



The project SAVE AGE reached the final phase

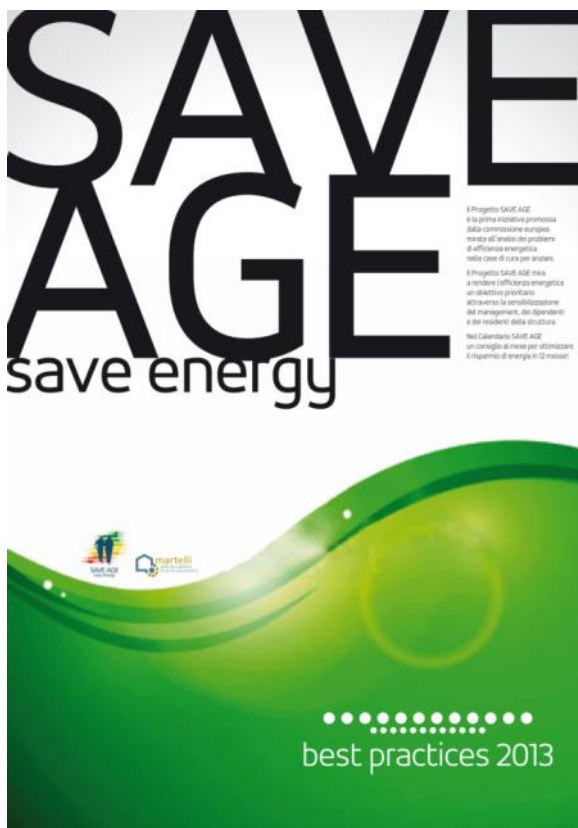
The SAVE AGE project is going to enter into the last phase and in Italy we are pooling the results from the collected data provided by all project partners throughout the entire project period.

Finally we produced a detailed energy action plan for all project partners and we can give back some advises to improve awareness of managers, elderly people and employees inside the RCHEP. We decided to focus on producing concrete tools supporting the continuous increase of awareness when the SAVE AGE project will be already finished, because this is the main issue of the project. Single actions are not suitable to save energy effectively, but many simple daily actions of every “actor” are necessary as well as the knowledge of details in application of good practices, that can result in sustainable energy saving. Every Italian manager told us: “First of all energy saving is a cultural matter”.

We began with this realization, then we needed a starting point that could change people’s mindset, and the result is a kit of tools that provide a daily reminder of the importance of our personal effort in energy saving.

SAVE AGE calendar with good practices about saving energy

One of the tools we thought about was surely a high visible calendar, which is able to draw everybody’s attention on good practices indicated on all pages and months.





The calendars had been sent to 300 Italian RCHEPs and all European partners to remember how important and quite simple it is to save energy.

SAVE AGE kit and sensitization tools

A calendar may be not visible for everyone, because it could be positioned out of employees' sight in some offices. Therefore we produced also a specific kit to be more visible and useful also for the other employees and for the elderly people.

A screenshot of the kit is pasted below which has many tools : an institutional folder with advises for RCHEP's general board, a sort of big dimension posters with the most important arguments on SAVE AGE and an abstract of a comprehensive document on energy efficiency in Residential Care Homes, a focal point on waste energy issues and main action needed.

There is also included a folder with good behavioral rules for office, kitchen, laundry, assistance staff and autonomous elderly people.

Furthermore we prepared some service panels and cardboards for more critical energy areas like laundry and kitchen with specific advices for the staff, and an estimation of the possible savings.



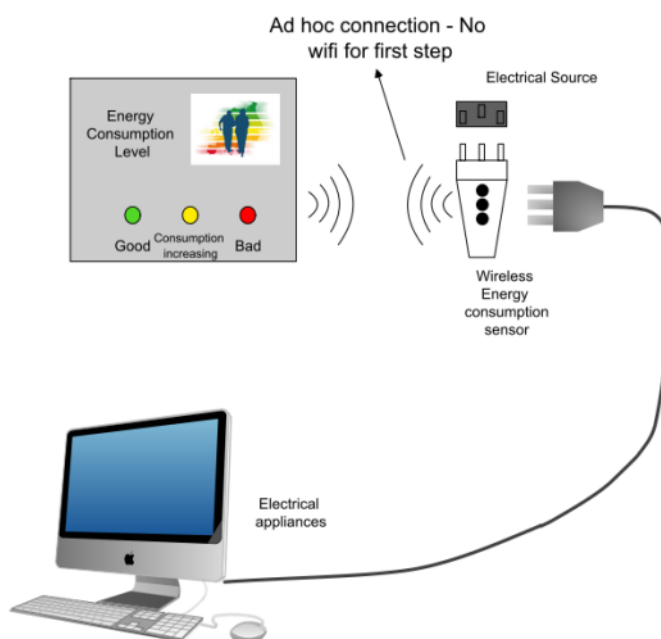
There are also stickers and door hangers in the kit, which can be attached in the bathrooms and at the windows and doors. Our aim is to distribute visible signs all around the buildings.



In March we will start to send the kit to Italian and European SAVE AGE partners to analyze the potential savings supported by the kit through stimulating right behavior after the SAVE AGE project for the next years.

“SAVE AGE” sensor

At last we thought to design and make available a low cost electronic sensor for every partner to monitor energy consumption for any electric device. The sensor permits to take over every anomaly and variation in electric consumption with a traffic light wireless panel.



The target of this gadget is to avoid that a device could lose its efficiency due to aging and invisible faults. For example a three years old washing machine can lose up to 40% of its efficiency due to bad maintenance. The gadget allows us to check and monitor more critical devices all along their life, showing a clear indication of the equipment status and also it could be a motivation for all us.