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Alzfinder.com

Strovolos, Cyprus
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Project Stage:
Start-Up

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- Aging
- Disability
- Information & communication technology

Project Summary

Elevator Pitch

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

Alzfinder.com is a service that helps you track and reconnect with wandering Alzheimer's patients.

About Project

Problem: What problem is this project trying to address?

Wandering and missing incidents due to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

Solution: What is the proposed solution? Please be specific!

We use the wisdom of the crown and crowdsourcing techniques to track and reconnect wandering Alzheimer's patients with their families and caregivers. Other solutions are insufficient and need improvement according to our literature review,

Impact: How does it Work

Example: Walk us through a specific example(s) of how this solution makes a difference; include its primary activities.

The caregiver: 1) uploads patient's information and keep their profile updated on a daily basis (a daily patient's photo is recommended, so in a wandering or missing incident we know exactly what the patient's clothes and how he/she looks). 2) submit instructions for each volunteer (volunteer A, volunteer B). 3) in a wondering/missing incident the caregiver will submit a Search Request. The volunteer when a wandering incident occur (Search Request) will receive a SMS message with instructions (Search the X area for Mr, Joe Smith. If you take accept this task answer with YES in the next 5 minutes) If the volunteer did not answer the same message will sent to another volunteer.

Sustainability

Marketplace: Who else is addressing the problem outlined here? How does the proposed project differ from these approaches?

MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return, Silver Alert and other solutions (with the dilemma Freedom or Safety) are insufficient.

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Implementer(s) and cooperation partners

Name

G.M EUROCY Innovations Ltd.

Type

Private company

Country where main implementer is located

, N, Strovolos

How long has the main implementer been operating?

Less than a year

Please provide a short description of the main implementer.

G.M EUROCY INNOVATIONS LTD (EuroCy) is an ICT company founded in 2008 in Cyprus. The strategic objective of the company is to leverage social e-inclusion and innovation in Europe. As such, it is active in building communities and studying the dimensions of the technology adoption in working and social environments so as to achieve effective inclusion of young and healthy, as well as, older and impaired people. Further to the offering of development and consulting services, EuroCy has a very active role in European and National research.

The information you provide here will be used to fill in any parts of your profile that have been left blank, such as interests, organization information, and website. No contact information will be made public. Please uncheck here if you do not want this to happen..

Cooperation partner

Name

Greek Association of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Type

Non-profit/NGO/citizen sector organisation

Website

http://www.alzheimer-hellas.gr/english.php

How does this cooperation partner support the initiative? What competencies and resources does this partner bring to the initiative?

Many elderly people use the organization's services, so our services can be tested by a big sample of real Alzheimer patients.Their role is the appropriate consolidation and interpretation of the collected feedback such as to ensure high quality development of the products and services.

Cooperation partner

Name

Antonis M. Hadjiantonis

Type

Individual

Website

http://www.antonis.mobi

How does this cooperation partner support the initiative? Which competencies and resources does this partner bring to the initiative?

Research & Technology. Have been awarded the Ph.D. title from the Centre for Communications Systems Research (CCSR) of the University of Surrey (Guildford, UK). His doctoral studies were completed with the defence of his PhD thesis on "Policy-Based Self-Management of Wireless Ad Hoc Networks".

Cooperation partner

Name

Christos Xenakidis

Type

Individual

Website

http://gr.linkedin.com/pub/christos-xenakidis/54/455/102/

How does this cooperation partner support the initiative? Which competencies and resources does this partner bring to the initiative?

Supports the project as a Systems Analyst and Software Engineer

Name

G.M EUROCY Innovations Ltd.

Type

Private company

Website

http://www.eurocyinnovations.com/#sthash.ahUIu716.dpuf

How does this cooperation partner support the initiative? Which competencies and resources does this partner bring to the initiative?

The company aims at contributing to the social development and innovation in Cyprus and subsequently in Europe. Building on its founders' experience from the wide participation in national and European projects, EuroCy provides high quality services both to private and public sector.

Problem and solution

Which of these fields of Active and Healthy Ageing are addressed by your initiative?

Health literacy and patient empowerment, Prevention and early diagnosis of functional and cognitive decline, Integrated care for chronic conditions, Assisted daily living, Independent living solutions, Social inclusion (intergenerational practice, work and volunteering), Age friendly buildings, environments, and communities.

If none of the above, answer here:
Please describe if and how your stakeholders (cooperation partners, funders, users, etc.) have been participating in defining the problem and developing the solution.

We believe that all stakeholders are invaluable for delivering a high quality product to the end-users. On one hand, the cooperation partners offer the design, development, and management tasks of the project, as well as, the requirements' shaping and consolidation and the final pilot evaluation of the products and services. The funders provide their knowledge in the field and organize the future updates of our products and services.

Has your solution been tested in trials, experimentations, or pilot projects? If yes, please describe the process and outcome.

Trials and experimentations are scheduled.

How long has your solution been in operation?

for less than a year

Please select the relationship between your solution and related solutions currently established in our society. Is your solution…

independent (your solution is approaching a problem that has not been approached before)

What barriers might hinder the success of your initiative? How do you plan to overcome them?

Volunteer motivation? We'll Inspire them to participate!

Organization and funding

Regularly paid employees

5

Volunteers

1

Trainees

1

External advisers and experts

3

Others (please specify)
What are the specific professional backgrounds and competencies your team brings to the initiative?

The in-depth technical knowledge of people (System Analisys, Software Engineering, Research skills), coupled with Industry experience and the unique professional methodology enables the company to successfully deliver. EuroCy is committed towards excellence and meritocracy and this reflects in the solutions it delivers.

Please describe your management or coordination structure in the initiative.

The company aims at contributing to the social development and innovation in Cyprus and subsequently in Europe. Building on its founders' experience from the wide participation in national and European projects, EuroCy provides high quality services both to private and public sector, ranging from the design and development of state-of-art Web-based software solutions, to the study of application fields, analysis of business requirements, consulting for efficient technology adoption, training, change management, dissemination and exploitation activities.

Please provide the total yearly budget in Euro that your initiative spends on implementing the solution.

25000

National public funding

0%

European Union public funding

0%

Economic return from own products/services

0%

Foundations and philanthropy capital

%

Single donations from private individuals

%

Donations from private companies

%

Crowdfunding platforms

%

Participation fees

%

Other (please specify)

%

Target group, scale and impact

Which target group(s) do you want to reach with your solution?

- Older People (65+)
-Alzheimer Disease Patients.

Please estimate the number of persons within your target group (users, clients, etc.) that you currently reach directly with your solution.

1000 per year

In which local/regional/national area(s) is the solution currently implemented?

Cyprus

What is the impact on your target group (users, clients) you want to generate?

Make the elders and their families and caregivers feel safer.

What is the wider impact on society you want to generate?

Make the elders and their families and caregivers feel safer.

What are the impacts on your target group you already achieved?

The Alzheimer patients and their families and caregivers feel safer with our new innovative solution.

How has the impact of your initiative been assessed?

Experience-based self-assessment (you assessed the impacts based on your experiences with the target group), Feedback-based self-assessment (you assessed the impacts based on feedback from the target group without using specific methods), Self-evaluation (you used qualitative and/or quantitative methods to assess impacts).

Public information and strategy

What information on your initiative is publicly available?

Mission and strategy, Organisational structure, Information on team members.

Please indicate webpage or contact for obtaining the respective information.

http://www.eurocyinnovations.com/#sthash.Kh9W6PKR.dpuf

What are your milestones for further developing, implementing, and establishing your initiative in the next three years? Please describe 1-3 milestones.

1st year enhance web based service.

2nd year spread the word and provide a complete information portal to prevent wandering and missing incidents .
3nd year register more (100) sponsors and users.