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A Successful start to the ENTELIS project

The partners of ENTELIS met for the first time in Nicosia, Cyprus, in February, successfully launching the project. Interactive workshops were held, providing the partners with the chance to discuss potential challenges and the project's main targets. Concerns were raised about how the project could reach all stakeholders, particularly the elderly, and the role of every partner was clarified.

During the meeting it was agreed that ENTELIS is an inter-agency network that should primarily be embedded within the existing European associations (AAATE; EVBB; EASPD) and that members of these well-established associations may have the opportunity to enjoy the ENTELIS network and take advantage of its benefits and contribute to its purpose. Our first priority is setting up a database, as an initial step towards creating a network; the website should be ready in the next few days.

To further the goals of the ENTELIS project, its members will be cooperating closely with the EASPD Interest Group on PCT (Person Centred Technology). A policy meeting on this subject will be held on 21st May at the offices of the ENTELIS partner EASPD in Brussels; AIAS, AAATE and HF Trust will also participate, along with members of the PCT Interest Group. Representatives from DG Connect, DG Employment, DG Justice and DG Enterprise and Industry will attend, and the ENTELIS project and its ambitions will be presented to them. The aim of this is to stimulate future cooperation and collaboration between these DG's and the ENTELIS partnership.

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Upcoming events:

AAATE, a partner in ENTELIS, is promoting a workshop on 'Education in Care and Assistive Technology CAT' on 22-23rd May in Heerlen, the Netherlands. Please refer to www.aaate.net for more information.

The 14th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs (ICHP) will be held in Paris between 9th- 11th July. For more information, please go to <http://www.ichp.org/>

The first ENTELIS seminar will be held in Bologna, Italy at the end of November. This event will be hosted by the project co-ordinator AIAS Bologna. We have started organising the meeting in Bologna and here are the preliminary dates (all in November 2014):

Wednesday 26th afternoon ENTELIS seminar/public event, Thursday 27th full day ENTELIS seminar. On Friday there will be other events related to EASPD and AAATE, as well as a training course on smart home technology. The events coincide with the Handimatica ICT-AT (Information and Communication Technology—Assistive Technology) Fair that will also be held on these dates in Bologna.



The Potential of Digital Games

The lack of accessibility for AT and PCT (Person Centred Technology) is addressed in an article entitled 'The Potential of Digital Games for Empowerment and Social Inclusion of Groups at Risk of Social and Economic Exclusion: Evidence and Opportunity for [Policy](#)'. This article was edited by Clara Centeno, and is a Scientific and Policy Report by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. In direct relation to this, EASPD is becoming a partner in a research project on games for children with disabilities in [education](#). To read this article, please use the following link: <http://ftp.jrc.es/EURdoc/>



ICT AT competence framework for persons with disabilities

An interesting attempt to elaborate on ICT AT competence and ICT AT skills development among persons with disabilities is provided by the recently concluded ATLEC project. A framework, involving four levels and different areas of competence (knowledge, skills and outcomes) is included in the curriculum handbook that is downloadable from the project web site:

<http://atlec-project.eu/download/>



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