

Name of the event	<i>Enabling and Enhancing Prevention and Healthcare Management Across the Ageing Life Course</i>
Date and time	23rd of April 2026, at 10:00–17:15 (CEST)
Venue	St. Martin Roma Hotel and online (Hybrid)
Registration form	Register here
For whom	The Ageing Deal cluster projects, European Commission members, local and regional stakeholders in Rome and Italy, policymakers, implementers of care strategies.

The 2nd Ageing Deal public event

The [Ageing Deal](#) joint efforts aim to foster dialogue between European research and innovation actions and civil society to co-create equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions that support healthy ageing in European societies. The network of projects — [COMFORTage](#), [STAGE](#) and [SmILE](#) — develops and pilots science-based solutions to support the transformation of healthcare systems, addressing immediate healthcare needs (e.g., demographic pressures, digital transformation, AI, innovative medical technologies) while contributing to long-term system sustainability and equity. Continuing from the first Ageing Deal event in Barcelona, Spain in May, 2025, this second public joint event seeks to further strengthen bottom-up dialogue with local, national and European stakeholders, recognising that no single model can address the diverse needs of ageing societies across Europe.

MEETING PROGRAMME

Time	Slot name
10:00	Registration and Networking
10:40	Welcome and Opening Words, Main Conference Room, AETERNA (floor -1)
10:45	Alina Lupu (Online), European Commission, DG CONNECT, e-Health, Well-Being and Ageing Unit Opening Greeting
PART 1 – Strategic Perspectives: From Policy and Strategy to Implementation (Hybrid session)	
10:50	Keynote speeches
10:50-11:00	Dr. Yongjie Yon, Technical Officer on Ageing and Health WHO/Europe “Ageing is Living: A public health approach to advancing healthy ageing in Europe” (EN)
11:00-11:10	Onorevole Paolo Ciani, Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Secretary of the XII Social Affairs Committee, President of the Parliamentary Intergroup on Active Ageing “Care and Active Ageing: The Future Challenge for Welfare Systems/Cura e invecchiamento attivo: la sfida del welfare che verrà” (IT)

11:10-11:20	<p>Dr. Teresa Di Fiandra, Consultant to the National Institute of Health and member of the National Board on Dementia</p> <p>“The Italian National Plan for dementia: current situation and future perspectives” (EN)</p>
11:20-11:30	TBA
11:30	Panel discussions
11:30-12:15	<p>Panel discussion1: From Policy Vision to System Transformation: Enabling Prevention Across the Ageing Life Course</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Sylvain Sebert (Professor of Life-course Epidemiology, University of Oulu)</p> <p><i>Exploring how policy frameworks can be translated into concrete healthcare system transformation actions supporting prevention and healthy ageing. Each of the three European Ageing Deal projects will propose one new strategic orientation opened for discussion with key Informed Italian representatives.</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessore Barbara Funari, Councilor for Social Policies and Health of the Comune di Roma • Dr. Giovanni Capelli, Director of the National Center for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion • Dr. Michela Borghetti, Senior Research Fellow, University of Brescia • Prof. Lorenzo Richiardi, Professor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Turin • Dr. Paolo Parente, Director of Primary Health of Lazio Region
12:15-13:00	<p>Panel 2: From Innovation to Real-World Adoption and Integrated Care: Implementing Data-Driven and AI-Enabled Ageing Care Solutions</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jan Graßhoff (Researcher, Fraunhofer Research Institution for Individualized Medical Technology and Engineering IMTE)</p> <p><i>Translating innovation into real-world healthcare and care delivery, including data-driven care, AI-enabled prevention, connected medical technologies, and integrated care pathways. Each of the three European Ageing Deal projects will propose a solution opened for appraisal and discussion with Italian panellists from the Lazio Region and Rome Municipality.</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. med. Arndt-Peter Schulz, SmILE Coordinator, Orthopedic and Trauma Surgeon, Lead of the Centre for Clinical Studies, Fraunhofer Research Institution for Individualized and Cell-Based Medical Engineering IMTE • Mr. Luc Nicolas, iCT for Health Expert, EHTEL • Dr. Gokce Banu Laleci Erturkmen, Director Of R&D, SRDC Software Research & Development • Mr. Dimitrios Katehakis, Head of Center for eHealth Applications and Services (CeHA)
13:00-14:00	Lunch and Networking
PART 2 – From Research to Practice: Interactive Co-Creation and Demonstration (In-person participation)	
14.00	Parallel Workshops

	<p>Onsite participants are welcome to take part to all three workshops through the different rounds of implementation</p> <p>Workshop 1 – STAGE (REPUBBLICA Room, floor –1)</p> <p>Topic: Understanding, trusting and using AI risk prediction results to help prevent ageing with multi-morbidity - a co-creation workshop</p> <p>By Erika Jarva (University of Oulu), Álvaro Passi-Solar (University of Barcelona) and Johanne Boulding (Beta Technology Ltd)</p> <p>Workshop 2 – SmILE (INDIPENDENZA Room, floor –1)</p> <p>Topic: Interpreting User Needs and Barriers to Shape AI-Supported Healthy Ageing Solutions</p> <p>By Selina Englmeier (University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein), Viktoria Pollok (University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein), Paulina Villalobos Quesada (MINDS & SPARKS)</p> <p>Workshop 3 – COMFORTage (CINQUECENTO Room, floor –1)</p> <p>Topic: Anticipating Ageing Risks Before They Emerge: Demonstrating AI-powered Prevention Approaches for Dementia and Frailty</p> <p>By Maria Karagianni (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), Stelios Kokkas (Centre for Research & Technology Hellas), Andrea Miguel (Ace Alzheimer Center Barcelona)</p>
14:00– 14:45	1st Round of Parallel Workshops (45 minutes)
14:45– 15:30	2nd Round of Parallel Workshops (45 minutes)
15:30– 16:00	Networking Coffee
16:00– 16:45	3rd Round of Parallel Workshops (45 minutes)
16:45– 17:00	Short Break and Networking
17:00	<p>Summary of the Workshops and Wrap Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Sylvain Sebert, STAGE Coordinator, University of Oulu • Prof. Dr. med. Arndt-Peter Schulz, SmILE Coordinator, Orthopedic and Trauma Surgeon, Lead of the Centre for Clinical Studies, Fraunhofer Research Institution for Individualized and Cell-Based Medical Engineering IMTE • Dr. George Manias, COMFORTage Coordinator, University of Piraeus
17:15	End of the event