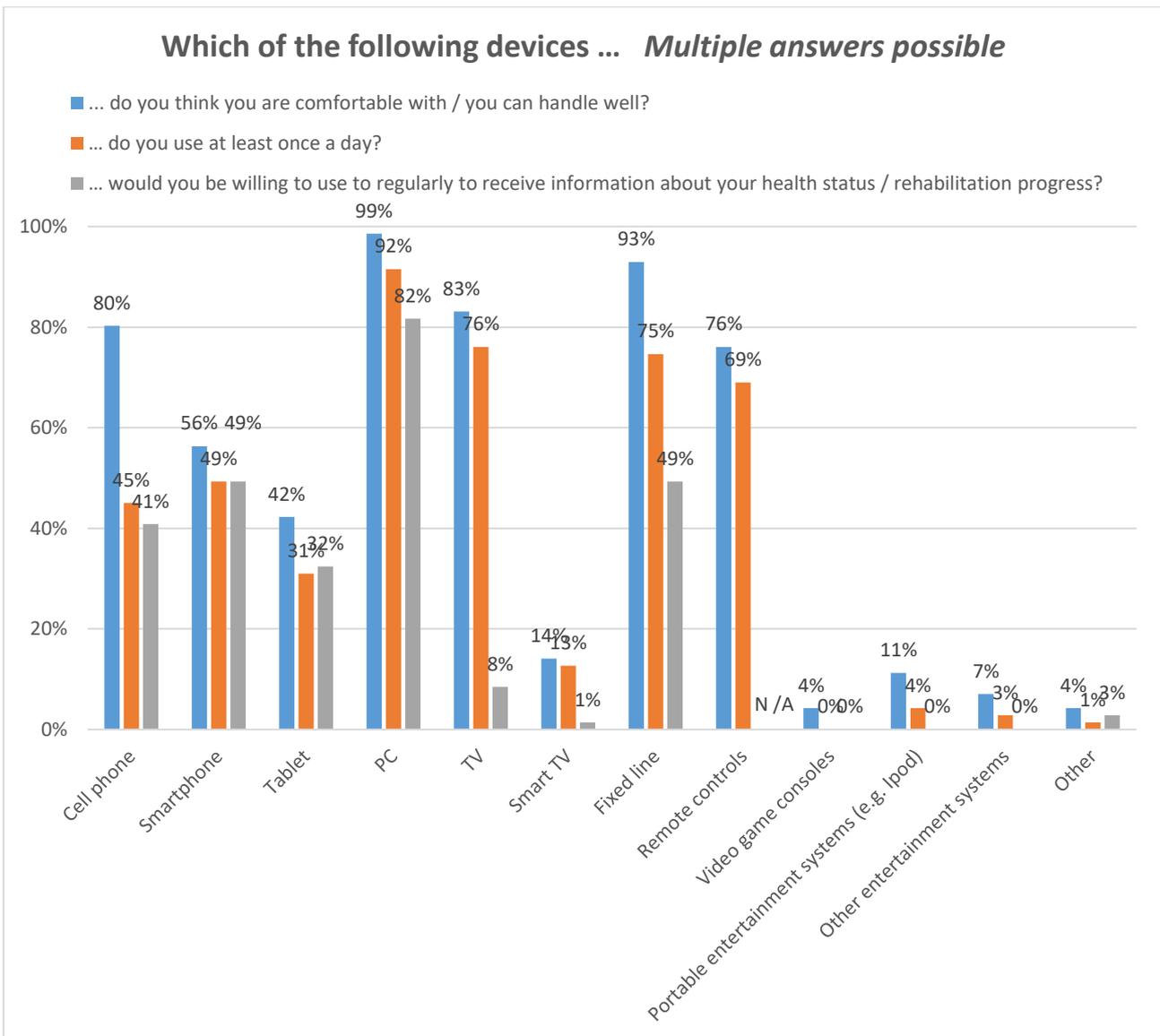
Only 35% of the respondents think that they would see their practitioner or therapist less frequently if they used a reliable monitoring system. This may be explained in the benefits of face to face interaction, among which social aspects were mentioned in the first place. Direct dialogues, psychological aspects, empathy, loneliness, personal appreciation and the building of relationships of trust are examples thereof. Moreover, there is a widespread concern that only few aspects of the required healthcare can be covered by an e-health system. Activities such as medication intake, body-check-ups, physiological activities and the taking of blood samples were mentioned, amongst others, as requiring personal visits. This does not mean, however, that an electronic system cannot take over parts of the treatment. Benefits such as reduced waiting times and dispensable visits were identified concurrently.

3.5.2 Use of technical devices

The current use of technical devices was investigated through the survey in order to learn more about elderly people's habits and familiarity with modern technological devices. Knowledge about these aspects is important for the PersonAAL system as the target groups will need to be able to understand the handling of the innovation and as integration into their daily routines will be crucial to guaranteeing constant usage.

As can be derived from the following chart, the current sample is rather familiar with the use of modern technological devices and can handle them well. The bias in this survey, which was predominantly addressed to the target group by email, explains the high usage among the respondents and confirms the intended target group, namely elderly people with at least minor technological affinity.

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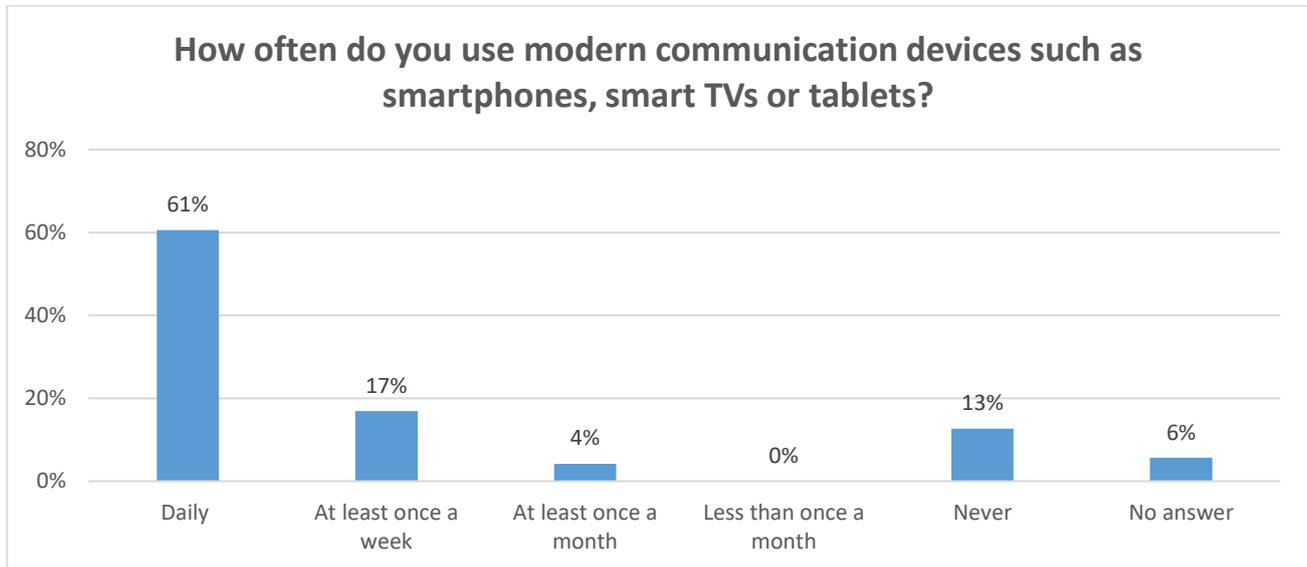
Among modern communication devices, familiarity was reported for common cell phones (80%), Smartphone (56%) and tablets (42%). Whereas 82% can handle well TV, only 14% are familiar with smart TV.

Actual usage is equally important to the choice of a suitable medium considering that innovation is more likely to be successful if it fits into existing routines. In that regard, PC (92%) and TV (76%) are the most promising platforms in the context of daily usage. Smartphone (49%) and tablets (31%), which both appear adequate to the PersonAAL platform given their multimedia functions, still appear rather promising as devices with potential of frequent use.

As regards preferences by the elderlies regarding the access to an e-health application, PC (82%) and smartphone (49%) rank in the fore, followed by cell phone (41%) and tablet (32%). Only

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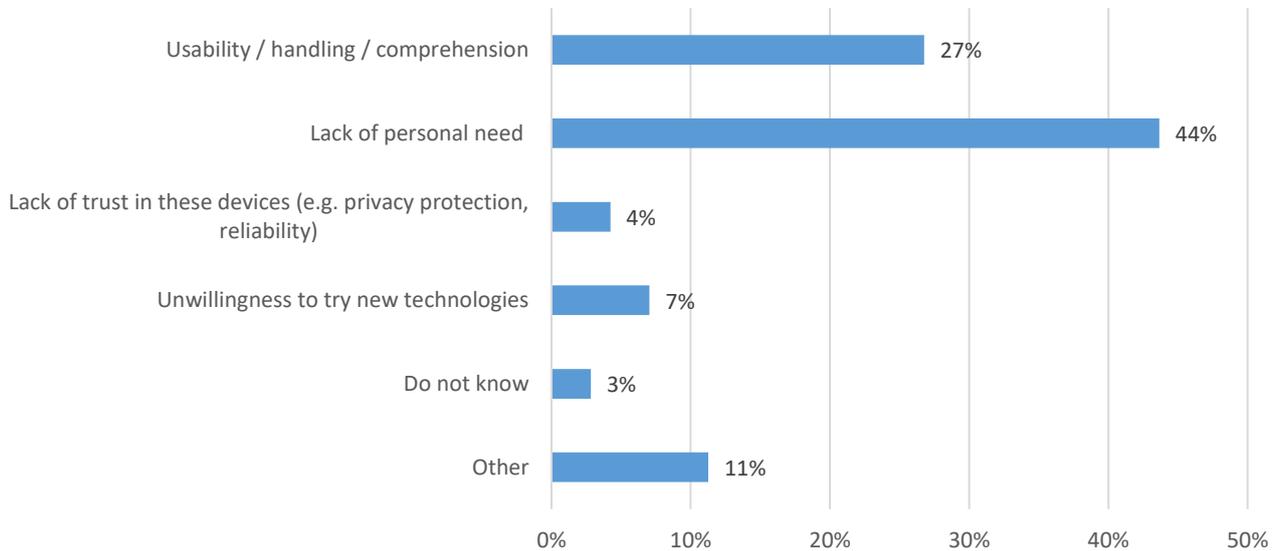
1% conceives of using an e-health system through a smart TV, which, however, may be a result of low familiarity of smart TV to the target group.



Taking a closer view at the use of modern communication devices confirms the picture depicted above that elderly people largely stay up-to-date with the latest technology. 61% indicate a daily usage of devices such as smartphones and tablets, 17% still use these latter at least once a week. Only 13% of the respondents refrain from any usage of modern communication devices.

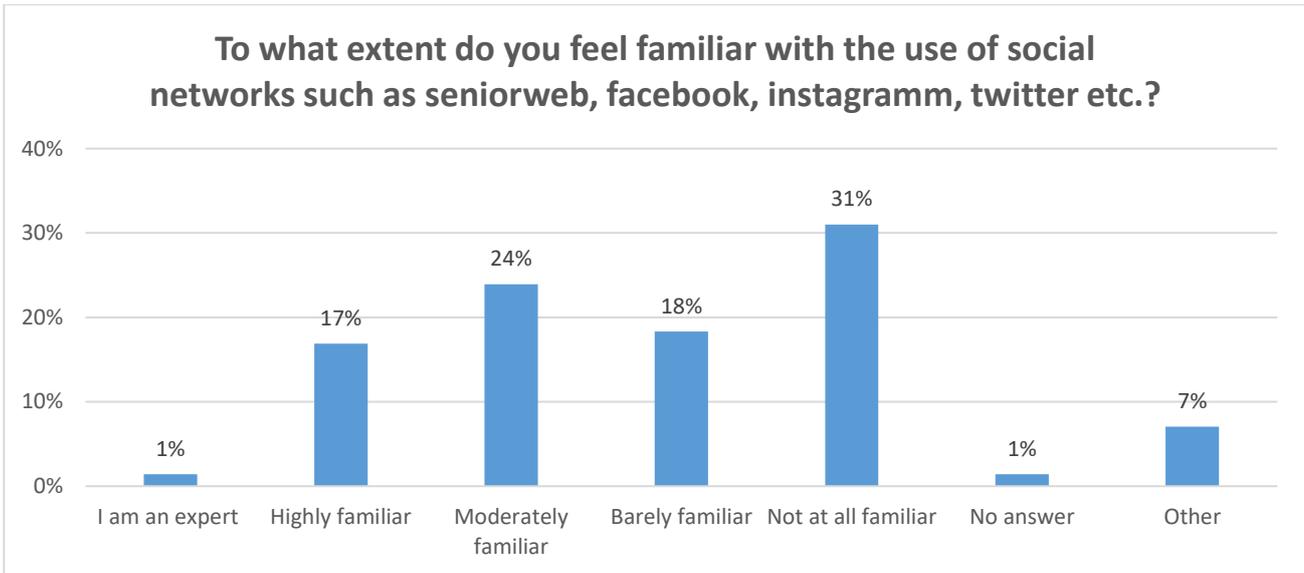
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What are your most prevalent reasons for not using modern communication devices such as smartphones, smart TVs or tablets? *Multiple answers possible*

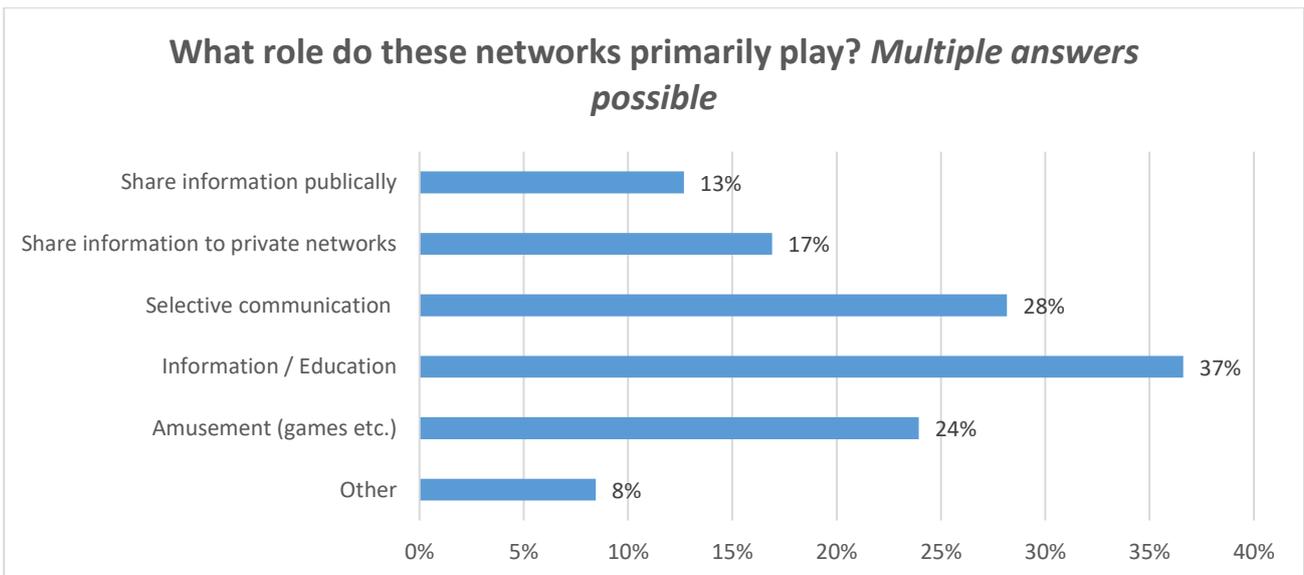


In order to tailor the PersonAAL system to the actual needs the target group has, it is important to take a closer look at potential shortcomings existing technologies have and at the question what the target group prevents from using them. The survey was therefore further interested in reasons why modern communication devices are not being used. As illustrated in the chart below, a major reason is a simple lack of need (44% approval), followed by usability issues (27%). These are indications that a major focus should not only be put on potential impairments regarding proper handling and comprehension, but that any new development should put major investments into the clear provision of extra-benefits, problem-solving and respective sensitization.

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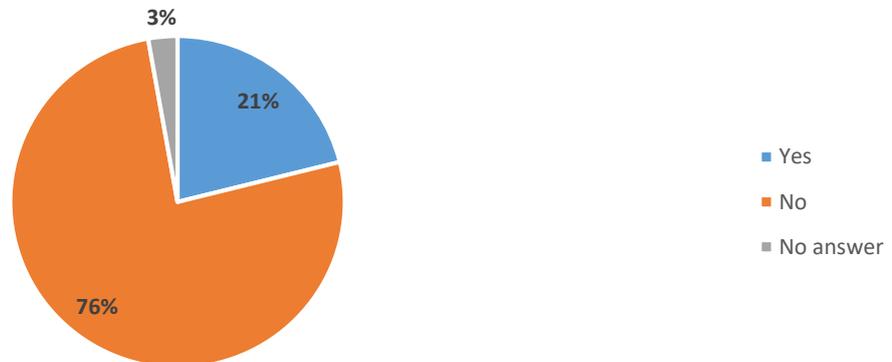
The use of social networks so far is rather sporadic among the given sample. One third of the respondents is not familiar with them, only 17% indicate high familiarity.



Despite only moderate familiarity, the chart above shows that social networks are still being used by large shares of the sample. 37% use social networks for informational reasons. 28% communicate to defined addressees and 24% use social networks for entertainment. At least roughly a fifth even shares their own information to private networks.

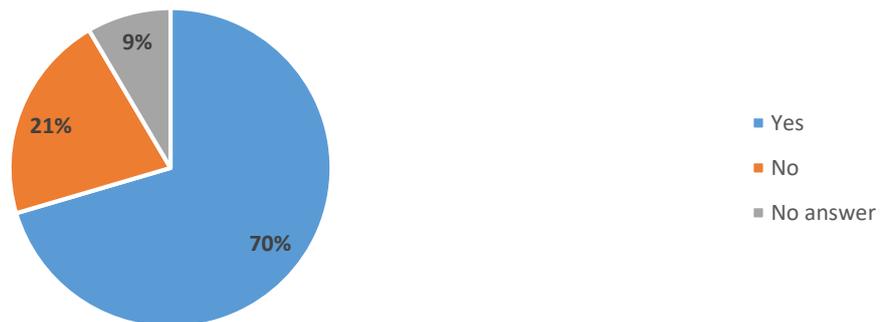
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Do you already use a system which tracks your health condition or the rehabilitation measures you take (e.g., portable measurement systems, reminders, alarm systems)?



Tracking systems are already used by a fifth of the sample. 'Tracking' system has not been further defined for the purpose of this questions. Nevertheless, the findings suggest that a noticeable share of the respondents already cares about assistance technology, even though their own independence, as found earlier, is perceived as rather high and as external care is hardly required by now. This indicates that prevention and peace of mind merit further attention.

Would you be willing to use any new portable device on a daily basis if this helps to improve your medical care significantly and / or if this contributes to the peace of mind of your beloved ones?



It was mentioned above that any new technology is expected to have higher chances for success if it is provided that they do not inflict additional effort on the user and change his or her common routines. The constant usage of new portable devices such as tracking or even informational systems would be expected to be little accepted. Yet, the above chart illustrate that this

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expectation hardly holds true in situations in which the end-user perceive direct benefits: 70% answer that they would be willing to use a new portable device on a daily basis if such a measure helped to improve their medical care significantly and / or it contributed to the peace of mind of their beloved ones. Still, these numbers must be taken with care and require further analysis. Shape, unobtrusiveness and contexts of use are some of the qualifications mentioned by the respondents.

3.5.3 Usability of technical devices

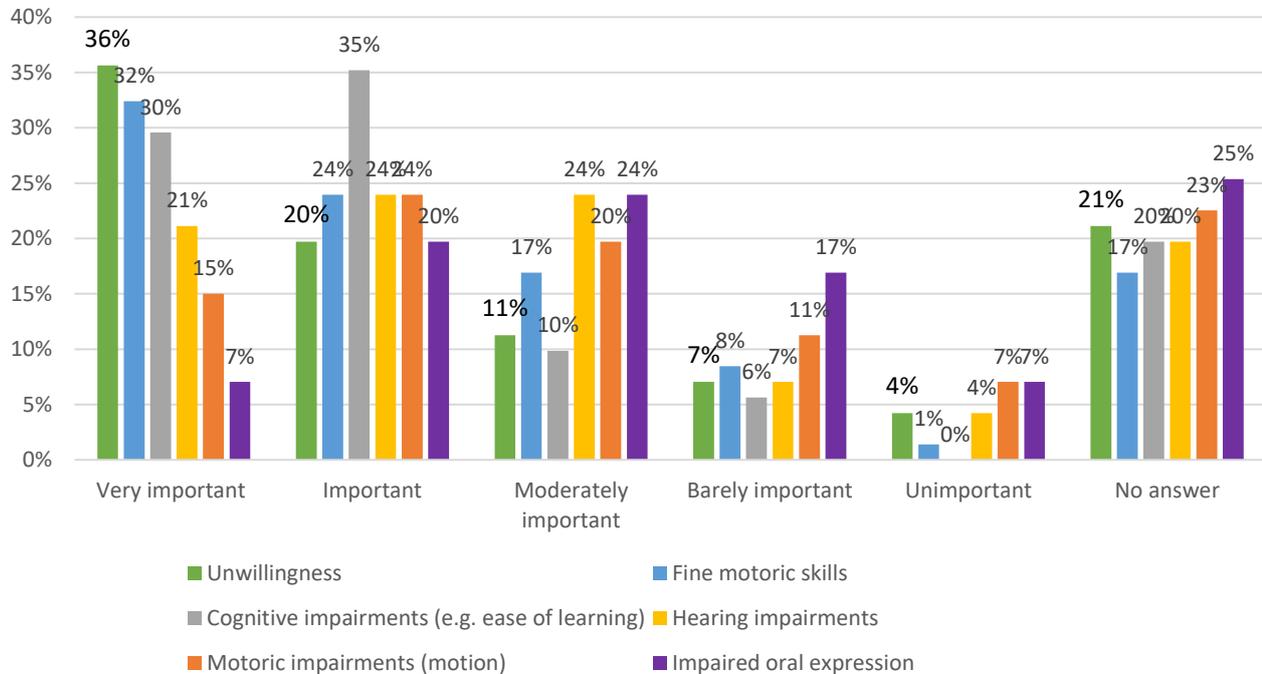
The familiarity with modern technological devices gives only some information about the potential success the different hardware could have for usage with the PersonAAL application. Equally important is the usability, i.e. comprehensibility, handling and ease of learning associated with them. The survey therefore investigated in more detail what types of usability issues elderly people from the underlying sample are concerned with.

The most important associations with usability problems and the most prevalent reasons preventing elderly people from using modern communication devices were identified in the following areas:

- Privacy and data protection
- Handling
- Protection of personal communication
- Age
- Costs
- Security concerns
- Discretion
- Personal need
- Sales of data
- Complicated navigation
- Overcomplexity (too many functions)
- Insufficient Know-how
- General user-unfriendliness

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How important do you think are the following reasons, why elderly people often do not use modern communication devices such as smartphones or tablets?



In order to prevent the respondents to confess their own (potential) reluctance for using modern communication devices, the sample was asked to give their own estimation why elderly people refrain from using them. As shown in the above illustration, unwillingness to try new things is the category considered as very important the most (36%) and hence more often than actual physical problems they might suffer from. Taking the cumulated checks for 'important' and 'very important', cognitive issues rank the highest (cumulated 65%), followed by fine motoric skills and unwillingness (56%). Oral expression is considered comparably unimportant.

Typical experiences with usability issues were reported qualitatively. A noticeable share of the respondents indicate that they have had problems with devices they were willing to use but could not handle. In these cases, consultation, assistance and personal effort were decisive remedies. Exemplary solutions were found in the following:

- Use of instruction manuals and consultation of vendors
- Help by younger people
- Trying again
- Taking of time
- Consultation of professionals
- Search for solutions online
- Repeated trail after accepting 'the challenge'

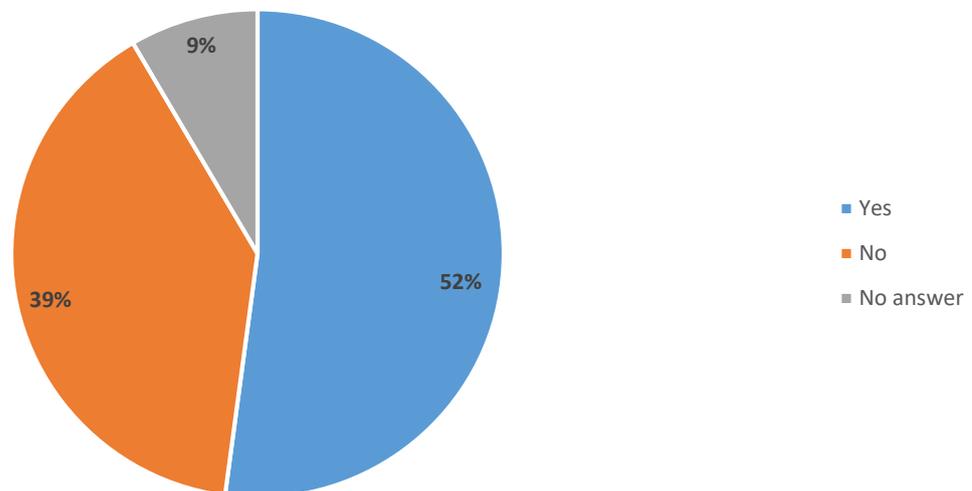
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However, whereas some of the are rather solutions oriented, others indicated increasing frustration, dissatisfaction and growing impatience with their exposure to technological innovation.

3.5.4 Criteria / Prospects for market success

About half of all respondents expect an e-health system such as envisaged in PersonAAL to contribute to their ability to live at home independently for a longer period of time.

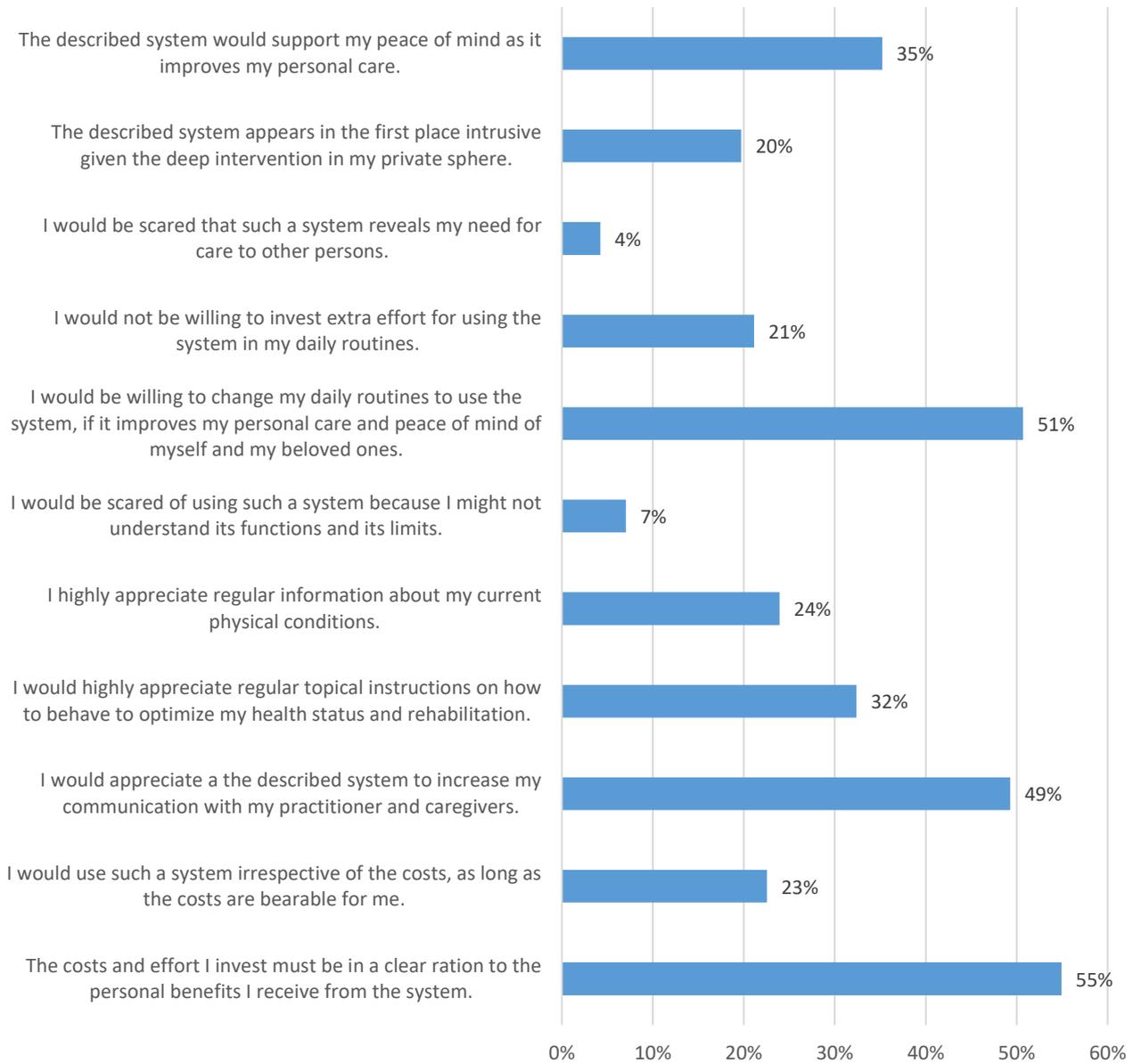
Do you think that a system monitoring your health and rehabilitation status at home and exchanging information with your practitioner or caregivers will give you more confidence to live independently at home?



Nevertheless, it was found earlier that the actual usage will be subject to qualifications and meeting of fundamental requirements such as in terms of usability, purpose and technical as well as operational design. In order to find out more about general success factors, all participants were confronted with particular statements, the approval of which can give valuable information about fundamental requirements of usage.

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Which of the following statements reflect your opinion? Please imagine a scenario where you use a system that monitors your health and rehabilitation status at home and which allows direct feedback with and by your practitioners and caregivers. *Multiple answers possible*



As can be derived from the chart above, there is a high willingness not only to use the system, but also to accept direct consequences in terms of costs and effort if benefits are clearly visible. These can be peace of mind (35%), improvements of daily care (51%), improved communication to practitioners and caregivers (49%). 23% would even use the system irrespective of the costs it might require, whereas 55% rather expect a clear ration of costs and benefits.

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Only minorities see mainly negative consequences such as coming out with personal impairments (4%), problems with comprehensibility (7%) or violation of privacy rights (20%).

3.6 Analysis

3.6.1 Evaluation

In a nutshell, the present survey among older adults gives valuable indications for a number of aspects relevant to the further development of the PersonAAL system. In the first place, the great variety and distribution of responses among the participants clearly indicates the requirement for adaptation capabilities. It confirms the diversity of lifestyles, requirements and preferences for both usage of ICT and the communication of (health-) care related aspects.

The willingness of sharing information through e-health systems is likely to reflect current practices, which aim strongly for the integration of any new system into the common habits and routines of the target group. Globally, the target group can be expected to be less inclined to share information they do not already share through e-health platforms. The respondents are more inclined to share personally intimate information, such as psychological factors (e.g. mood) with emotionally more proximate people, whereas professionals shall be granted access to information only where clear benefits for the treatment at hand can be expected. This may also explain why public institutions, which are usually associated with rather administrative or legal aspects of the health care policy, are hardly appreciated partners of information sharing.

Similar results can be derived regarding the types of data. Roughly speaking, multimedia data, which may be associated with more intimate information sharing, is rather accepted among networks of trust. The social aspect of such relations is likely to play an important role regarding the sharing of information.

A very strong point can be made regarding privacy and data security. There is a tendency that even where the target group considers information sharing as beneficial, this sharing should not result into a loss of control over the information they share. In other words, even though e-health systems may be intended to promote independence, people may not be given the feeling to loose personal autonomy. Personal intervention should always be possible, which also implies the selection of information they communicate.

As regards media, there are, roughly speaking, preferences for devices already in use. This may be interpreted in different ways. Either respondents are not sufficiently sensitized for the benefits of innovative ICT, or these latter are not expected to account for their actual usability issues elderly people have.

The PersonAAL system should be intuitive and should be transparent in a way that the user receives a minimum of information about what he or she is sharing, with whom and why, because as we saw from the inquiry there is some unwillingness to share information with the healthcare professionals and above all public institutions. However and since this information sharing is important and could be beneficial for the user, there is reason to suggest that this attitude can be a result of the lack of knowledge about the benefits of the PersonAAL system. The PersonAAL system should be clear in this aspect and actively promote higher adhesion to and information sharing with the healthcare professionals.

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3.6.2 Recommendations

According to the findings stated above, there are four major recommendations to be made for the further development of the PersonAAL-system. These recommendations are intended as guidelines for the upcoming development process and be subject to validation. They must be read in conjunction with the findings that are directly inferable from the charts listed above.

Personalization

The spread of the data confirms the necessity for distinctly individualizable system features. This involves not only the presence of individual features tailored to specific impairments at hand, but also the possibility to adapt the usage of features to specific lifestyles and living environments.

Transparency and data control

The system must make sure to allow transparency over the data, which should be easily accessible by the end-user, as well as possibilities for personal control by the end-user. This also includes the possibility to switch on and off functions intended for the collection and sharing of information. Different forms of access and feedback to the end-user (e.g. rough vs. consolidate data) should be considered in the design process.

Social aspects

As different types of information shall be shared with different actors through different media, the system must make sure to allow for different channels targeting different stakeholders in the PersonAAL network. The application must allow for more personally intimate modalities in areas in which social aspects play a major role and revert to more impersonal modes where relations are more factual. The relation to the respective addressees should be a defining criterion regarding the type and content of data to be shared.

Openness to local/regional/national architectures

Considering the strong policy differences between different countries and networks targeted with the PersonAAL system, this latter must be technically open to account for different IT-infrastructures, legal requirements, healthcare systems and routines of the stakeholders involved. The system should thus be suitable to be integrated in different scenarios and environment (e.g. in professional healthcare or home environments) and to different purposes of usage (e.g. relief of carepersons vs. extension of capacities of carepersons).

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4 INPUT FROM THE FIRST USER WORKSHOP

4.1 Goals

The aim was to gather information about primary users by asking their informal caregivers about their important daily activities, that need monitoring and/or care support. Using this method, it was possible to gain valuable information about the daily routines of elderly users for whom the PersonAAL applications should give support. Since PersonAAL focuses on the support of informal caregivers on the one hand and elderly people on the other hand, the target of this workshop was to find out more about the daily interaction between elderly people and their caregivers. The inquiry among caregivers also helped to gain an objective idea of situations where help could be required, avoiding the risk of stigmatization or forced coming outs.

4.2 Method

4.2.1 Target Group

The target group for the first end user workshop was defined as informal caregivers, who care for elderly relatives or other older adults with or without impairments. Overall, eight people between 55 and 80 years spread over two workshops participated. Four of them were women and four were men. Although the participants are part of the secondary end user group this document focuses on the daily routines of older adults with or without impairments.



4.2.2 Research Design and implementation

The research design was an interactive workshop where the participants are actively involved. It is a qualitative method to gain information by talking and discussing with the test participants based on a structured workshop agenda. The aim of the workshop was to scan the types of daily routines and health related activities from informal caregivers and their relatives are confronted with.

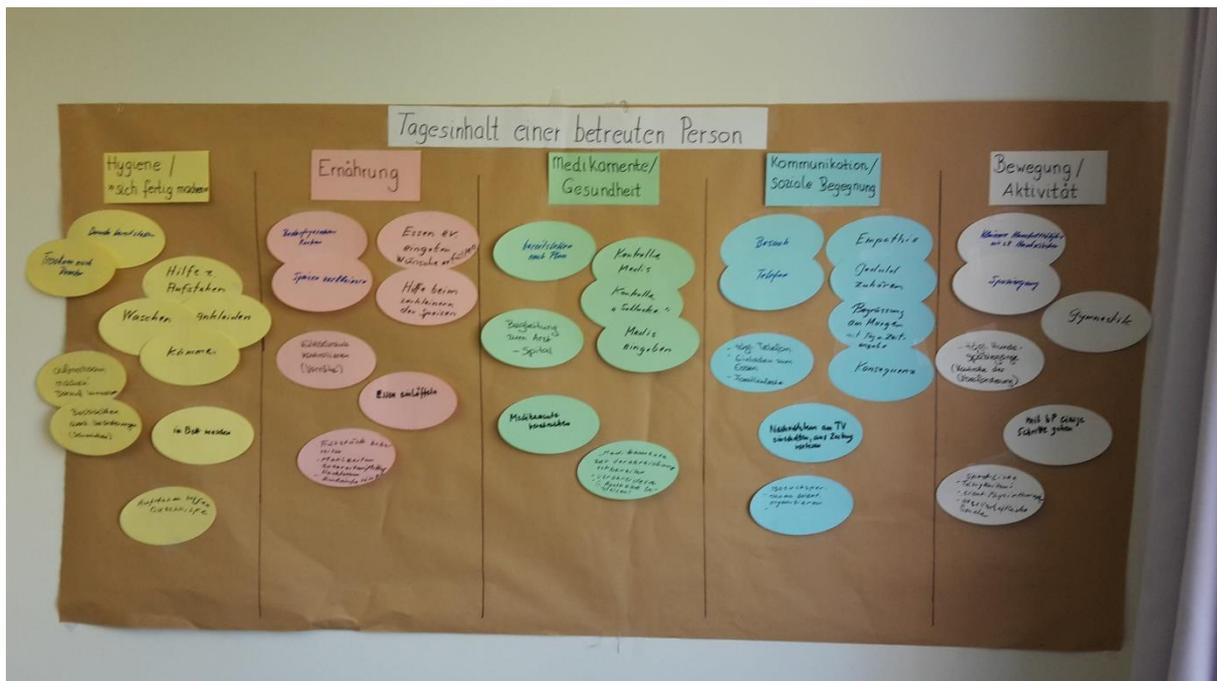
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Two different methods were applied to ask for daily routines. First, a timeline with five time slots was used to reconstruct a typical day of elderly persons with dependency needs. The timeline was intended to help the target group to return to mind typical activities and processes that take place in different phases of a typical day. Second, a table with five main contents of a typical older adults' day was used to complete the results from the first workshop part. These main contents were derived from the results from the timeline and helped to complement findings even for target users with less structured day routines. Both exercises resorted to a mixture of card techniques and group discussions. Card techniques were considered especially suitable for situations in which participants should not be influenced by the ideas of their peers or even be intimidated by lead ideas generated by the group. As all coloured cards were written individually, a higher degree of creativity, memory and thus more diverse information was expected. All results were discussed in groups after presentation of individual findings in order to complement the thoughts of other participants and validate the respective importance for PersonAAL.

The participants were selected by terzStiftung, after a public call among the pool of volunteers in the terzStiftung database. They were invited personally by the terzStiftung and received a short project description before the workshop started. During the workshop, they received a detailed description about the project and an informed consent to assure ethical treatment. Participation took place on a voluntary basis and none of the attendees was forced to answer the questions. The workshop took place in terzStiftung's facilities in June 2016.



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4.2.3 Language

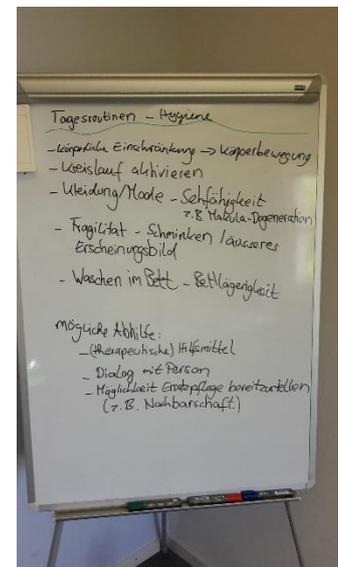
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4.3 Findings

Discovering daily routines and behaviour from our primary target group is the basis for the PersonAAL project. It is important to understand how elderly people interact with their caregivers and where PersonAAL can assist them. The major target of this method is to find out more about the daily life of our potential primary end user group and where PersonAAL fits in.

4.3.1 Hygiene and Getting Dressed

Understanding the typical work of informal caregivers and the needs of elderly persons, a closer look should be taken on daily care activities. The findings show that most elderly people with dependency needs require help with their hygiene. Physical limitations regarding the body movement are typical symptoms of old age. These restrictions have impact on a lot of other body related issues. On the one hand, some older people need help with their body hygiene and someone who helps them having a shower or bath. Men could need help with shaving, women with their finger nails or make-up.



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4.3.2 Nutrition

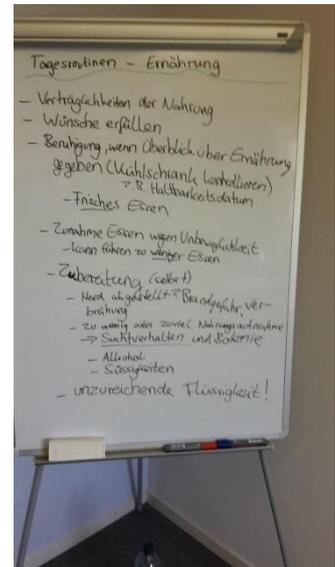
Considering the age-related restrictions, health nutrition seems to be very important for elderly people. Elderly people might have difficulties to cook healthy, because they are not used to "modern" nutrition or do not have the current knowledge about it. Furthermore, sometimes they do not have enough energy or power to cook by themselves. This leads to the conclusion that older people would appreciate consultancy regarding their nutrition.

Another point mentioned during the end user workshop was the reassurance senior people have, when their relatives check the fridge and the pantry. This way, older person gain certainty to be equipped with some fresh food. Food has not only a health specific aspect but also a social aspect.

Elderly people could have problems to find the right amount of food. On the one hand, if they eat too much, the weight could increase, because of insufficient physical activity. On the other hand, if they start eating less, because they forget it or think they have eaten too much, the opposite can happen. Regarding this phenomenon, it is important to remind senior people with some impairments to eat regularly and healthy food.

It is also very important for older people to drink enough. This is a problem a lot of older adults share. Accordingly, they need to be remembered to drink more. This is very important for their health, their brain and their mind. A drinking diary reminds them to drink and give an overview about the amount of liquid required by their body.

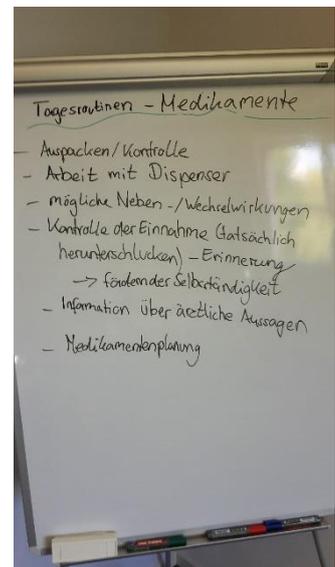
In some cases, it happened that older people forget to switch off appliances. Especially those which can cause serious damages are dangerous. According to that it is important to remind those people to switch off their stove or iron.



4.3.3 Medication

A lot of older people take several medications during the day. Some of them are very important and should not be forgotten. One help system, older people often mentioned, is a "medication plan". People use this to have an overview about their medication and the time when they need to take it. Using this tool both the older person and the informal caregivers have some control about the intake. The older person can control itself without feeling patronized and the informal caregiver has still some control.

Beside the control of the intake, it is important to check potential side effects or interactions. Older people often have difficulties to read the small font of the package insert. In addition, there is a lot of information written, what can overextend them. Therefore, they need someone who reads the package insert to them and who informs them about the interaction of their medicines.



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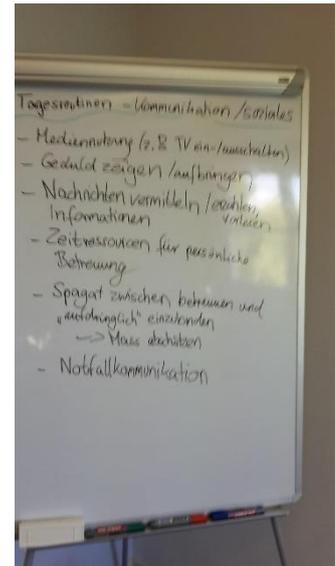
Taking some medicine often includes some information about medical statements. It is important for older people to write this (e.g., instructions) down, so that they and their informal caregivers know when the medicine needs to be taken.

In summary, the medication intake of older people means both organizational work and monitoring.

4.3.4 Communication and Social Contacts

The findings from the user workshop show that TV is a very important communication device. A lot of older users like watching TV and have at least one series they watch regularly. This is part of their daily routines and is a fix date. During this they do not like to be disturbed or have other appointments. Sometimes people fall asleep while watching TV. They think it could be useful, if the TV switches off by itself. The same could be the other way around. If their favourite TV series starts, the TV could switch on by itself.

Furthermore, older people attach great importance on news. Besides the news on TV, they read the newspaper and magazines. Some of them have problems with their eyes and cannot read clearly anymore. In this situation, their informal caregivers read the news to them or narrate them. This form of communication can be very important. On the one hand the older person hears the news and on the other hand they have someone to talk with. Especially older people living alone need such communication.

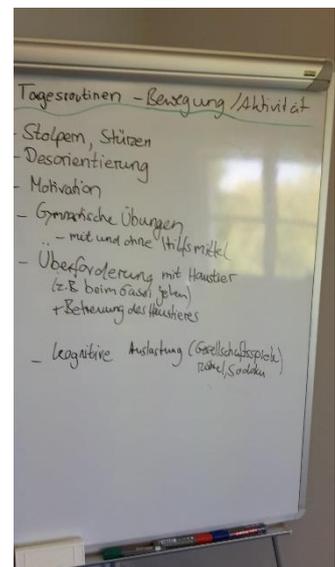


One of the most important support older people appreciate very much is a personal contact person. Nearly all informal caregivers reported that it is important for the health and well-being of their relatives if they have someone to talk with. This personal relationship influences the aging process a lot.

In addition to the relative relationship, neighbours or friends could adopt some light and less intimate work and be a support for older adults. Their relatives reported that some of the persons they care for like to have contact with other people outside the family to stay in touch with the neighbourhood and the world. To collect information about the world affairs and share experience is an important task for older people. This has two functions, on the one hand they train their brain and on the other hand they remain a part of the society.

4.3.5 Activity

As we know from other projects and experiences elderly people are much more inclined to stumble or fall compared to younger people. In addition, elderly tend to be disorientated sometimes and have problems to orientate themselves.



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Some older people are used to do some gymnastic exercises to stay fit and work against these impairments. Doing this they keep their body and mind healthy. But not only physical exercises are important to them. A lot of them like doing some brain gymnastics. They solve Sudoku and crossword puzzles regularly.

4.4 Summary and Recommendations

The findings from the first user test give a summary of typical routines of elderly people living at home. Furthermore, it shows a first idea of the interaction between elderly with little impairments and their informal caregivers. Some of the help elderly people get is either physically (e.g. help dress themselves) or mentally (remind them to take their medicine).

According to the findings above there are some recommendations to be made for the further development of the "remote assistance application" of the PersonAAL-system. These recommendations are guidelines for the further development of the system.

Nutrition and drinking

One important point in the daily life of seniors is nutrition and drinking. To stay healthy and active it is important to eat healthy food and drink enough. Especially drinking is a big problem of elderly people. They need to be sensitized about this and informal caregivers need to point the importance of enough drinking. As the PersonAAL-system pursue the target to support a healthy nutrition it must make sure to indicate this to the platform.

News and TV

To read or watch the news is very important for older adults. The system must make sure to implement this to the platform (reading news to the older adults or implement TV-program).

Social activity

The last and very important point is social contact and activity. Older people can lose their mobility with growing age. Therefore, it is important to make some physical exercises regularly. This trains their body movement, stability and brain function. Beside this social contact and meetings are important to stay part of the society and retain the feeling of having a normal life.

As social activity should be supported by the PersonAAL-system, the system must make sure to create a useful platform for social consecutiveness between older adults.

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5 INPUT FROM USER REVIEWS

5.1 Goals

The third wave of end user input took place in January/February 2017 and focused on the review of a first versions for the “remote assistance application” and the “personalization rule editor”. The aim of this review was split in two parts: First a review regarding usability and accessibility issues and second, to gather information about the completeness of the devices that should be part of the personalised rule editor, in terms of matching of features with their living environments, routines and preferences in their daily lives. Whereas the first issue will be treated in the upcoming D2.4, the second is of interest for the present user requirements analysis.

5.2 Method

5.2.1 Target Group

In total 13 older adults with an average age of 74 years participated in the user test up to the writing of this document. Five older adults aged between 63 and 80 could also test the rule editor and gave inputs regarding their user requirements. Like the participants from the first end user workshops, all participants were selected by terzStiftung, after a public call among the pool of volunteers.

5.2.2 Research Design and Implementation

The research design was a single questioning of each test participant, based on a semi-structure interview guideline and sketches of the underlying application logics. This qualitative method enables a creative and focused work between the test leader and the test participant. The research design used here was a kind of “cognitive walk through” where the test participants “walk through” each single room of their home. Here they were asked for the contextual completeness of the whole editor. As each participant was interrogated individually, the participants could not be influenced by the ideas and thoughts of other participants or even be intimidated by other users.

The rule editor is based on a tree structure. In order to help the participants and to keep track of the content a mind map that illustrates this structure was designed by the test leader. This mind map covers the whole application and turned out to be a helpful method. The tree structure of the mind map contains the triggers and activities of the rule editor application. Here open questions like “What comes to your mind, if you think of the devices in your living room? If you walk through the room, what devices can you see?” were asked for reaching a high degree of creativity. The mind map can be found in the annexes of this document.

Each test session was carried out with the help of the mind map and discussion between the participant and the test leader. The test leader made notes during the questioning while the participant only needed to talk and to be creative. This method was considered suitable for this kind of exercises because the test person should only focus on its own creativity, memory and thoughts. The participants were not being influenced by rethinking their opinion.

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5.2.3 Language

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5.3 Findings

5.3.1 Technical Devices

For understanding the environment of older adults and their regular use of technical devices, a closer look should be taken on their technical devices at their home.

The rule editor application includes some technical devices that could be controlled by personalized rules. The application already contains the following devices:

- Light, radio, TV, fan, blinds, heating, fridge

The findings show that most elderly people have more than the devices listed above.

The test participants have much more devices in their home where they can imagine that these devices can be controlled by personalized rules:

- Router (!) important because a lot of people switch off their router during the night.
- Freezer, washing machine, dryer, stove, oven, iron, microwave
- Stereo system, computer/laptop/tablet

5.3.2 Rooms

Towards using the rule editor to create personalized rules, a closer look of the living environment of primary end users is necessary.

Based on the assumption that the primary users will use the personalized rule editor in their own home the rooms integrated to the system are not completed. The application already contains the following rooms or places:

- Terrace, garden, house, bathroom, bedroom, living room, kitchen, corridor

This list of rooms or places was added by the creative walk through of the test participants. Following rooms should be added:

- Children's room, guestroom, office, cellar, attic, winter garden

5.3.3 Social Interaction

An important part of PersonAAL and therefore of the personalized rule editor is social activity and social contacts of primary users. One rubric of the "trigger" of the rule editor contains this part. The test participants were asked for the relationship types they have. In addition to the listed relationship types:

- Family, friendship, hobby, work

the participants named also:

- Sport, voluntary work, club, church

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5.4 Summary and Recommendations

The findings from the second user test give an overview about the living environment of older adults.

According to the findings above there are three recommendations to be made for the further development of the personalized rule editor of the PersonAAL-system. These recommendations are guidelines for the further development of the system.

Technical devices

Up to now not every room assigned all devices that are already in the system. For example, some older adults have the radio not only in the kitchen and bathroom, but also in the bedroom or living room. The system should follow a clear and standardized structure.

Rooms

If the system is built on smart technology all potential rooms of an older adults' home should be covered in the system. To guarantee a complete use at home and to make it suitable to all potential living environments of primary end users the list of rooms should be completed with the one listed above.

Social interaction

As social interaction and social contacts should be supported by PersonAAL the system should have a complete list with all potential relationship types older adults have. Even if they are old, some of them are still member of a sports club. Besides some older people do voluntary work to have social contact. This relationship types should be taken into account for the completeness of the rule editor application.

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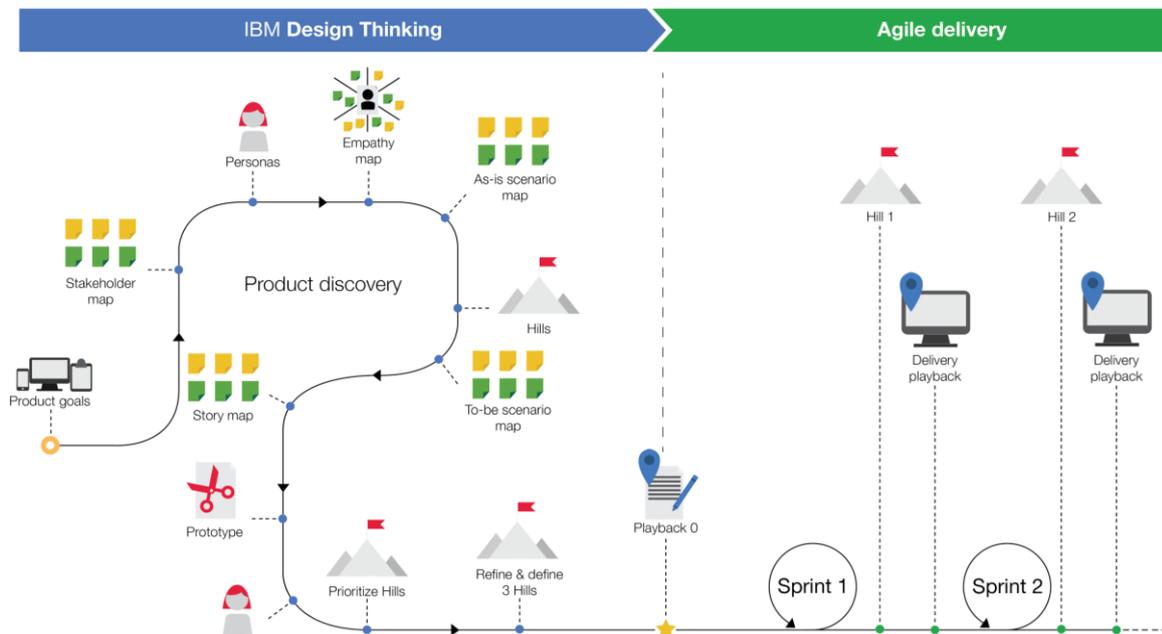
6 INPUT FROM DESIGN THINKING

6.1 Goals

During the month of March 2017, IBM Norway, having recently joined the PersonAAL consortium, initiated a process to collect requirements applicable to one of the applications that will be developed in the scope of the project: the Medication Monitoring application. For this activity, the Design Thinking methodology was adopted.

6.2 Process

Ideally the process should have entailed the activities illustrated below. Due to lack of time and difficulties in recruiting volunteer sponsor users, we have had to adjust to these situational constraints, and thus the method has not been used to its full potential (far from it). The findings should be interpreted in this context.



6.3 Applied Method

With the time and participants available we were able to conduct three interviews; two with formal caregivers and one with a sponsor user (an elderly). Following the interviews, we held a workshop where the participants were introduced to the case. Then, they were asked to develop a persona. The rest of the workshop evolved around getting empathy with the persona, mapping out the pain points in her day-to-day life with regards to administrating her medicines, identifying her needs, and a brief discussion around possibilities in how to address these needs so that the pain points would be eliminated – by means of an app interface. A few mockups were sketched up on a whiteboard.

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6.4 Findings

The following paragraphs describe anecdotal evidence, gathered in the interviews and workshop with formal caregivers and primary users (elderlies), as well as casual conversations with the family members, friends and acquaintances that belong in either of the user groups.

Pill dispensers

The pill dispensers used by many elderly today is a very helpful tool in taking the right dosage and the right combination of pills at the right time, but it does not help the users remember to take their medication, i.e. it does not remind them to take the pills at the specified time. Furthermore, they do not facilitate communication between the elderly and her caregivers. Also, several objects and sponsor users, both elderly and caregivers state that many feel that the pill dispensers are shaded by stigma, and the general perception is that it is a tool that only “old people” use – and there is a general resistance to acknowledging that you belong to this demographic.

Different types of prescribed medicine

While the pill dispenser works very well for medicine that comes in tablet form, it is not a solution for medicine that comes in other shapes and forms, e.g. ointments, nasal sprays, injections or other types of medicine.

Lack of digital capabilities

In our interviews and during the workshop, we’ve gotten quite different indications on how prevalent use of mobile devices is amongst elderly. However, even the objects that claimed many elderly do have e.g. smartphones, stated that the elderlies are not very good at exploiting the full potential that the technology offers, e.g. alarms for remembering to take medicine.

Potential negative attitudes towards digital tools

During both interviews and the workshop, several participants expressed concerns around and aversion against reminders in the form of ringing or pinging noises if they were to be used to remind the users of taking their medicine. Both elderlies and caregivers were also skeptical to how willing the primary user group would be to be dealing with an interface that would entail a screen and clicking(/touching).

Diverse group of users

Another finding is that the group of potential users, here meant to be the group of elderly that will use the application, is very diverse. This is exemplified in anecdotal references made to 95-year-olds that use Facebook, and 60-year-olds with dementia that are not able to care for themselves. Even within these extremes, there are innumerable variations, and thus, it is difficult to discuss them as one group.

Knowledge about medicines

It was stated during the workshop that the app should display labels with more common, everyday names for the medicines, as the users often will not know the brand name or chemical composition of the medicines that they are prescribed.

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6.4.1 Limitations

Due to limitations in time and difficulties in recruiting sponsor users within this time frame, the findings that resulted from this process are limited and should not be generalized without support from further evidence. Furthermore, the workshop was affected by having one of the two participating sponsor users that was very dominant, and generally negative to exploring the opportunities that technology can bring to the user group. This made the facilitator's job quite challenging, and made the group's discussion very problem-oriented as opposed to solution- and opportunity-oriented.

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7 CONCLUSIONS

The different methods used in the scope of the requirements gathering tasks allowed identifying some aspects that are paramount for the project. Two in particular were identified by multiple methods. The need for personalisable or adaptable solutions was found in the survey and both workshops held in Switzerland and Norway. Personalisation or adaptation features are needed for two complementary dimensions: improve the usability of ICT based solutions, due to the different abilities and experience of the target population; and provide the most adequate content to the end-user, often based on preferences, but sometimes this process should also take the user's needs into account, which is the case for nutrition recommendations.

The second aspect is the social dimension that one platform such as PersonAAL needs to incorporate. This was evidenced in the survey, the Swiss workshop and the review. It should be noted that the social aspect is not only relevant for promotion of social activity among elderly but also can work as a motivator for physical activity.

Finally, other relevant aspects that have not been raised by the majority of methods employed, but which are of great importance for the adoption of PersonAAL are the need to ensure the privacy and security of the user data gathered, and the importance of designing solutions that keep the user in control, even if they are personalisable or adaptable.

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9 ANNEX 1

PersonAAL workshop June 2016 on Informal Caregivers App

Workshop outline

Date & place

2016/06/09 and 2016/06/10
Berlingen, room: "Bregenz"
Participants: 3 and 5
Duration: 4 hours

Objectives of the workshop:

1. Content:

What types of routines, health related activities, devices should be covered in addition to those listed so far?

For which daily care activities is PersonAAL geared to?

2. Understandability/ Usability:

Can they handle the app and solve specific exercises?

3. Functionality:

In how does the app fulfil its purpose, regarding...

- (Medical) care activities and mentoring
- Communication, social requirements
- Informal requirements/ peace of mind

Materials:

- Coloured cards, markers, magnets, etc.
- Laptop, beamer
- 3 Tablets for the participants
- 1 Mobile white board
- 3 Pinboards
- Flipchart

Agenda items:

1. Welcome, program (5 Min)
2. Assignment 1: Content review (40 Min)
3. Discussion (45 Min)
4. Short presentation of the app..... (10 Min)
5. Individual testing of the app (15 Min)
6. Assignment 2: Individual assignments (40 Min)
7. Discussion (15 Min)
8. Assignment 3: functional evaluation, 3 types of functions (30 Min)
9. Discussion (15 Min)
10. Global review and final results (15 Min)

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Assignment 1: Contents

- What are typical daily care routines you have?
- Which health related activities of your care recipient should be supported?
- Which devices should be covered in addition to those listed so far?
- What kinds of household activities does your care recipient do?
- Are there some hobbies, which need monitoring support?
- Are there some medical necessities, which need monitoring support?

a) Timeline:



b) Table:

Hygiene/ Getting dressed	Nutrition	Medication/ Health	Communication/ Social meeting	Activity

Assignment 2: Understandability

Exercise 1:

The doctor of your care recipient gave her/ him some medicine. The dosage of the medicine should be 3 times a day and the therapy ends after 4 days.

- Make a reminder for this medication on the tablet
- List your experience on the matrix

Exercise 2:

Your care recipient has an appointment for having a walk with the neighbour. To get ready timely you would remind her/ him.

- Remind your care recipient at 3pm by TV
- List your experience on the matrix

Exercise 3:

PersonAAL send you a message that your care recipient forgot to take her/ his blood pressure medication.

- Inform your care recipient that she/ he don't worry.

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- Send your care recipient a message that she/ he should take the medication next time.
- List your experience on the matrix

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Exercise 4:

Your care recipient forgets regularly to switch off the TV when she/ he goes to bed.

- Create a rule for switching off the TV at 11pm.
- List your experience on the matrix

Exercise 5:

Your care recipient doesn't exactly know how to increase the volume of the TV.

- Create a rule for increasing the volume of the TV when there is high noise.
- List your experience on the matrix

Exercise 6:

PersonAAL shows you an alert on the monitor.

- Add this alert to the diary.
- List your experience on the matrix

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Handout

Understandability

Exercise	Problems	Improvements

Assignment 3: Functional Evaluation

Three groups in rotation:

1. (Medical) care activities and mentoring
2. Communication, social requirements
3. Informal requirements/ peace of mind

For each group:

- Does the function fulfil its purpose?
- Is the app helpful to reach your goal?
- What additional function would simplify your action?
- Are there some devices to be covered?
- What difficulties do you have with the description of the function?
- Which functions would be necessary to optimize your action?

Flipcharts/Pinboard

Improve medical care / monitoring

Function	Pro	Contra	Improvements
Monitor			
Medication			
Reminders			
Diary			
Mary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interests • Alerts • Rules • Devices 			

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Improve communication

Function	Pro	Contra	Improvements
Monitor			
Medication			
Reminders			
Diary			
Mary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interests • Alerts • Rules • Devices 			

Create peace of mind

Function	Pro	Contra	Improvements
Monitor			
Medication			
Reminders			
Diary			
Mary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interests • Alerts • Rules • Devices 			

Global review and final results

- Summary of the results and final discussion for improvements

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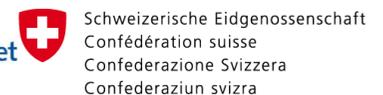
Handout zu Aufgabe 2:

Bitte lesen Sie sich die Aufgabe durch und lösen Sie die dabeistehende Anwendung.

- Was hat Ihnen Probleme bereitet?
- Haben Sie mögliche Verbesserungsvorschläge?

Aufgabe	Probleme	Verbesserungsvorschläge
<p>1. Der Arzt verschreibt Ihrer/Ihres Angehörigen ein Schmerzmittel. Es soll drei Mal am Tag eingenommen werden. Die Therapie soll dabei vier Tage dauern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erstellen Sie eine Erinnerung für dieses Medikament mithilfe der App</i> 		

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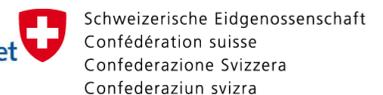


<p>2. Ihr/e Angehörige/r hat eine Verabredung zum Spaziergehen mit dem Nachbar. Um rechtzeitig bereit dafür zu sein, möchten Sie sie/ihn erinnern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erstellen Sie eine Erinnerung um 15 Uhr auf dem TV</i> 		
<p>3. PersonAAL sendet Ihnen eine Nachricht zu, dass Ihr/e Angehörige/r vergessen hat die Schmerzmittel zu nehmen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Informieren Sie Ihr/e Angehörige/r über das Tagebuch, dass er/sie nicht besorgt darüber sein muss.</i> • <i>Senden Sie Ihrer/Ihrem Angehörige/n über das Tagebuch eine Nachricht, dass sie/er die Medikamente zum nächsten Zeitpunkt nehmen soll.</i> 		
Aufgabe	Probleme	Verbesserungen

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<p>4. Ihr/e Angehörige/r vergisst regelmäßig den Fernseher auszuschalten bevor er/sie zu Bett geht.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Generieren Sie eine Regel, die den Fernseher um 23 Uhr automatisch ausschaltet.</i> 		
<p>5. Ihr/e Angehörige/r ist sich verunsichert, wie sie/ er die Lautstärke des Fernsehers reguliert, sobald die Umgebung lauter wird.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erstellen Sie eine Regel, die die Lautstärke des Fernsehers verändert, sobald die Umgebung der/des Angehörige/r lauter wird.</i> 		

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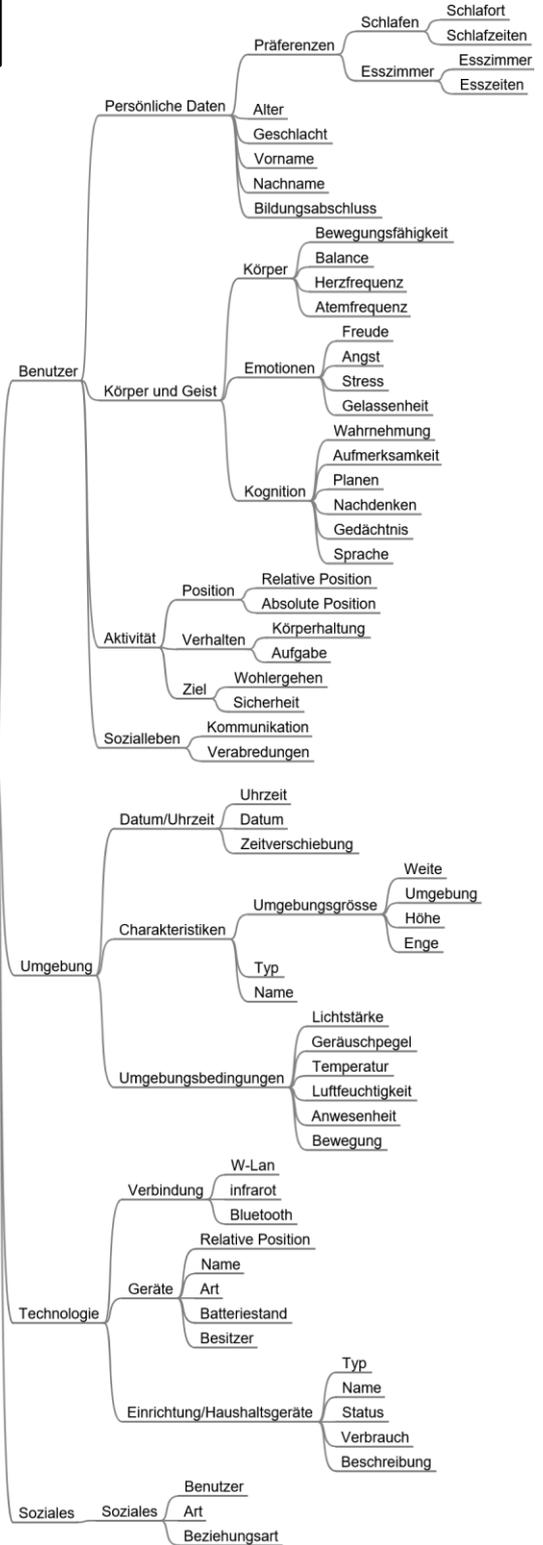
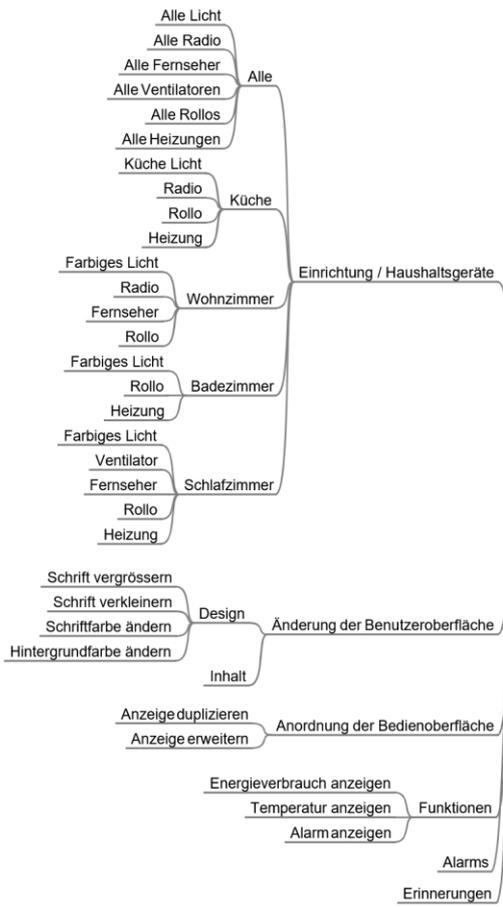
<p>6. PersonAAL schickt Ihnen eine Warnung, dass sich Ihr/e Angehörige/r heute noch nicht körperlich betätigt hat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Schicken Sie ihr/ihm eine Nachricht über das Tagebuch</i> 		
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10 ANNEX 2

Working template: Identification of complementary categories for tree structure rule editor



11 ANNEX 3

Guideline for «rule editor» test

Auslöser

Stufe 1 Benutzer:

Frage: Was verbinden Sie mit "Benutzer"?

- Benutzerspezifische Daten:
 - Alter
 - Geschlecht
 - Geburtsdatum
 - Wohnort
 - Adresse
 - Name
 - Bildungsabschluss
 - Email
- Hobbies
- Interessen
 - Sport
 - Musik
 - Kunst
 - Lesen
 - Natur
 - Handarbeit
 - Basteln
 - Heimwerken
 - Stammtisch
- Verhalten

Stufe 2 Benutzer:

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Körper und Geist» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Körper und Geist
 - Körper:
 - Bewegung
 - Sitzen
 - Liegen
 - Treppensteigen
 - Körperliche Funktionen (Herz, Atmung, Sehen, Hören, Schwindel)
 - Ernährung
 - Ausreichend Trinken
 - Emotionen:
 - Freude
 - Angst
 - Stress
 - Gelassenheit

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- Sorge
- Nerven (genervt sein)
- Anspannung (angespannt sein)
- Lust
- Traurigkeit
- Nachdenklich
- Kognition:
 - Wahrnehmung
 - Aufmerksamkeit
 - Planen
 - Nachdenken
 - Gedächtnis
 - Sprache
 - Lernen
 - Erinnerung
 - Motivation
 - Konzentration
 - Informationsverarbeitung
 - Handlungsgeschwindigkeit

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Aktivität» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Aktivität
 - Position
 - Relative Position (oben, unten, links, rechts, davor, dahinter...)
 - Absolute Position (Längengrad, Breitengrad)
 - Verhalten
 - Körperhaltung
 - Aufgaben
 - Psychologie
 - Offen (Körperbewegung), subtil (z.B. Augenbewegung beim Lesen eines Textes), verdeckt (Denken)
 - Respondent (Reflex, z.B. durch vorausgegangene Umwelteinflüsse) und operant (Konsequenzen vorangegangenen Handelns)
 - Regelgeleitet und kontingenzgeformt
 - Biologie
 - Verhaltensmuster
 - Aktivität
 - Ruhe und Starre
 - Nervensystem
 - Bewegung
 - Kommunikation
 - Sozialverhalten
 - Aggression
 - Ziel
 - Wohlergehen
 - Sicherheit

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- Zufriedenheit
- Glück

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Sozialleben» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Sozialleben
 - Kommunikation
 - Verabredung
 - Freundschaft
 - Telefonate
 - Einladungen
 - Familie

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Stufe 1 Umgebung:

Frage: Was verbinden Sie mit «Umgebung»?

- Haus/Wohnung
 - Zimmer
 - Wohnort
 - Verkehrsanbindung
- Umwelt
 - Wetter
 - Lärm
 -
- Kontakte

Stufe 2/3 Umgebung:

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Datum/Zeit» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Datum/Uhrzeit
 - Uhrzeit
 - Datum
 - Zeitverschiebung

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Charakteristiken» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Charakteristiken
 - Umgebungsgrösse
 - Weite
 - Umgebung
 - Höhe
 - Enge
 - Typ
 - Drinnen
 - Draussen
 - Name
 - Terrasse
 - Garten
 - Haus
 - Badezimmer
 - Schlafzimmer
 - Wohnzimmer
 - Küche
 - Flur

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Umgebungsbedingungen» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Umgebungsbedingungen
 - Lichtstärke
 - Geräuschpegel
 - Temperatur
 - Luftfeuchtigkeit

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- Anwesenheit
- Bewegung
- Feuchtigkeit (z.B. Regen)
- Sonneneinstrahlung
- Windstärke

Stufe 1 Technologie:

Frage: Was verbinden Sie mit «Technologie»?

- Technische Geräte im Alltag
- Technik im Alltag

Stufe 2/3 Technologie:

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Verbindung» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Verbindung
 - WLAN
 - Infrarot
 - Bluetooth

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Geräte» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Geräte
 - Relative Position (draussen, drinnen, davor, dahinter, ...)
 - Name
 - Art
 - Batteriestand
 - Besitzer

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Einrichtung/Haushaltsgeräte» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Einrichtung/Haushaltsgeräte
 - Typ
 - Fenster
 - Tür
 - Kühlschrank
 - TV
 - Heizung
 - Ventilator

 - Haustüre
 - Balkontüre
 - Garagentor
 - Backofen
 - Mikrowelle
 - Bügeleisen
 - Waschmaschine
 - Gefrierschrank

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- Stereoanlage
- Radio
- Rollladen
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- Name
- Status
 - Geöffnet
 - Geschlossen
 - An
 - Aus
- Verbrauch
- Beschreibung

Stufe 1: Soziales/Soziale Umgebung

Frage: Was verbinden Sie mit «Soziales»?

- Soziales Netzwerk
- Freunde
- Familie
- Bekannte
- Soziale Kontakte

Stufe 2: Soziales/Soziale Umgebung

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Benutzer» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Benutzer

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Typ» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Typ
 - Digital
 - Physisch

Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die Ebene «Beziehungsart» (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?

- Beziehungsart
 - Familie
 - Freunde
 - Arbeit
 - Hobby

 - Verein
 - Schulkameraden
 - Enkel
 - Kinder
 - Soziale Gruppen

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Aktionen

Einrichtung/Haushaltsgeräte

*Frage: Wie beurteilen Sie die einzelnen Ebenen (Vollständigkeit, Struktur)?
Wie bewerten Sie diesen Teil im Hinblick auf Nutzbarkeit/Benutzeranforderung und
Brauchbarkeit)*

Alle

- Alle Licht
- Alle Radios
- Alle Fernseher
- Alle Ventilatoren
- Alle Rollos
- Alle Heizungen

Küche

- Licht
- Radio
- Rollo
- Heizung

Wohnzimmer

- Farbiges Licht
- Radio
- Fernseher
- Rollo

Badezimmer

- Farbiges Licht
- Rollo
- Heizung

Schlafzimmer

- Farbiges Licht
- Ventilator
- Fernseher
- Rollo
- Heizung

Änderung der Benutzeroberfläche

Design

- Schrift vergrößern
- Schrift verkleinern

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- Schriftfarbe ändern
- Hintergrundfarbe ändern

Anordnung der Benutzeroberfläche

- Benutzeroberfläche duplizieren
- Benutzeroberfläche teilweise entkoppeln

Funktionen

- Energieverbrauch anzeigen
- Temperatur anzeigen
- Alarm anzeigen

Alarms

Erinnerungen

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