

## SAVE AGE – After One Year Of Implementation

SAVE AGE project after one year is showing maturity of implementation and is slowly gaining main outputs and deliverables. In the next months the analysis of the current situation of energy efficiency across 10 participating EU member states will be done. Analysis will show state of the art of RCHEP energy consumption, reasons for energy inefficient behaviour of elderly people and will tell us what are the most important needs and obstacles for RCHEP in Europe. Best available techniques and best/worst practices will be guidelines for thousands of homes in searching for improvements in energy efficiency.

Energy consumption seems to be the highest for water heat, kitchen and laundry facility and room heating. Results so far showed high importance of reducing energy consumption in heating, lighting, laundry facility in homes' kitchens. Biggest losses of heat are through roof, windows and chimneys. Energy efficiency should be first treated with improvement of energy management, information dissemination actions and saving measures. The biggest investment opportunities for improving energy efficiency are in insulation of roofs, change of water heating systems, change of lighting bulbs and local energy system regulation. Energy consumption monitoring and comparisons between different homes will lead to competition and improvement of energy efficiency.

One of the next important events in the SAVE AGE project will be the international seminar "Reducing Energy Costs in European Care Homes", taking place in Clairton Hotel Prague, 29.9.2011 from 9:00 until 12:00. At the conference first results of the SAVE AGE project will be presented. The participants will be able to gain important information regarding energy performance, needs and obstacles for energy efficiency in homes, and best/worst practices in energy efficiency. Moreover, they will be able to find important solutions proposals, for example an energy management information system, a successful example of method for energy awareness, the German financial model regarding energy efficiency and strategies and action plans for energy savings in the future. All interested are invited to participate at the event:

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