



# FRAUNHOFER AICOS

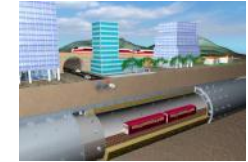
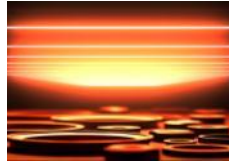
Research Center for Assistive Information and Communication Solutions

**APPLIED SCIENCE BY FRAUNHOFER – MADE IN PORTUGAL**

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# 1. Fraunhofer Portugal

## Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (worldwide)



**67 Institutes**

**> 80 Research Units**

**> 23.000 employees**

**€2 billion R&D budget**

(>€1,7 billion from contract research)

**7 Groups**

- Information and Communication Technology
- Life Sciences
- Light & Surfaces
- Microelectronics
- Production
- Materials & Components
- Defense & Security

# 1. Fraunhofer Portugal

## Institutional Background

Fraunhofer Portugal is a Non-Profit Research Institution of Public Common Interest



## 2. Fraunhofer AICOS

### Vision

#### “Extending the Reach of the Information and Knowledge Society”

- Fraunhofer AICOS vision is to **enhance people’s living standards** by offering them intuitive and useful technology solutions capable of **facilitating their access to ICT**;
- This way we are helping specific groups (like seniors and population in remote regions or developing countries) to be integrated in the **Information and Knowledge Society**.



## 2. Fraunhofer AICOS

### Mission

#### “Remarkable Technology, Easy to Use”

- Offering **specialized competences** centered on end-user experience and usability of applications;
- Generating **applied research solutions** capable of contributing to the market success of our client's products and services and increasing its value for their customers.



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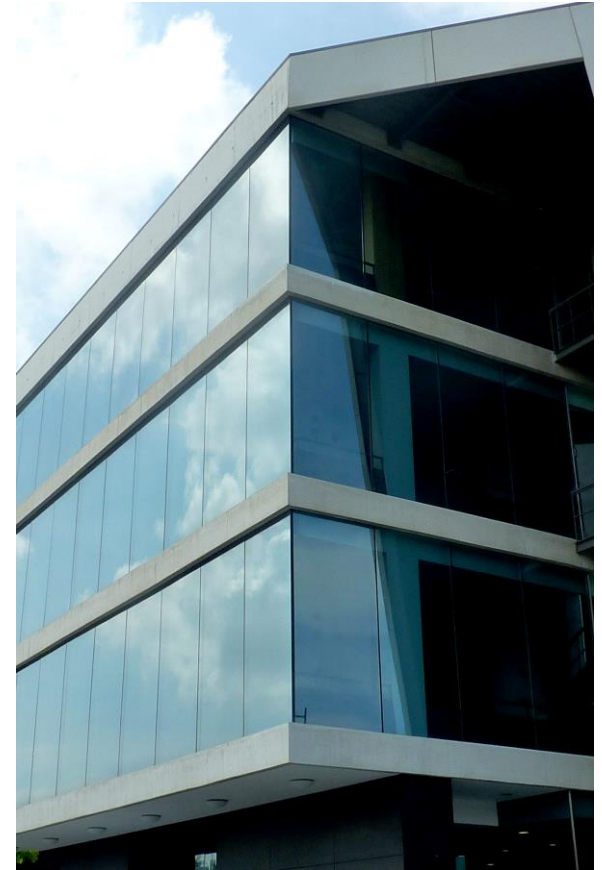
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### Operational Goals

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#### A leading R&D partner for Industry!

- **Technology Transfer:** project results and brains!
- Implement an operation with **~100 people**;
- Implement the **“Fraunhofer Operational Model”**
  - Achieve a well balanced project mix
    - **~1/3 revenues from direct industry contracts;**
    - ~1/3 national/international R&D Programs;
    - ~1/3 based funding.





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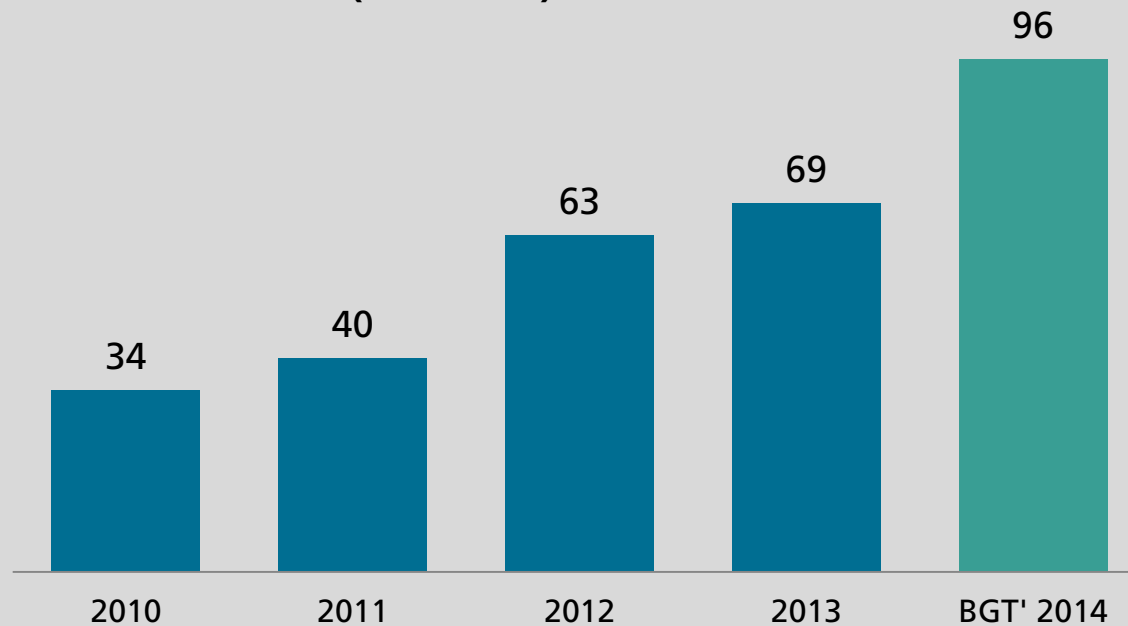
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### Evolution – Human Resources

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Our team has been growing steadily!

Human Resources Evolution (2010-2014)

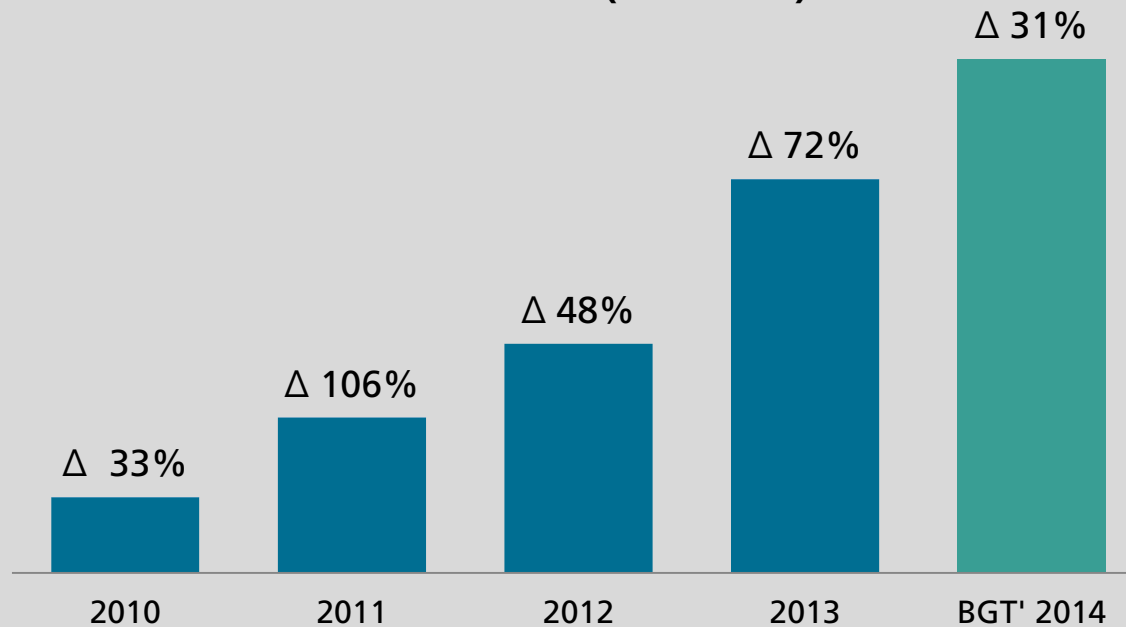


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### Evolution – Revenue Growth






Our revenues have been sharply increasing!

Revenues from Research Activities Growth (2010-2014)





# 2. Fraunhofer AICOS Achievements

Mover	AlzNav	Smart Companion	Dance! Don't Fall	Postbox Web	AlzNav	ULF-MC	Melanoma Detection
							
5th Place	1 of 3 Finalists	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Top-25 Apps	Honorable mention	Portugal Nominee by APDC <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	European Young Researcher of the Year
2009 2 <sup>nd</sup> Android Developers Challenge	2011 Vodafone Smart Accessibility Awards	2011 Zon Prémio Criatividade	2012 CES <sup>1</sup> Mobile Apps Showdown	2012 Vodafone Mobile Data Challenge	2012 World Summit Awards	2012 ESNC <sup>3</sup> European (Galileo Master Award)	2012 AAL Forum

<sup>1</sup> CES: Consumer Electronics Show

<sup>2</sup> APDC: Portuguese Association for the Promotion of Communications

<sup>3</sup> ESNC: European Satellite Navigation Competition

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## 2. Fraunhofer AICOS Headquarters

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- Our **Headquarter** in UPTEC was voted **"Building of the Year 2011"** in a competition hosted by **ArchDaily.com** and provides **the most inspiring environment to our team!**
- **94% of our collaborators** answered in a survey they were fully satisfied with their work environment and considered it **optimal to achieve top notch results;**
- **100% of our collaborators** are of the opinion that **women have the same career opportunities** as their male colleagues.

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### Fraunhofer Portugal Challenge | 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

- **Promote “Research of Practical Utility”**

Among Portuguese university students and researchers;

- **Idea contest for MSc and PhD Theses**

Already on its 5<sup>th</sup> edition, the Challenge is based on MSc and PhD theses from Portuguese universities;

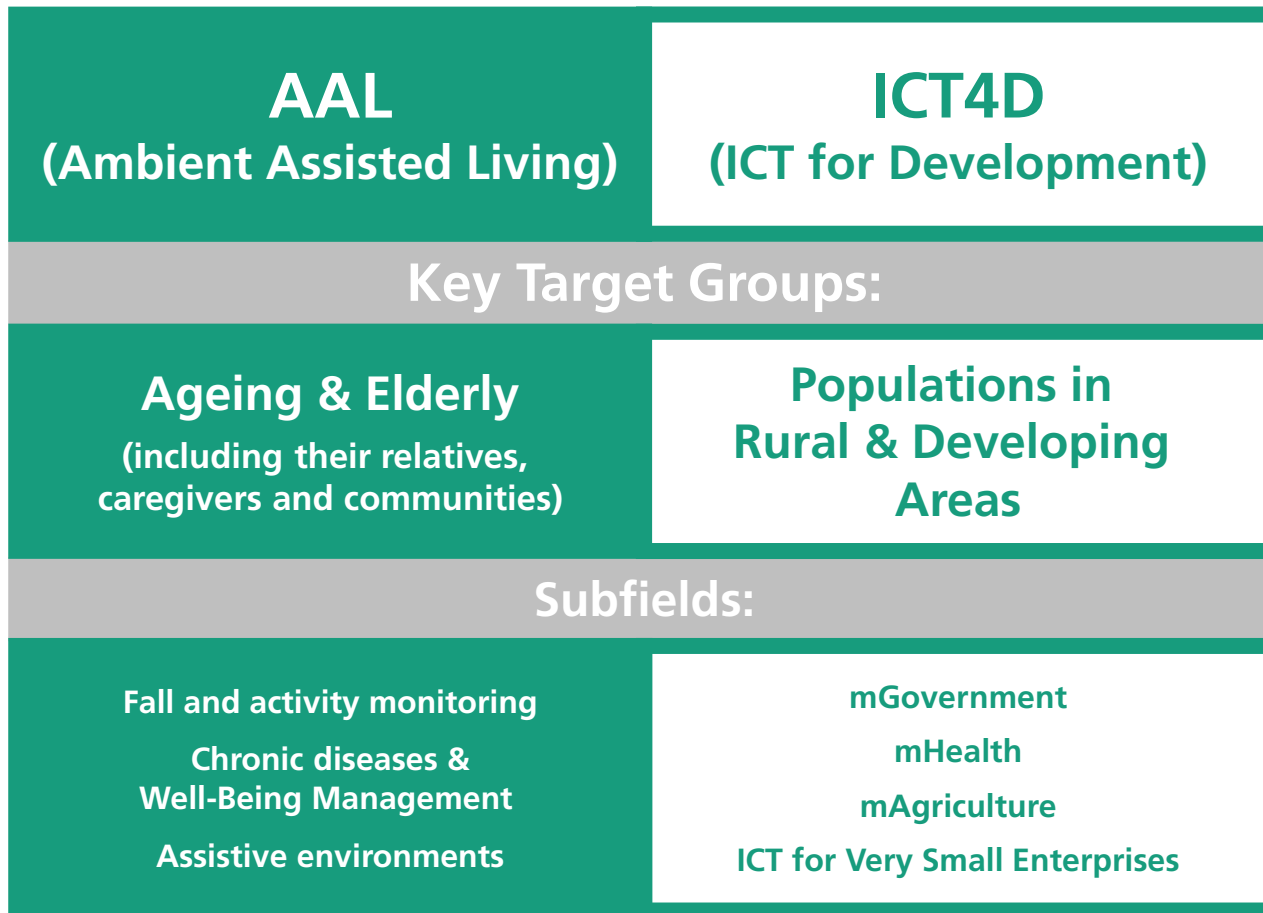
- **Scientific Prizes for the Best Ideas**

Winning participants are awarded monetary prizes and get media coverage of their work.



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## Strategic Research Agenda: Focus Areas



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## Strategic Research Agenda: AAL

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### AAL - Ambient Assisted Living

- Foster the **creation of innovative ICT-based real products** that **support ageing and elderly people** in the process of ageing well at home, in the community and at work;
- Contribute to the design of **sustainable business cases** that enable the improvement of the **quality of life, autonomy**, the **participation in social life, skills** and the **employability** of elderly people;
- Focused on **end users, caregivers, family** and **related people**;
- Promote **cost reduction of health and social care**.

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## Strategic Research Agenda: ICT4D

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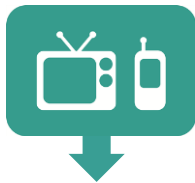
### ICT4D - Information and Communication Technologies for Development

- Investigation of user demands for mobile ICT solutions in the fields of **agriculture, urban micro enterprises, m-health** and **e-government** and their potential socio-economic impact in developing countries;
- Joint development of **locally relevant solutions** which might get incubated **into new businesses**;
- **Knowledge transfer** to ensure a sustainable benefit for an independent and uprising ICT industry in the partner countries;
- Enabling **long-term partnerships** between the developing countries and the European partners.

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## Strategic Research Agenda: Scientific Areas

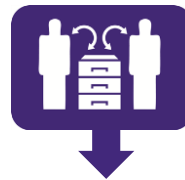
### Human-Computer Interaction



Adapting **interaction**  
to **specific user needs**

- User & Social Experience
- Mobile & Future Devices
- Evaluation & Usability

### Information Processing



From **raw data ...**  
**To meaningful**  
information

- Content Retrieval
- Context Awareness
- Multimodal  
Information Fusion

### Autonomic Computing



**Smarter** machines: less  
configuration &  
maintenance

- Remote Management,  
Control and Configuration



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## Strategic Research Agenda: **Competence Centers**

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- In 2013 Fraunhofer AICOS started to develop two Competence Centers in order to **build interdisciplinary teams working** on:
  - **Fall and Activity Monitoring;**
  - **Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D);**
- The goal is to **develop innovation for projects with industry**, based on the **background knowledge** obtained during the start-up phase;
- The Competence Centers are a platform to create **teams with expertise from different countries** and from **different relevant scientific fields** such as medicine, physics, electronics, ICT, HCI, etc.



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## Key Project Initiatives – Ambient Assisted Living

Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) ▶



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### Fall Competence Center (FCC)

- The FCC aims to investigate in depth the **human motion, activities** and **falls**. Core competences will be applied to viable solutions and converted in valuable products;
- Advanced prototypes under development are dedicated to:
  - Fall Detection, Fall Risk Assessment and Fall Prevention;
  - Promotion of Physical Activity and Exercise Games;
  - Sports Performance Measurement;
  - Safety and Security.

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## Key Project Initiatives – ICT4D

ICT for  
Development  
(ICT4D)



ICT4D Competence  
Center (ICT4D-CC)

ACP Street Libraries

Malaria Scope



FUSAMI

OurMOZ online

GRA ICT4D

Syndromic Surveillance

Hydroponic Farming

Postbox Web



IZIDoc

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# 5. Fraunhofer AICOS

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### ICT4D Competence Center (ICT4D-CC)

- The main objective of the ICT4D-CC is investigate all **aspects and challenges** of the application of state of the art of ICT in developing countries, with an initial focus on the **African sub-Saharan region**, and develop dedicated pre-commercial ICT solutions for:
  - mGovernment;
  - mHealth;
  - mAgriculture;
  - ICT for Very Small Enterprises (VSE).

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# 6. Fraunhofer AICOS

## Our Services: What can we do for you?

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### ■ R&D Consulting

- We propose **new solutions and ideas** for evolving products and services;

### ■ Proof of Concepts

- Initial implementation for proving that **new ideas really work**;

### ■ Prototype Implementation

- Architectural specification; System implementation; System testing and validation;

### ■ Easy access to **German Fraunhofer Institutes** in other areas of competence;

- 7 Research Groups, 80 Research Units, 67 Institutes;

### ■ Member of National Scientific and Technology System

- Eligible to participate in **public incentive R&D programs**.

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# 7. Fraunhofer AICOS

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AAL4ALL

AAL4ALL  
Ambient Assisted Living for All

- **Mobilization of an industrial ecosystem** of products and services in the scope of Ambient Assisted Living;
- Focus on the definition of **specific standards**;
- Ensure interoperability between products and services to **mitigate investment** risk in this emergent market;
- **34 partners** involved, mainly from industry.



COMPETE  
PROGRAMA OPERACIONAL FACTORES DE COMPETITIVIDADE

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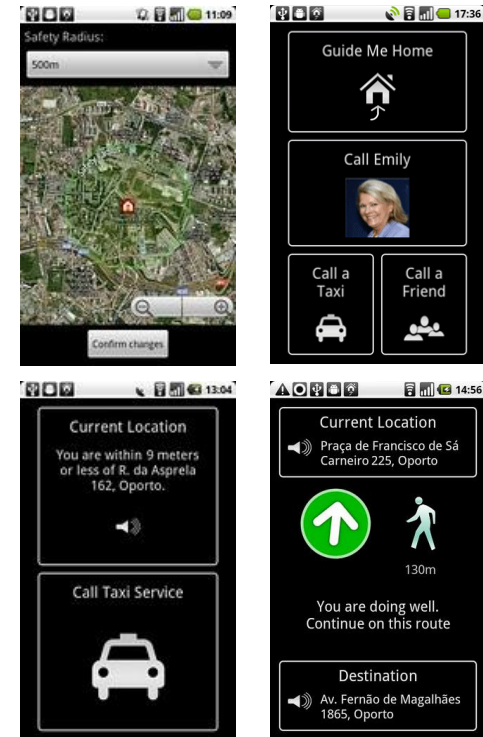
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### AlzNav



- Application for **older adults** and persons in **initial state of dementia**, as well as their **caregivers**;
- **Very simplified navigation system**: easily guides the user to a known and safe place;
- Allows to define a **predetermined safe zone**: caregiver is alerted when user leaves this area.



Nominated by APDC to represent Portugal in the World Summit Award

Finalist in World Summit Awards 2012



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### ChefMyself



- Automatic **cooking solution** to support elderly in preparing daily meals and **maintaining healthy eating habits**;
- Support for groceries shopping;
- Social network to promote **healthy eating habits**, recipe exchange and interaction amongst seniors;
- Open and extensible ICT service with three main components: **tablet device, cooking robot and cloud services**.



FCT Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia  
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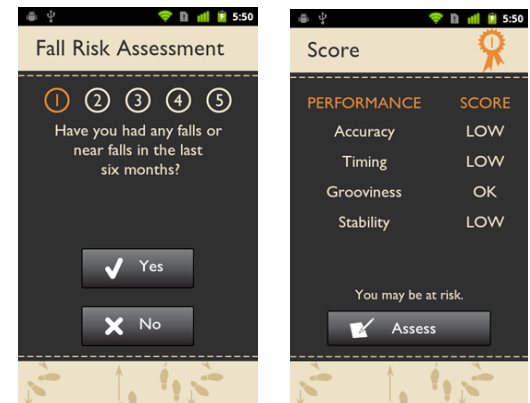
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### Dance! Don't Fall



- Users can **monitor and actively reduce the risk of falling**, while having fun!
- Works like a game: the user **follows the dance steps** with audio and video cues;
- Provides **feedback on the risk of falling**.



Reached the final phase (Top 25) of the CES 2012 Mobile Apps Showdown



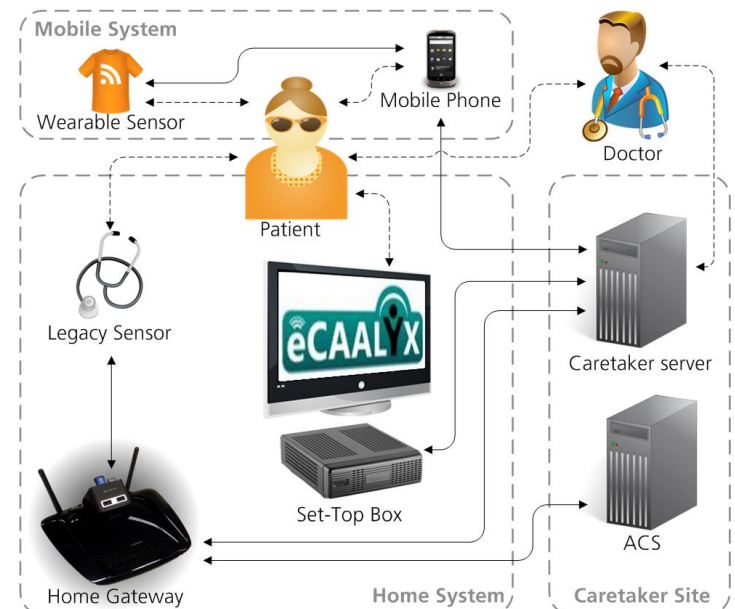
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eCAALYX



- eCAALYX – EU AAL Joint Program;
- Holistic solution that improves quality of life of **older adults with chronic conditions**;
- Increase **autonomy**, reduce hospitalization costs;
- AICOS: **Home Gateway and Set-Top Box**;
- **Pilot tests** in Spain, Netherlands and Italy.



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**EnAware** (Domestic Energy Awareness)



- **Reduce energy consumption in homes** by monitoring the energy consumption, raising energy awareness and enabling smart grid scenarios;
- Composed of a smart energy meter, several smart devices, a heat pump and a **home server**;
- Consumers can control and manage the smart devices and **review their energy consumption**;
- **Data mining** services for optimizing power consumption (behaviour patterns, anomaly detection, stand-by mode detection, etc.).



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### E-NO FALLS



- European Network for FALL Prevention, Intervention & Security;
- **E-NO FALLS thematic network** is a forum for all **stakeholders** to share knowledge, expertise, resources and best practice experiences;
- Build consensus to overcome the remaining obstacles to provide guidance for **fall prevention** and **fall detection** ICT-enabled solutions.



Competitiveness and innovation Framework Programme  
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European Network for FALL Prevention, Intervention & Security  
E-NO FALLS

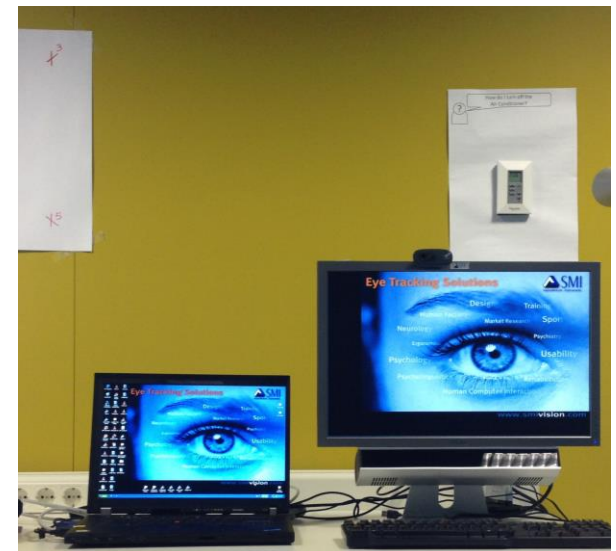


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### EyeTracking4ALL

- Creation of a Human-Computer Interaction Lab Web Platform, capable of systematizing Fraunhofer's HCI procedures regarding the observation, analysis and evaluation of the User Experience in all types of devices and ambiances;
- Use of **eye tracking equipment** (head-mounted and remote), and professional observational software (Observer XT) to **support the usability studies** conducted at the institute.



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### Heart Failure Clinic



- Mobile based telemonitoring system that allows the generation of **multi-dimensional health patterns**;
- Remote Patient Monitoring system enabling a **daily contact** with healthcare experts;
- Provides regular short-term evaluation of the disease status, allowing user-centered approach on the patient;
- Will optimize quality of care, reduce costs, reduce the number of readmissions and ultimately **reduce mortality**.



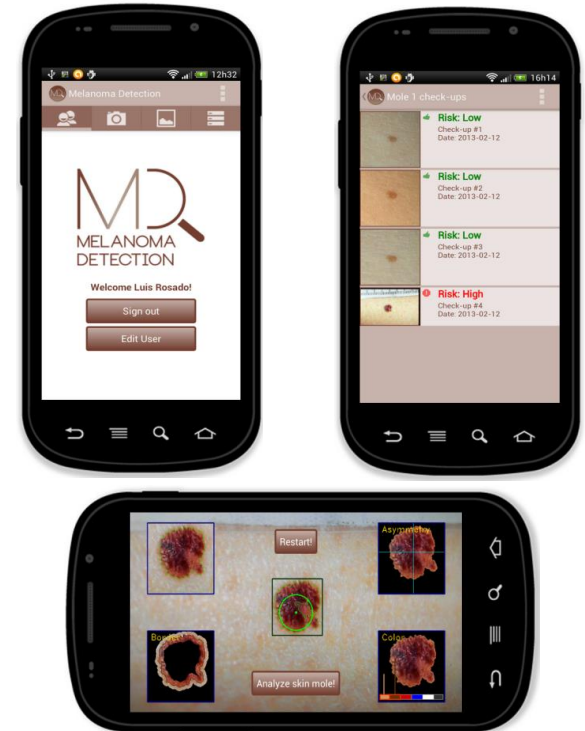
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### Melanoma Detection



- Self-monitoring system that **analyzes skin lesions using a smartphone**;
- An Android app **takes photos of skin moles** and sends them to a server to be **stored and analyzed**;
- The **automatic supervised classification** of the skin lesions is based on the **ABCD Rule** (cooperation with the **Portuguese Institute of Oncology of Porto**);
- Aims to **alert users** to the presence of risk signs.



European Young Researcher of the Year  
AAL Forum 2012

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### Mobile CCTV (Closed-Circuit Television)

- Enhance a **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition** (SCADA) system with mobile support;
- Fraunhofer AICOS developed a **mobile infrastructure** that interfaces with a Central Server;
- It receives **events, notifications and alarms** that are forwarded to mobile clients in the field.



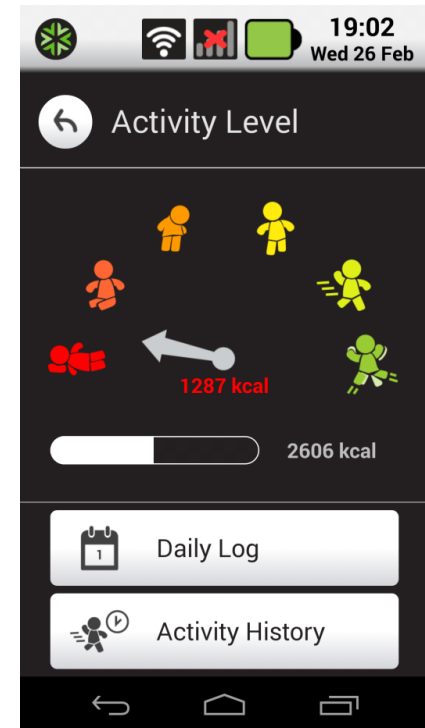
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### Mover



- Development of integrated solutions for **activity monitoring, fall detection, fall risk prediction** and **security**, targeting older people living in the community;
- **Detects user's falls** and sends a **SMS or e-mail alert** to a pre-defined contact – a very useful feature for older people and their caregivers.



5<sup>th</sup> place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Android Developers Challenge, "Lifestyle" category

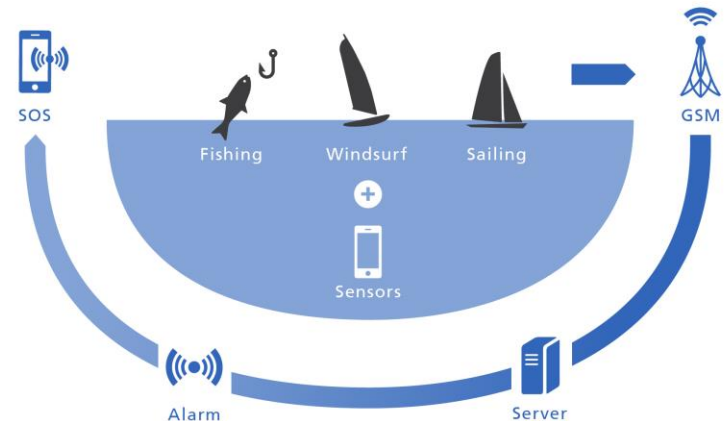
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### mWaterSafety



- New technological solution using smartphones and external sensors that aims to increase the **safety in nautical activities**;
- By tracking the vessels activity, positioning and routes it is possible to generate alarms upon abnormal events, increasing the level of **security**;
- This information is also used to improve the **sportive performance** of watersports athletes.

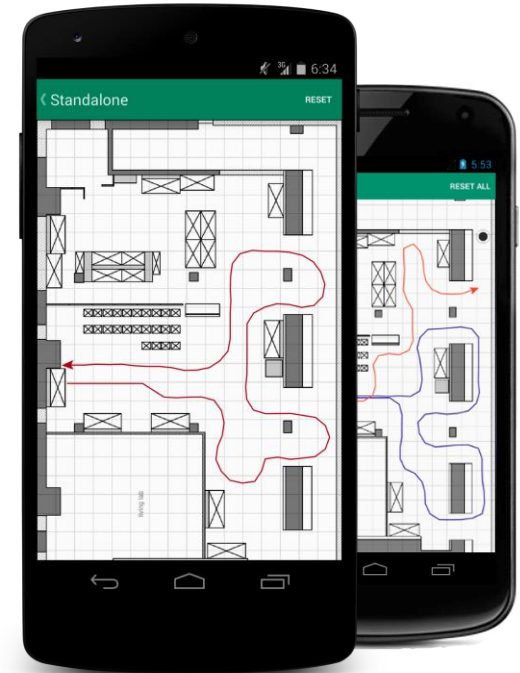


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### Precision Indoor Location

- A solution that allows **accurate indoor navigation** using an existing smartphone;
- **Precision Indoor Location** relies on:
  - Human walking model-based **motion tracking** algorithms;
  - External references for absolute position provided by **ULF-MC**;
- Targeted for **real usage scenarios** (pocket, in call, texting...) and **different applications** (indoor navigation, emergency, user behaviour analysis...).



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### REMPARK



- **European Project:** 11 partners from 8 countries;
- Develop a **Personal Health System for Parkinson's Disease patients;**
- System will – in real time – **identify ON/OFF/Dyskinesia states**, detect Freezing of Gait and register falls;
- Will **include a smartphone** to collect information and communicate with the clinical team.





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### S4S (Smartphones for Seniors)



- External project originated from the outcome of **Smart Companion**;
- Industrial customers: **Microsoft Portugal** and **Optimus**;
- **Redesign smartphones software** having in mind older adults' needs, in order to make it easier for them to be **integrated in the information society**.



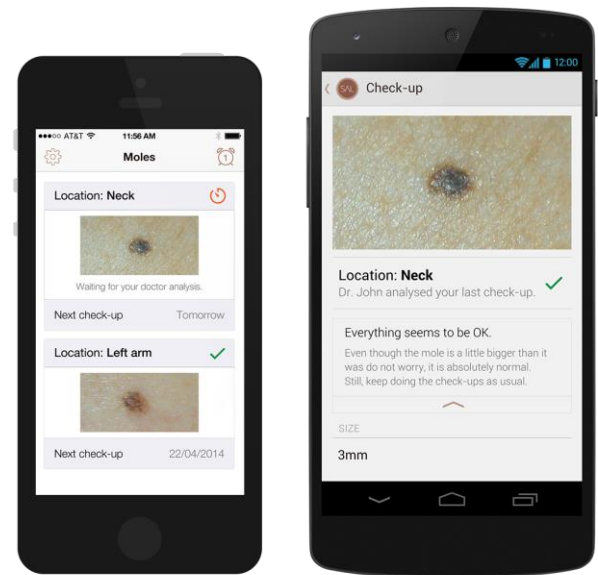
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### SAL – Service Assisted Living



- Conceive innovative and **integrated** technological solutions that enable an **active collaboration** and **management** by the patient of his own **health**;
- SAL will design and develop products in the area of **skin lesions risk evaluation, healthcare for Melanoma patients, blood surveillance** in hospital internal blood services and hemophiliacs and hypo coagulation;
- A joint project between **Fraunhofer AICOS, Glintt HS** and **FEUP**.



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### SavEnergy (Autonomic Computing Activities)

- **Reuses the platform** developed for health monitoring – eCAALYX – **in a completely new environment**;
- **Optimize energy efficiency** of cellular antenna installations (BTS sites);
- **Remote monitor and manage** BTS sites with **autonomous decision capacity**;
- **Tests running** on 5 active commercial BTS sites.



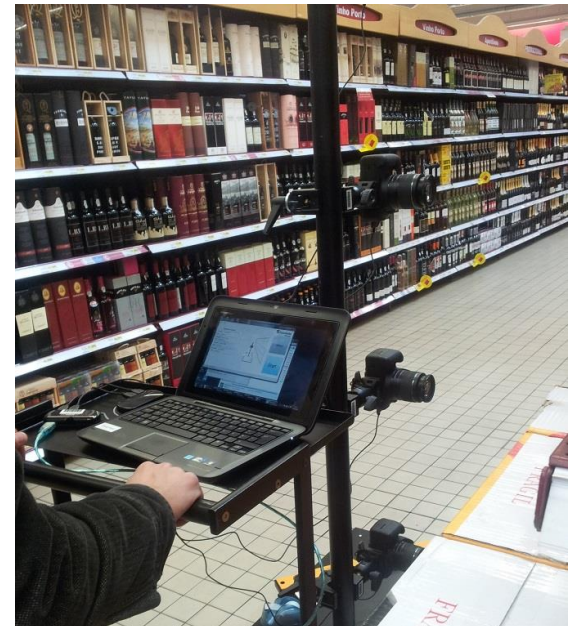
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### Shopview



- A project that allows **virtual navigation inside a grocery store for micro space control**;
- The solution allows to **plan and control product placement** within the grocery store shelves;
- A Kart will be built to allow **taking pictures from the store shelves** and **to navigate and display the shop shelves in a web based app**;
- Automatically detect invalid and misplaced products.



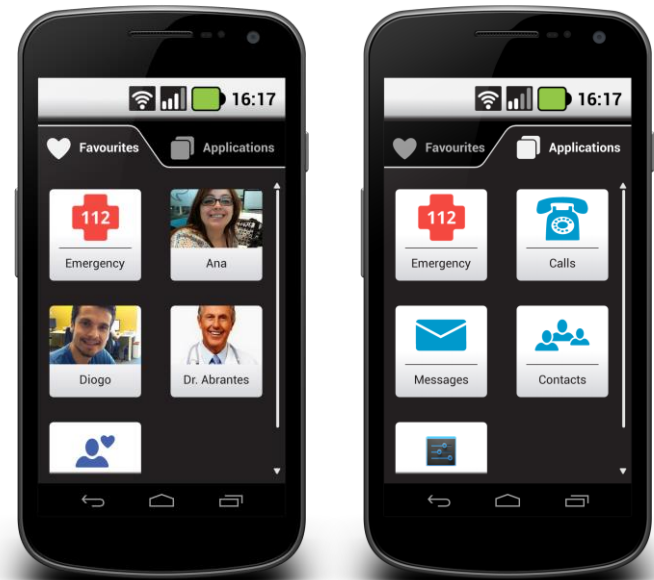
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### Smart Companion



- Result of **internal research project**, already **licensed** to an industrial customer;
- Android customization for the **ageing and elderly**;
- **Highly simplified interface**, which allows it to be easily used and adopted by senior population;
- Includes many useful features, like **medication reminders, pedestrian navigation, fall detection** and easy sending of voice messages.



2<sup>nd</sup> place in the “Zon Prémio Criatividade 2011” Contest

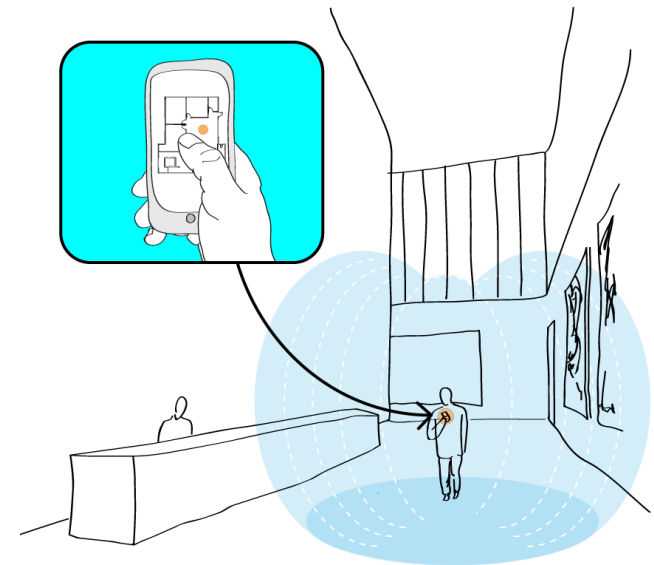
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### ULF-MC



- A solution that allows **accurate indoor navigation with your existing smartphone**;
- Smartphones incorporate electronic compass, based on a **3-axis hall sensor**;
- Sensor capable **to receive information embedded in low frequency artificial magnetic fields**;
- The **infrastructure is very simple** and thus **cost effective**.



1<sup>st</sup> place in the "Galileo Master Award"  
European Satellite Navigation  
Competition 2012

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## Key Project Initiatives – Ambient Assisted Living

### User Network



- Network to assist several projects regarding user **research** and **usability studies**, in sessions conducted either within Fraunhofer's **Living Lab**, or offsite;
- Ever growing. Now comprising over **400 users and over 30 institutions** (day-care centres, hospitals...);
- Platform for over 1000 activities (tests, focus groups...);
- Website for voluntary enrolment: [www.colaborar.fraunhofer.pt](http://www.colaborar.fraunhofer.pt)



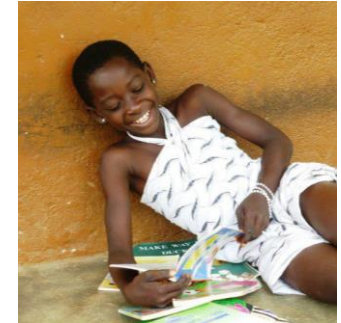


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## Key Project Initiatives – ICT4D

### ACP Street Libraries

- Aims to contribute to the **development of culture in ACP countries** mainly by promoting the creation of new Street Libraries and the modernization of existing ones;
- **Specific objectives:**
  - Increase access to conventional Books;
  - Create and increase access to eBooks;
  - Cultural Heritage Collection;
  - Cultural Artists and Entrepreneurs;
  - Creation of Street Libraries.



ACP-EU Support Programme to ACP Cultural Sectors



With the Financial contribution of the European Union (European Development Fund) and the assistance of the ACP Group of States.

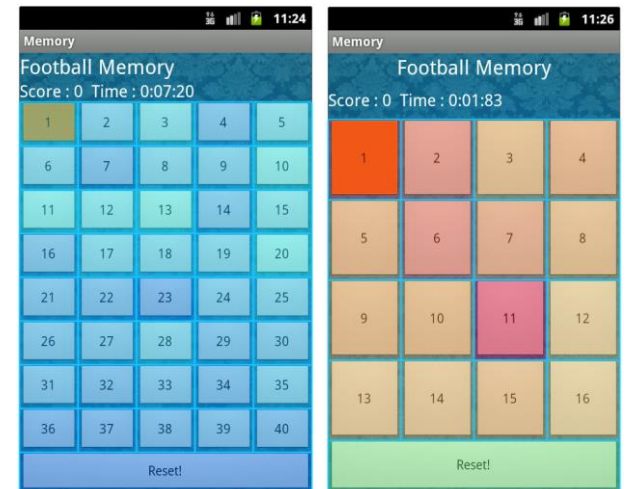


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### FUSAMI (Fraunhofer Usage Mining)

- System which offers smartphone developers and Human Computer Interaction specialists a web based platform to **perform advanced analytics on real time usage data**;
- Interaction data is displayed through intuitive visualization tools;
- The FUSAMI system can be easily integrated into any existing Android application.



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### GRA ICT4D (General Research Alliance ICT4D)

- Develop a **green and low-cost wireless communication network** for developing countries;
- Involves Fraunhofer AICOS and **partners from Europe, Africa and Australia**;
- Fraunhofer AICOS contribution is the development of **software solutions for mobile devices** which will address local demands.



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### Hydroponic Farming

- **Low cost** mechanism for **mobile monitoring** of hydroponic farms in South Africa and Mozambique;
- **Improves farm management** through **monitoring and control** of **environmental parameters**;
- Real time **alarms**, short **monitoring** cycles and automated **reports** leading to **increased performance**;
- **Partnership** with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in South Africa.



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### IZIDoc

- **Mobile solution** to **simplify the administrative acts** that require personal attendance at service provider's facilities (administration, police, pharmacy, bank, etc.);
- Provides citizens with **information** about the status of **requested goods or services**;
- Optimization of the **customer service**;
- **Partnership** with the University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) in Mozambique.



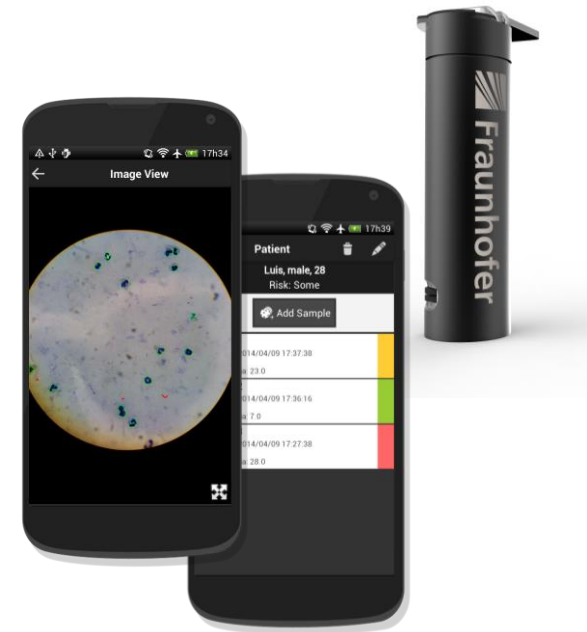
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### Malaria Scope



- Perform automatic detection of *P. falciparum* parasite using **image processing techniques and smartphones** (cooperation with the **National Health Institute Dr. Ricardo Jorge**);
- Develop a mobile-based solution for **diagnosis of malaria** in medically underserved areas;
- Create a **low cost alternative** to the current microscopes;
- First triage framework to provide the **correct medication**.

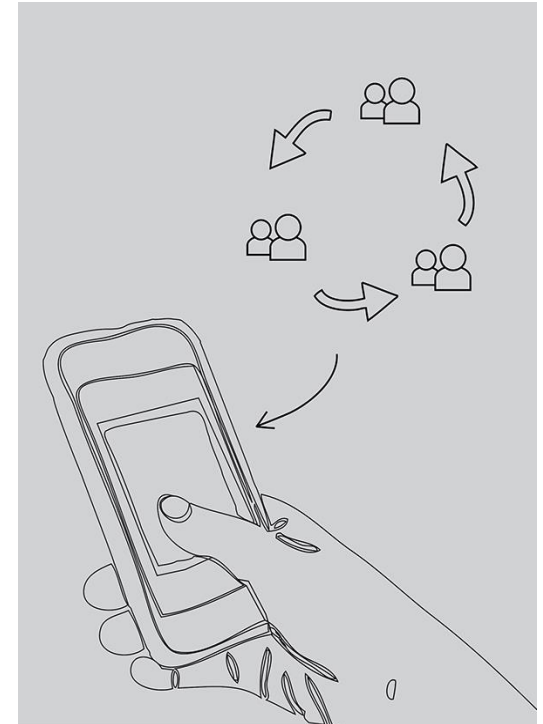


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## Key Project Initiatives – ICT4D

### OurMOZ online

- Citizen centered **mobile platform** which provides **real-time geotagged information** about Mozambican cities;
- Combines the **social network concept** with **citizen reporting** and **eCommerce**;
- This platform aims to **improve small commerce** and enhance the engagement between **citizens and other local stakeholders**;
- **Partnership** with the University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) in Mozambique.



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### POSTBOX WEB



- The Postbox Web Framework enables **offline-capable data-heavy Internet services** for occasionally connected Android smartphones;
- It allows a **secure sharing of smartphones** through a personal, password-protected and encrypted data storage for each user of the phone and each application.



Honorable mention  
Vodafone Mobile Data Challenge 2012



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## Key Project Initiatives – ICT4D

### Syndromic Surveillance

- **Clinical data collection** on isolated populations in developing countries using **mobile devices** with **lack of continuous network connectivity**;
- **Objectives:**
  - Relate collected data with earth observation data to predict outbreaks or epidemics;
  - Prevent spread of infectious diseases: **Malaria, HIV/AIDS**;
  - Secure data storage of sensitive information;
  - Multiple community health workers sharing a mobile device.

