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Interregional Event in Athens

50+ partners and stakeholders tested what can really transfer between regions, explored the barriers and enablers of technology adoption, and mapped next steps and timelines for changing regional policies.



Policy instrument analyses

What's holding assistive tech back across Europe? Our policy analyses reveal the gaps. Discover the differences across 7 European regions.



Project video launched

Our new TechSocialcare project **video is out!** In just **3 minutes, get to know the project**, its goals and why better rules for assistive technologies in social care matter.

Interregional event

Athens, 6-7 October 2026

More than 50 **TechSocialcare partners and stakeholders** came together in Athens to move the project from analysis towards concrete next steps.



A key focus was the next phase of **policy change**: every region now has a clearer **timeline** for updating its policy instrument and a better understanding of what those changes should mean locally. In Czechia, this includes improving how assistive technologies are financed in social services; other regions are focusing on telecare, interoperability, digital health, training and technology-enabled care.

Partners also shared a **new round of good practices**, from AI-supported documentation in social work and 5G telemedicine to smart rehabilitation leggings, VR training, speech-support software and digital tools for deaf and hard-of-hearing patients.

The **interactive workshop** added an international twist. Each group received a case study of an assistive technology from countries such as Japan or South Korea and discussed whether something similar already exists in their region, what could support its transfer and what could block it. Stakeholders brought real-world perspectives from social and healthcare services, making the discussion especially practical.

The programme also included **study visits** to Agios Savvas Hospital and Athens Nursing Home. A big thank you to our Greek partners for hosting two very full, and very useful, days.



Policy instrument analyses

Across all **seven TechSocialcare regions**, the analyses show a common pattern: **assistive technologies are developing faster than the policies** that should support their use.



In **Czechia**, attention is shifting towards better funding and procurement rules that consider functionality, not just price. **Greece** is focusing on telemedicine and access to care for older people and remote communities, while **Małopolska (PL)** is building on its strong telecare experience but still lacks uniform technical requirements. In **Romania**, rural areas face limited access to services and fragmented funding mechanisms. **Vidzeme (LV)** highlights the need for stronger local capacity to introduce new solutions. **Molise (IT)** points to missing technical standards and uneven access in remote areas, while **Sarajevo Canton (BA)** faces the challenge of turning digitalisation priorities into coordinated implementation. Together, these findings give us a clear roadmap for the policy changes ahead.

Want to explore the findings in more detail?

Download the summary or full regional Policy Instrument Analyses below.

[Read summary.](#)[Download full texts](#)

Project video

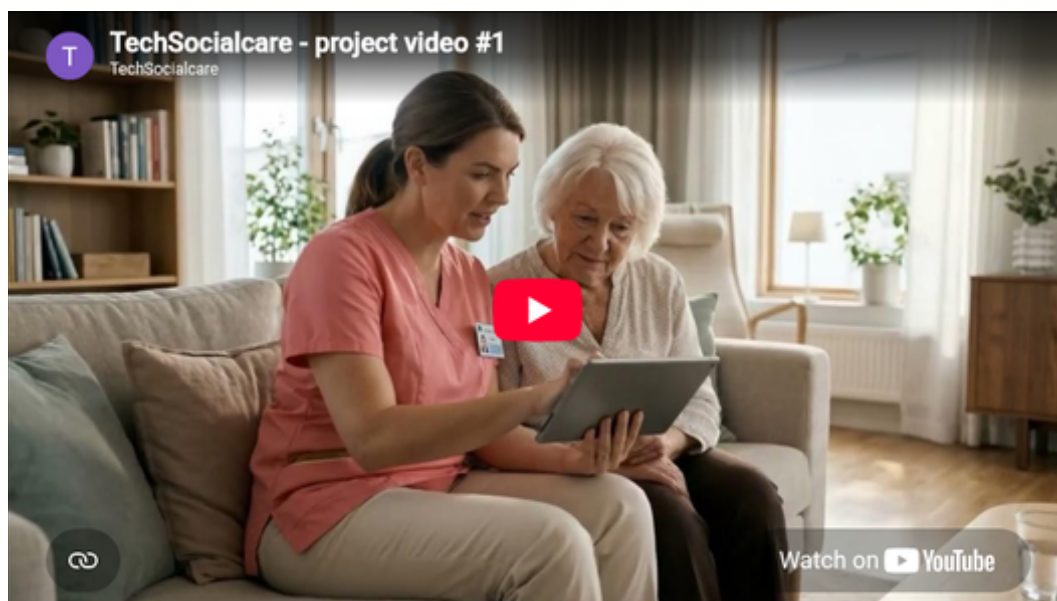
Understand TechSocialcare in 3 minutes

Explaining a project that combines technology, policy, social care and international cooperation is not always easy. That is exactly **why we created our new project video**.

In **just three minutes**, it introduces the main idea behind TechSocialcare, the challenges we are addressing and the change we want to support across our partner regions.

So if you are new to the project, need a quick refresher, or simply prefer watching to reading another project document, this is the best place to start.

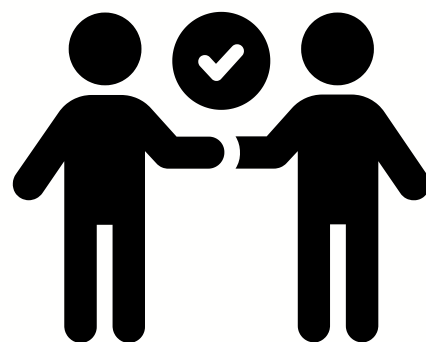
Press play and meet TechSocialcare.



TechSocialcare joins the Czech MoLSA working group

TechSocialcare is now represented in the new **working group** established by the **Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs** (MoLSA) to coordinate projects and organisations working on digitalisation, assistive technologies and AI in social services. The group creates a space to connect initiatives that would otherwise develop separately and to share experience directly with the ministry.

This is particularly important now, as the **Czech National Strategy for the Development of Social Services 2026–2030** explicitly identifies assistive technologies, AI and other innovations as areas that need further development. It also highlights the need for better use of digital technologies, data, standardisation and cooperation between technical experts, social care professionals and users.



For TechSocialcare, being part of this discussion creates a direct **bridge between our project findings and national policy**. We can bring in what we are learning about standards, functionality and safe implementation, while making sure our activities stay closely connected to what is actually being developed at national level. That gives our work a much better chance of moving beyond project outputs and into real practice.

Project visibility in the regions



TechSocialcare was presented at the **14th Health Forum in Patras** on 27 April, where our Greek partner **Industrial Systems Institute (ISI)** joined the discussion on healthy ageing and the future of care. ISI Director **Chrysostomos Stylios** introduced the project and showed how modern technologies can support older people's independence, improve everyday care and help social and healthcare services respond to growing needs.



At **URBIS 2026** in Brno, **CTU UCEEB** joined the interactive Doma je doma 2.0 showcase, where visitors could experience assistive technologies in a realistic home setting. Through guided **workshops** and care simulations, participants tested sensors, telemedicine devices and other tools while exploring how they can support safety, independence and everyday decision-making. A practical reminder that good technology needs to work not only in theory, but in real life.



In **Sarajevo**, citizens at the Centre for Healthy Ageing Novo Sarajevo were introduced to the new **nKLIK app**, designed to make digital health services easier to access and use. The event also gave Daria Ler from **ASA Institute** the opportunity to present TechSocialcare and discuss how assistive technologies and European experience can support healthy ageing, greater independence and more accessible health and social care.

Stay in the loop

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