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on **accessible** and **assistive**
technologies for
dependent people

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1st International Conference
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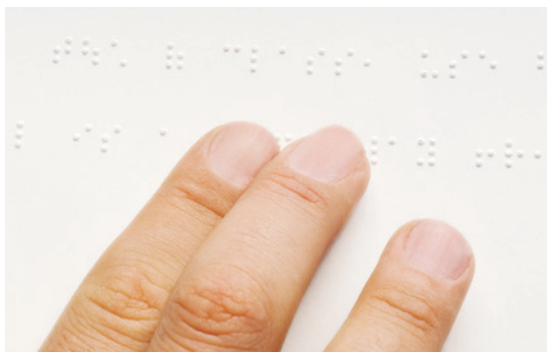


There is also a large group of people with disabilities below the age of 65 who also need another kind of products and services, such that between the two groups, a significant and rapidly growing emerging sector has been identified, for which a promising future is foreseen.

Organised by TECNALIA, it is aiming to be a forum where international experts from the sector can exchange their experiences in order to learn from the best practices of other countries.

Population ageing is one of the biggest challenges faced by all European Union countries, highlighting that a greater use of new technologies could facilitate the control of healthcare expenditure and improve the well-being and active participation of elderly people.

It is anticipated that by 2050 the percentage of the European Union population above the age of 65 will have doubled, compared to the year 2000 figures, representing 30% of the total population, thus increasing dependency situations caused by health problems. This group needs products and services which enable it to age actively within society.



Forum for **exchanging knowledge and experience**

Conferences:

- 10 December: demand for technology of the different groups of people with disabilities and elderly people, as well as best practices from international models for independent living.
- 11 December: range of products and technological trends which fulfil the users' needs, as well as understanding the situation of this business sector and which barriers may limit its development.

Exhibition of assistive products which enable conference delegates to experience the existing solutions first-hand.

Workshops on this field of technology.

Specific objectives:

- To find out the needs of people with disabilities and elderly people for their everyday lives and for improving their quality of life.
- To bring together the different agents in order to be able to exchange experiences and contrast the needs with the existing products and systems.
- To provide a vision of the current situation and trends of the Assistive Technologies Sector and the ageing economy.



Target group

Professionals from companies
with products or services
aimed at people with
disabilities and elderly people

Researchers in this field of
technology

Elderly people and people
with disabilities and their
relatives

Leaders of associations for
people with disabilities and
elderly people

Speech therapists, therapists,
rehabilitation professionals

University students

Potential entrepreneurs

Public Administration Staff
from the Innovation, Industry
and Social Affairs departments

Anyone else who is interested
in this field

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