

## TEST YOUR HOMECARE INNOVATIONS IN REAL-LIFE SETTINGS ABROAD WITH ACE CROSS-BORDER SUPPORT!

The ACE project invites Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and other companies to apply to test – in real-life conditions - their cutting-edge products or services with the potential to improve future homecare.

### *Eligibility:*

- The applicant company **must be located in one of the North Sea regions (see [the list of eligible north sea regions](#))**.
- Priority will be given to SMEs meeting the European SME definition (with less than €50m turnover and fewer than 250 employees), while larger companies are also invited to submit their applications.
- The company operates in one of the eligible life science sub-sectors (biotechnology, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, e-health, e-mental health, or nutrition for human health) or in other sectors, but its solutions and services can contribute to the future of homecare.
- The scope of technologies is not limited and can range from digital technologies to physical products with relevancy for homecare.
- The Smart Home Care of the future innovation must be TRL 7 or TRL 8 (the TRL scale down is explained in Annex I of the [Guidelines document](#)).
- **Homecare solutions relevance:** The SME's proposed product or service must be directly related to homecare and should **address the needs and challenges** faced by older adults, caregivers, and homecare providers.

### *Why join the ACE community platform:*

- **Real-world testing environments:** Gain access to real testing environments to accurately evaluate the performance of your homecare product or service.

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- Contribute to the improvement of homecare in the North Sea region and benefit from prototyping ACE project support valued at up to €20,000 \*

*\* The amounts here indicated represent the maximum value of the support provided, which can be provided 'in kind' or via financial contribution to be spent on external service provider(s).*

### ***How to register:***

- Visit the ACE Platform: <https://www.b2match.com/e/interreg-ace-project>
- Register for free by following **the step-by-step registration manual [here](#)**.
- Connect with pilot site(s) via messages on the platform, as indicated in the manual. In case you cannot find a pilot site that corresponds to your solution, contact your regional ACE project partner for the next steps.
- If the match is positively reviewed, the intake consultant (the expert in the region and/or ACE project partner) will send an email with the application form\*
- Complete the application form in English.
- Return the completed application form to the intake consultant (the expert in the region and/or ACE project partner).
- Successful companies will be contacted by the local support organisation to realise the pilot. SMEs will have the opportunity to test their homecare solutions in real conditions, gaining valuable feedback and insights while contributing to the ACE project's mission of improving homecare for the aging population in the North Sea region.

*\* Please note that the evaluation process will take a maximum of 3 weeks*



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**Guidelines for applicants:**

For more information, please consult the **Guidelines for applicants - ACE pilotlot support** [here](#).

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