



## *ehcoBUTLER's progress in 2020*

*A global system for the independent and healthy living of elder people with mild cognitive impairments (MCI)*

The ehcoBUTLER project addresses the need to improve the independence and quality of life of elderly people and promote their good health in different ways by developing an ICT technological platform with both leisure and care apps. The main objective of ehcoBUTLER is to demonstrate the socio-economic benefits from the deployment of several innovative and user led ICT pilot projects based on different business models in order to be able to translate promising results into scalable practice across Europe.

The outbreak of coronavirus disease has created a global health crisis that has had an especially deep impact on older people and people with disabilities. Since ehcoBUTLER is created to meet the needs of these groups of people, the pandemic affected the realisation process of the project. We were not able to conduct the pilot tests because our participants and target groups are most at risk during the COVID-19.

For that reason, the project was extended for 4 months, with a new end date in March 2022.

An online Steering Committee meeting took place on 01.09.2020. While hoping that the current health crisis will improve, the second wave of the virus hit hard the partners' countries and strict measures were implemented. Of course, our priority is the well-being of the elderly people, so for now, it is still uncertain how the situation will evolve.

During the 2020, as the coronavirus pandemic marches around the world, leading to unprecedented measures to stop the virus's spread, the number of conferences being cancelled and postponed is rising. For that reason, the online dissemination through internet and social media was the only way to increase the visibility and to promote ehcoBUTLER. Many partners have contributed by developing and disseminating information about the project, its objectives and first obtained results through web articles in their web sites.

We hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe in these challenging and difficult times and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

For the further development of the project we will keep you updated.

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