



Enhancing Telecare with Intelligent Water Meters		
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Theme: Choose at least one option	 Ageing & Care Asylum & Migration Young People Support for Children & Families Community Care Integrated Care & Support Co-Production Disability Housing & Homelessness Artificial Intelligence Digitalisation Quality Care 	 □ Labour Market Inclusion □ Social Inclusion ⋈ Technology □ Workforce and Leadership □ Social Benefits □ EU Funding ⋈ Social Service's Resilience □ Mental Health ⋈ Person-Centred Care □ Research & Use of Evidence □ Other, please specify:
Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights: Check the 20 principles here.	 □ 1. Education, training, life-long learning □ 2. Gender equality □ 3. Equal opportunities □ 4. Active support to employment □ 5. Secure and adaptable employment □ 6. Fair Wages □ 7. Transparent employment conditions □ 8. Social dialogue □ 9. Work-life balance □ 10. Healthy, safe work environment 	 □ 11. Childcare and child support □ 12. Social protection □ 13. Unemployment benefits □ 14. Minimum income □ 15. Old age income and pensions □ 16. Health care □ 17. Inclusion of people with disabilities ⋈ 18. Long-term care □ 19. Housing and assistance to homeless □ 20. Access to essential services
Current status of the practice:	 □ Concept and Design Phase □ Execution & Monitoring Phase □ Consolidation Phase □ Scaling Up and Transformation Phase □ Other (please specify) 	
issues addressed Please explain the problem you attempt to solve.	Since the early 2000s, Andalusia has established telecare services, making regular phone calls to older people in need of long-term care, living in their homes. It is a way to give older people living at home a feeling of security and to have someone look after them regularly. It is also a way to detect immediate care, for example, when someone has fallen and does not pick up the phone call. Unfortunately, it can happen that it takes a while until the telecare service detects that an older person needs immediate help, as people may encounter difficulties in the time period between two calls from the telecare services. By checking their	

water consumption remotely, the region of Andalusia, the city of Malaga and the local water company wants to ensure that situations, when older people need immediate care, are identified more effectively based on their water consumption at home. EMASA's smart metering system would alert the Andalusian Telecare Service to contact the user in order to clarify the situation and find out whether further action is necessary. In the event that contact cannot be made, community social services at Málaga City Council would be notified, who would proceed to carry out an on-site visit of the home. The system has a notification service and updates on the status of the incident so that the Andalusian Telecare Service can be kept updated as to the status of the case and notify family members or contacts if necessary.

Objectives:

Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.

- 1. Develop a system of collaboration between public organisations in order to facilitate monitoring of habits among users of the Andalusian Telecare Service through intelligent analysis of water consumption patterns in homes.
- 2. Set up a three-way action protocol in cases where anomalous behaviour occurs and an alarm is triggered so that potential unusual or risky situations in users' homes can be clarified.
- 3. In this way, more direct and preventive management of all those users who, due to problems of age, physical condition or illness, or who live alone, may suffer from forgetfulness, accidents or situations that require assistance from social services.

Activities:

Please summarise the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 200 words).

- Agencia de Servicios Sociales y Dependencia de Andalucía (ASSDA) has signed an Agreement with the Malaga City Council and the Municipal Water Company of Malaga S.A. (hereinafter, EMASA), which provides public services related to the integral water cycle in the City of Malaga so that the Telecare Services can respond to the alerts detected by EMASA motivated by excessively low or excessively highwater consumption in the homes of SAT users. It will allow you to prevent risk situations due to flooding and detect possible falls in the bathroom and prolonged absences, among others.
- When EMASA (Municipal Water Company of Malaga S.A) detects an alert of unusual water consumption that makes it suspect that the user needs assistance, it will alert the SAT of the situation, and this service will call the home to ensure that everything is in order or, if not, mobilize resources. that are necessary.
- Once the user of the selected Telecare Service has shown interest in participating in the EMASA program, they are sent or given, as the case may be, to read and sign a document, the Informed Consent to participate in the "Project" of alert management for unusual water consumption, which is attached.
- To put the project into practice, EMASA is developing artificial intelligence software to detect anomalous behaviour or consumption alerts that indicate potential risk situations.
- An exchange of information and notifications through a web platform will also be developed so that the service providers involved are kept informed of the status of the case, as well as the transmission of information and notifications in real-time on the actions carried out up until the closure of the case.

Evaluation of practice:

Please explain how you evaluate the practice, and what the results were/are so far - At this time, it has not yet been tested. The implementing parties are in the selection of people interested in being part of the programme

Links to supporting documents: e.g. website or report of the practice	Presentation: Andalusian Telecare Service Summary: The Andalusian Teleservices
Comments and tips i.e. for people willing to use your Practice	 Establish a protocol for data exchange between the different services involved. Seek the agreement of people so their data can be exchanged between different services. Having established a telecare system including a call centre to make the phone call is the basis, to further develop the system towards more intelligent, targeted phone calls, based on water consumption. Your city must have intelligent water meters, as a precondition to make this practice work.