

AAATE General Assembly 2025

Nicosia, Cyprus
11 September 2025

AAATE Board 2024-25



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Sabine Lobnig



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Secretariat Linz: Ralf Klug

Agenda

- Welcome and opening
- Minutes of the last General Assembly
- Report from the treasurer and the auditors. Relief of the Board
- AAATE activity report and highlights
- Elections of the Board
- Short announcements from members
- Any other business
- Meeting closed

Approval of the previous GA minutes



Minutes of the AAATE General Assembly 2024

Time: Thursday, 11th of July 2024, at 17.00-18.30 CEST

Place: ICCHP Conference, Johannes Kepler University (Loft C), Linz

Online: It was possible to follow the Assembly remotely: <https://zoom.us/j/9056550031>

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening
2. Minutes of the last General Assembly
3. Report from the treasurer and the auditors

Report from the treasurer

Introductory comments

- We are presenting the 2024 financial report
- Reviewed by elected auditors
- We will also show how the reports will look from 2025 onward using 2024 numbers

Summary

SUMMARY	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
INCOME					
AAATE Net turnover	6,665	21,457	6,494	16,977	12,917
Projects/Conf. Net turnover	32,332	41,236	97,815	43,823	245,669
TOTAL INCOME	38,997	62,693	104,310	60,800	258,586
EXPENSES					
Total Production Expenses	21,320	20,723	11,015	7,314	16,618
Projects/Conf. Expenses	34,845	73,474	100,922	94,578	80,083
Total Administration Expenses	11,143	4,058	3,562	9,099	5,770
TOTAL EXPENSES	67,308	98,255	115,500	110,991	102,471
RESULT OF THE YEAR	-28,311	-35,562	-11,190	-50,191	156,115

Income

NET TURNOVER	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Membership Fees	¹ 17,155	21,960	¹ 17,055	21,405	17,300
Allowance for Bad Debts	-1,505	-520	-1,630	-4,450	-4,410
Interest & Discounts on Accounts	15	17	19	22	27
Project Income incl. Conferences/WS	32,332	41,236	98,865	43,823	245,629
TOTAL NET TURNOVER	38,997	62,693	104,310	60,800	258,586

¹ Less income from membership fees because of two-years payments in 2023 and 2021

Outgoings

EXPENSES	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
PRODUCTION EXPENSES					
Web-Sites	49	38	34	43	34
Project Costs incl. Staff	33,445	58,830	95,321	94,578	80,082
Conference & Workshop	1,400	14,644	5,601		1
Board Meeting Costs	7,128	10,147	7,395	1,590	4,662
Association External Liaison	1,080	62	1,115	694	3,549
Communication & Dissemination Team	2,310			4,100	2,400
Secretary General	10,754	10,477	2,472	887	5,974
TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES	56,165	94,197	111,938	101,892	96,701
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES					
Secretariat	4,608	3,429	2,788	4,470	5,340
Other Expenses	150	140		0	140
Charges for Journal	6,000			4,000	
Financial Transaction Charges	385	489	560	629	290
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	11,143	4,058	3,562	9,099	5,770
TOTAL EXPENSES	67,308	98,255	115,500	110,991	102,471

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	€		LIABILITIES	€
AMOUNTS DUE			CAPITAL	
Debtors membership	1 445		Result 2024	- 28 311
Other			Opening Balance 2024	168 449
TOTAL AMOUNTS DUE	1 445		TOTAL CAPITAL	140 138
LIQUID ASSETS			Liabilities	
Bank account	167 395		Liabilities AAATE	1 233
			Deferred Income (2025/2026)	27 469
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	167 395		Total Liabilities	28,702
TOTAL ASSETS	168 840		TOTAL LIABILITIES	168 840

Auditors Report

Auditors:

Jan Engelen
Susanne Dirks



To the board of AAATE
JE/AAATE

June 25, 2025

AAATE audit of the financial report covering the year 2024

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I have checked the following financial reports covering the fiscal year 2024 which I received from the AAATE secretariat:

- The overview financial report providing details on incomes and expenses for the last five years (AAATE financial report 2024.xlsx)
- Account balances 2024.pdf
- Bank statement 311224.pdf
- Debtors membership 2024.pdf
- Liabilities 2024.pdf
- Opening balance sheet 010124.pdf

As explained in previous reviews, AAATE used to have strongly fluctuating financial results.

In order to improve transparency of the bookkeeping, it was decided during the last Annual General Meeting, to switch to double-entry bookkeeping on the income side.
Project income is now allocated to the year in which it is expected to be used.

As a result, income for later years is shown in the balance sheet as liabilities (i.e. deferred income). This change implies that the data cannot be displayed completely correctly in the year of the changeover, as no deferred income from previous year can be shown.

Therefore a loss of € 28 311 is shown, but if the bank account totals from 31/12/2023 (€ 169 161) and 31/12/2024 (€ 167 395) are considered, there was a real loss of just € 1 766. The balance shows total assets of € 168 840. The difference with the assets figure is due to a couple of membership debtors.

In my opinion, the figures of the financial report are correct and represent the true financial position of the Association at the end of the year 2024 and are indicative of almost a nearly status quo.

Setting additional goals for association can only be envisaged if new sources of income, e.g. (European) projects, can be acquired.

PS: A special thank-you for Priska Feichtenschlager who, for so many years, perfectly managed the AAATE bookkeeping at JKU, leaving almost no work to be auditors....

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Audit of the AAATE financial report 2024

Diktatzeichen	Älterzeichen	Ort	Datum	Dienstgebäude/Raum
		Dortmund	11. August 2025	EF 50; Raum 4.452

To whom it may concern

Hereby I gladly respond to the request to review the financial report for 2024.
I have checked the following documents that I received from the secretary's office of AAATE:

- AAATE Financial Report 2024 (AAATE financial report 2024.xlsx)
- Account Balances 2024 (Account balances 2024.pdf)
- Bank Statement 31.12.2024 (Bank statement 311224.pdf)
- Debtors Membership 2024 (Debtors membership 2024.pdf)
- Liabilities 2024 (Liabilities 2024.pdf)
- Opening Balance Sheet 01.01.2024 (Opening balance sheet 010124.pdf)

The Financial Report shows a net turnover of € 38.997 for 2024. The total expenses amounted to € 67.308. This results in an annual result of € -28.311 for the fiscal year 2024.
The total AAATE's assets amounted to € 168.840 at the end of 2024. As of December 31, 2024, account 32100- 229488 was balanced with € 167.395,37. The difference between assets and account balance (€ 1.444,63) was mainly due to unpaid membership fees.

After careful review, I conclude that the provided financial report is accurate and reflects the true financial position of the AAATE at the end of the year 2024.

Even though I haven't been involved as an auditor for as long as Jan, I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Priska for her impeccable bookkeeping and her always friendly reminders to submit the audits on time :-).

Susanne Dirks

Auditors' conclusions

In my opinion, the figures of the financial report are correct and represent the true financial position of the Association at the end of the year 2024 and are indicative of almost a nearly status quo.

Setting additional goals for association can only be envisaged if new sources of income, e.g. (European) projects, can be acquired.

Jan Engelen, 25.6.2025

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Susanne Dirks, 11.8.2025

New Format for Financial Reports starting 2025

What is new?

- Financial data distinguish between **AAATE Office** and **Projects**, with a **Consolidated** summary. This clarifies operational costs vs. project-related flows.
- **Carry-over & deferred income:**
 - *Carry-over* shows prior-year income/expenses impacting the current period (e.g., project tranches received earlier but spent this year).
 - *Deferred income* shows amounts received this year but recognised next year (and appears as a **liability** on the Balance Sheet).
- **Overheads shown separately:** Overheads are itemised (e.g., JKU and AAATE), improving visibility of indirect costs and ensuring they reconcile in the consolidated view.
- **Balance Sheet linkage:** Deferred income and year result reconcile to the Balance Sheet (assets, liabilities), ensuring transparency across statements.
- From **2025**, only the **new format** will be used, simplifying comparisons year-on-year.

AAATE Office (2024)

AAATE Office	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Income			
Membership Fees incl. Carryover	€ 14 410	€ 13 643	€ 768
Project & Other Income	€ 2 607	€ 4 988	-€ 2 381
Total Income	€ 17 017	€ 18 630	-€ 1 613
Production Expenses			
Conference	€ -	€ 1 400	-€ 1 400
Staff (Secretary Gen. & Comm. Team)	€ 27 713	€ 13 064	€ 14 649
Board Meeting Costs	€ 10 000	€ 7 128	€ 2 872
Association External Liaison & Website	€ 2 038	€ 1 128	€ 910
Administration Expenses			
Secretariat	€ 4 789	€ 4 608	€ 181
Charges for Journal	€ 2 000	€ 6 000	-€ 4 000
Charges & Other Expenses	€ 770	€ 535	€ 235
Total Expenses	€ 47 310	€ 33 864	€ 13 446
Deferred income	€ 735	€ 865	-€ 130
Result	-€ 31 028	-€ 16 098	-€ 14 929

Projects Total (2024)

Projects total	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Total Income incl. carryover from previous year	€ 58 397	€ 63 879	-€ 5 482
Total Expenses	€ 41 103	€ 29 084	€ 12 019
Overheads (JKU)	€ 2 877	€ 2 036	€ 841
Overheads (AAATE)	€ 2 607	€ 3 973	-€ 1 365
Deferred income	€ 11 810	€ 28 787	-€ 16 977

Consolidated Summary (2024)

(Total of AAATE office and Projects)

Consolidated 2024	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Total Income	€ 75.414	€ 82.509	-€ 7.095
Cost Production	€ 78.978	€ 49.740	€ 29.238
Costs Admin. Expenses	€ 9.435	€ 13.208	-€ 3.773
Total Expenses	€ 88.413	€ 62.948	€ 25.465
Overheads (JKU)	€ 2.877	€ 2.036	€ 841
Overheads (AAATE)	€ 2.607	€ 3.973	-€ 1.365
Deferred income	€ 12.545	€ 29.652	-€ 17.107
Result	-€ 31.028	-€ 16.099	-€ 14.929

Relief of the board

for the financial management
presented

Budget 2026

Budget 2026	AAATE Office 26	Projects 26	2026
Income	AAATE	Projects	Total
Membership Fees	16.100	-	16.100
Project Income	1.942	49.345	51.287
Total Income	18.042	49.345	67.387
Production Expenses	AAATE	Projects	Total
Website & Other Costs	40	-	40
Staff	34.405	26.040	60.445
Project related expenses	-	6.000	6.000
Board Meeting Costs	10.000	-	10.000
Association External Liaison	2.000	-	2.000
Administration Expenses	AAATE	Projects	Total
Secretariat	6.700	-	6.700
Charges for Journal	2.000	-	2.000
Other Expenses	770	-	770
Total Expenses	55.915	32.040	87.955
Overheads (JKU)	-	2.243	2.243
Overheads (AAATE)	-	1.942	1.942
Deferred income	800	13.120	13.920
Result	-38.673	0	-38.673

Membership Fees 2026 (proposal)

Option for 1 or 2 year membership. Discount in case of biannual renewal.

Individual Membership	1 year	2 years
Professionals	(80 EUR) 100 EUR	(130 EUR) 165 EUR
Students, Seniors (+65), members with disabilities, who are not employed and members living in <u>Non High-Income Countries</u>	(40 EUR) 50 EUR	(65 EUR) 80 EUR
Institutional Membership	1 year	2 years
Institution (3 individuals included)	(250 EUR) 325 EUR	(425 EUR) 550 EUR
Additional individual member	(40 EUR) 50 EUR	(65 EUR) 80 EUR

Budget 2026 (new fees)

Budget 2026	AAATE Office 26	Projects 26	2026
Income	AAATE	Projects	Total
Membership Fees	18.333	-	18.333
Project Income	1.942	49.345	51.287
Total Income	20.275	49.345	69.620
Production Expenses	AAATE	Projects	Total
Website & Other Costs	40	-	40
Staff	34.405	26.040	60.445
Project related expenses	-	6.000	6.000
Board Meeting Costs	10.000	-	10.000
Association External Liaison	2.000	-	2.000
Administration Expenses	AAATE	Projects	Total
Secretariat	6.700	-	6.700
Charges for Journal	2.000	-	2.000
Other Expenses	770	-	770
Total Expenses	55.915	32.040	87.955
Overheads (JKU)	-	2.243	2.243
Overheads (AAATE)	-	1.942	1.942
Deferred income	1.030	13.120	14.150
Result	-36.671	0	-36.671

Membership: *Current Members*

Membership	06/2022	08/2023	07/2024	07/2025
Institutions	38 (21)*	38 (24)*	40 (26)*	41 (27)*
Individuals	187 (97)*	224 (117)*	206 (125)*	226 (135)*
Among which:				
Individuals in the framework of an institutional membership	119 (67)*	120 (73)*	125 (81)*	128 (86)*
Individual members not in the framework of an institutional membership	58 (26)*	89 (36)*	65 (35)*	67 (35)*
Individuals with discount (students, seniors +65),..	10 (4)*	15 (8)*	16 (9)*	21 (14)*
Free (from sister organisations) and Honorary members				9

* biannual membership

AAATE Activity Report

- Strategic development (Pedro)
- National Contact Persons (Pedro)
- Project participation (Evert-Jan)
- International networking and collaborations (Evert-Jan)
- Communication affairs (Sabine)
- Publication affairs (Pedro and Gabriela Ricci)

Strategic Development

Objectives:

- 1. to intrinsically strengthen the association
- 1. to improve the organisation's external and internal communication
- 1. to increase the impact of the Association
- 1. to activate resources

*From: AAATE strategic development plan 2022-2023
(discussed and approved 10.02.2022, Athens Board Meeting)
(discussed and reaffirmed 22.01.2024, Lisbon Board Meeting)*

1. To intrinsically strengthen the association

- Organizational improvements
 - Smooth secretariat transition
- Application for a operating grant
 - Unsuccessful. We will try again

2. To improve the organisation's external and internal communication

- Quarterly newsletter
 - Implemented on 2024
- Aperitivos
 - March 14, 2024; May 30, 2024; September 5, 2024; November 7, 2024; February 10, 2025; May 26, 2025; August 20, 2025
- New AAATE flyer
- New AAATE PowerPoint presentation

3. To increase the impact of the Association

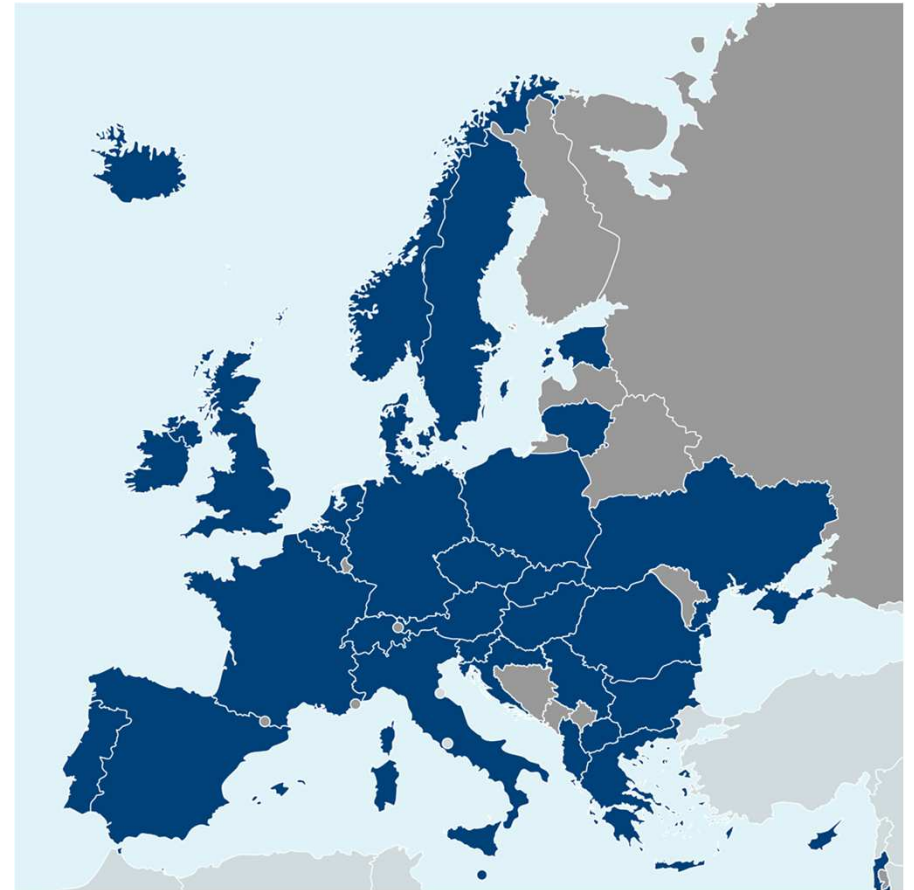
- Leading role in GAATO
 - Luc de Witte was re-elected president of GAATO, representing AAATE
- New partnerships
 - [ATIA Alliance Partner](#)
 - Associated Organizational Member of ENIL
 - Applied to become an Ordinary Member of EDF (decision on the October 20, 2025, Membership Committee meeting)
 - Close involvement in [AccessibleEU](#)
- Involvement in (research) projects
- The Global Think Tank on (Assistive) Technology and older adults
- 30-year celebration T&D special issue

4. To activate resources

- Increase the participation of members
- Apply for project and structural funding
- Active participation in international networks

National Contact Persons

- A new AAATE flyer and a new PPT AAATE presentation was shared, and NCPs were invited to translate them to their own languages, if useful
- We still don't have NCPs in Andorra, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Palestine, Russia



Project applications 2024-2025

Title	Programme	Submission	Funding	Role	Lead partner
AI4H	Erasmus+	March 2024	50.300 Euro	Partner	Polish non member
GAIA	Erasmus+	March 2024	Not funded	Lead	AAATE
Operating grand	EU4Health	June 2024	Not funded	Lead	AAATE
ECCCH AccessAbility	Horizon Europe	January 2025	Not funded	Partner	Greek non member
UPGRADE	Erasmus+	March 2025	39.165 Euro	Partner	Austrian member
Teach-IT	Erasmus+	March 2025	Not funded	Partner	Belgium member
RAISED	Erasmus+	March 2025	Not funded	Partner	Italian non member
4 proposals	Horizon Europe	September 2025	Total approx. 800.000 Euro	Partner	Austrian member, Spanish non member, Norwegian non member, German non member

European Project Activities

An important opportunity to strengthen the organisation and to create impact

Projects concluded in 2024 and 2025

2024

- TRIPS (Increasing accessibility of public transport)
- DIGI READY (Erasmus+ Project)
- Right to Connect Now (Erasmus+ Project)

2025

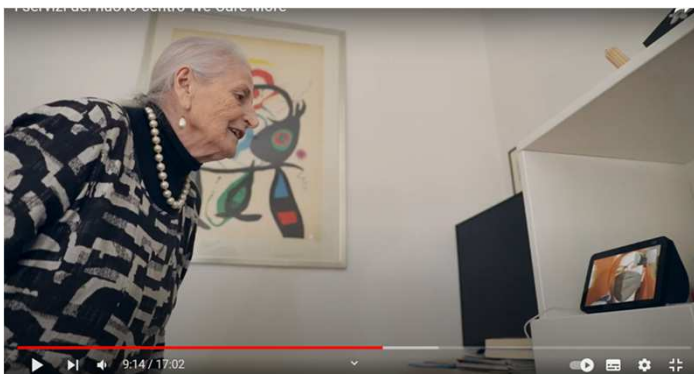
- SEURO (Horizon 2020 Person-centred technologies for integrated care)

Projects started in 2025

- AI4HomeCarers (Erasmus+)
- UPGRADE (Erasmus+)

→ Consider AAATE as a
project partner

See: <https://aaate.net/activities/projects/>



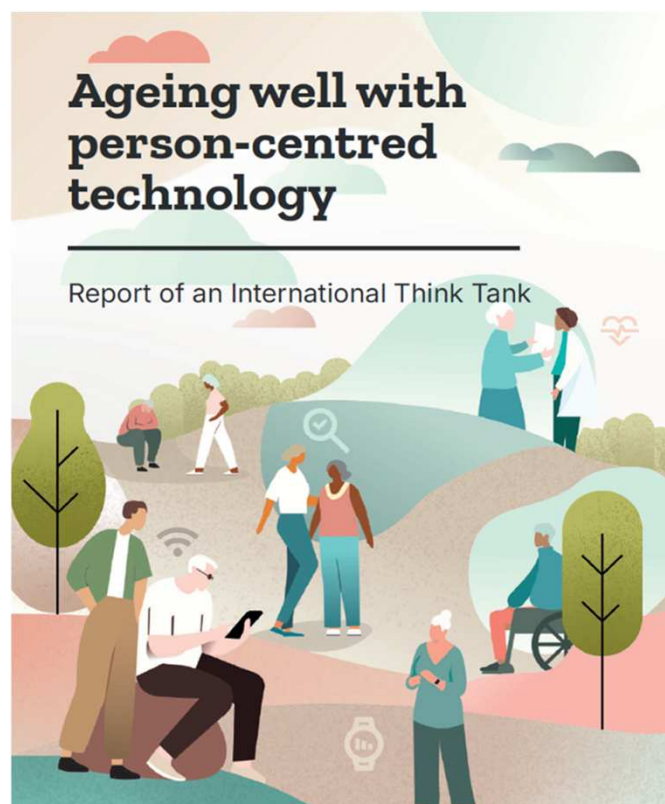
The Global Think Tank on Ageing and Person Centred Technology in care and support services

A project of: AAATE-GAATO-SEURO Project



SEURO Project (EC_H2020 GA No.945449)

International Think Tank



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PS We.A1: Ageing well with person-centred technology: an intercultural perspective
Wednesday 10/09/2025

The Think Tank will continue with additional meetings in 2026.

- More information
- More Good Practices
- More recommendations
- Involvement of international organisations

Sign up!

Artificial Intelligence for Home Carers



Funded by
the European Union

2024-1-PL01-KA121-ADU-000236730

Main objective

To improve the level of knowledge of informal caregivers about existing solutions based on AI for the daily caring activities.

Result 1.

An AI4H training path for informal caregivers

The methodological framework of the AI4H training path for informal caregivers covers a general understanding of AI as applied in products and solutions available in the market, going deeply into specific aspects crucial for their application in caring contexts.

<https://ai4homecare.eu/>

Result 2.

An open AI4H training platform

An open AI4H training platform based on the methodological framework of the AI4H training path, with focus on the practical element so that the caregiver can understand what the solution is, how to use it in daily care, what the limitations are, etc., with examples of in-practice application, explaining the processes, pitfalls, and results.

Consortium:



fundacja
MAŁOPOLSKA IZBA
SAMORZĄDOWA



Pragma
Engineering



UPGRADE

Start: 1.09.2025

Main objectives

- Empower young people by leveraging video games as tools for social inclusion, accessibility awareness, and personal development.
- Equip youth workers with practical knowledge and methodologies to support young people in making gaming an inclusive and empowering experience.
- Develop digital skills and employability through gaming-related activities, particularly for youth at risk of exclusion.
- Promote responsible gaming

LEAD Partner:
HILFSGEMEINSCHAFT DER
BLINDEN UND SEHSCHWACHEN
ÖSTERREICHS VEREIN (AT)

Activities

- An online community hub for inclusive gaming and skills development.
- Training units on accessibility challenges in gaming, on game-related skills acquisition for enhanced employability, and digital ethics.
- Hands-on Living Labs, where participating youth and youth workers co-create solutions, test adaptive gaming setups and contribute to the content creation for the community hub .
- Peer-led workshops, engaging youth workers and accessibility experts.

Other partners: Thomas More Kempen (B), AIAS Bologna (IT), e-Nable, (GR), Politecnica Slaska (PL), University of BERGAMO (IT), AAATE (AT)

Results

- A digital interactive Platform (UPGRADE Community Hub).
- A structured and applicable strategy for using video games for skills development and inclusion.
- Co-created training resources and guidelines to support youth workers.

The project will contribute to:

- The acknowledgement of **gaming as a tool for inclusion and informal education**.
- The **capacity of youth workers** to increase the employability of young persons with disabilities.

Only with your support

AAATE members that have actively supported the project development and implementation activities

Serenella Besio (Uni Bergamo)
 Lisa Cesario (AIAS Bologna onlus)
 Jo Daems (Thomas More)
 Wim de Backer (Thomas More)
 Eva de Lera (Raising the Floor)
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 Klaus Hoeckner (Hilfsgemeinschaft etc.)
 Riccardo Magni (GLIC)

Katerina Mavrou (EUC)
 Sari Merilampi (Satakunta University)
 Irene Sudy (Hilfsgemeinschaft etc.)
 Maria Toro Hernandez (Consultant)
 Ivan Traina (University of Verona)

The AAATE Board members

(Apologies if I forget someone)

International networking and collaborations

The Global Alliance of Assistive Technology Organizations

www.gaato.org

81 Av. Louis Casai, 1216 Cointrin, Switzerland



GAATO members - the organization is stable



Formal relations with:



CREATE Asia



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS



Affiliate organizations



GAATO Board

Executive Board of Directors

- **President:** Luc de Witte (AAATE)
- **Vice-President:** Silvana Contepomi (AATA)
- **Secretary:** Natasha Layton (ARATA)
- **Treasurer:** Andrea van Hook (RESNA)

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- Kathy Cheng (TREATS)
- Ritsuya Katsura (RESJA)
- Won-Kyung Song (RESKO)
- Tarit Datta (IAAT)
- David Constantine (ISPO)

Alternate board member for AAATE: Pedro Encarnação

Secretariat

- **Secretary-General:**
Evert-Jan Hoogerwerf
- **Administrator:**
René Lejeune

GAATO - AAATE activities and collaborations at the Inclusion Forum of the AAATE'25 conference

Ageing well with person-centred technology:
an intercultural perspective

AAATE & GAATO

Wednesday 10/09/2025 at 14.00-16.00

Advancing AT worldwide: the WHO global
roadmap for access to AT and the role of AT
organizations

GAATO & WHO

Wednesday 10/09/2025 at 16.30-18.00

Vulnerability Vs Sustainability of
Assistive Technology Policy and
Provision: A Global Debate on the
Best Way Forward

University of Limerick, Maynooth
University, AT Scale, ISWP, GAATO

Thursday 11/09/2025 at 15.15-16.45

AAATE activities at the i-CREATe 2024 conference



Workshop on the Global Report on Assistive Technology

A session organised by GAATO and CREATe Asia.

Challenges for the uptake and transfer of person-centred technology for independent living of older citizens: an interactive dialogue workshop
(A Seuro project - AAATE - GAATO workshop)

Other collaborations



European Association of Service providers
for Persons with Disabilities

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Empowering care and support networks in the digital era

Wednesday 10/09/2025 11.00-12.30



Zero Project
Conference 2025

@ZeroProject Conference 2025

Boosting Digital and Assistive
Technology Skills for Inclusive
Employment

Thursday 06/03/2025 15:00-
15:20

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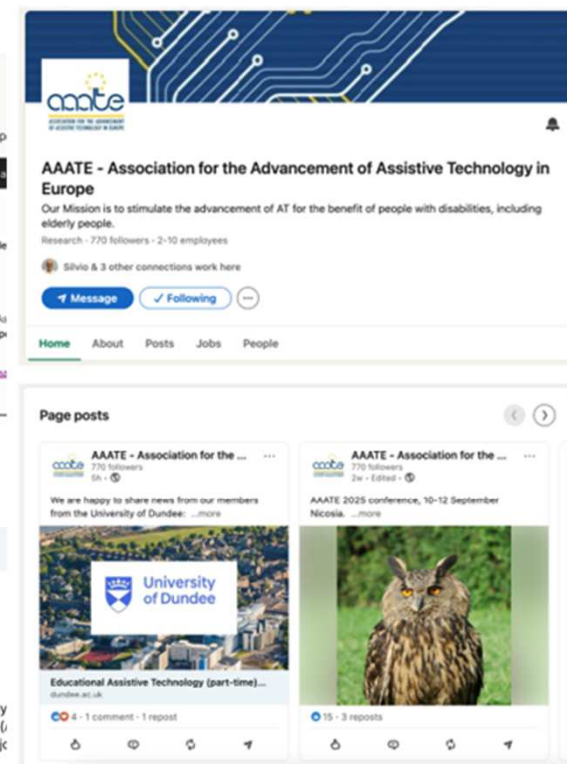
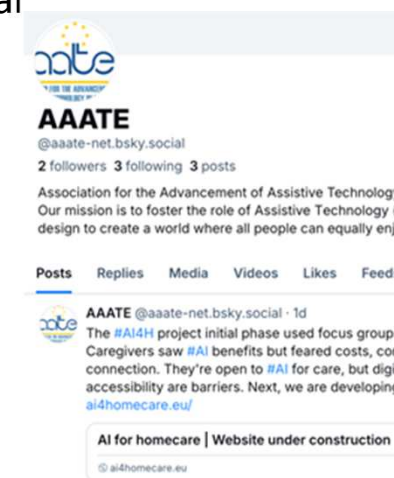
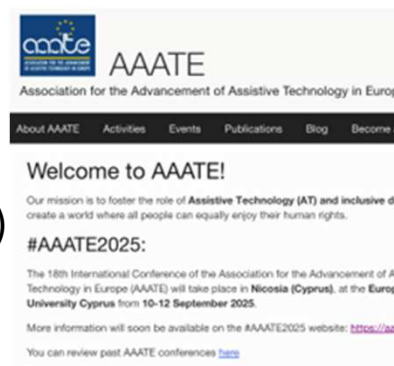
Crisis response and its
implications for AT regarding
persons with disabilities

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Communication affairs

Communication channels

- AAATE website
 - association news and members update via the blog
 - members login => connect with the AAATE network
 - resources (incl. Access to Technology & Disability journal)
- Social media & emailings
 - LinkedIn page (770 followers) & group (767 members)
 - migrating from Twitter to BlueSky: @aaate-net.bsky.social
 - regular updates via emailings & quarterly newsletters
- Exchange and connect
 - bi-yearly conferences and workshops
 - quarterly online Aperitivos

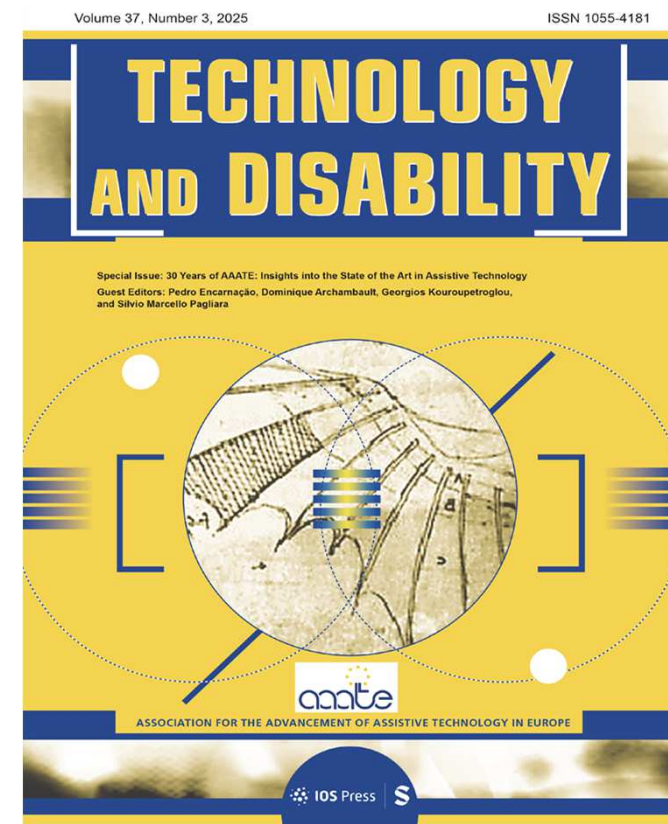


Publication affairs

Recent publications

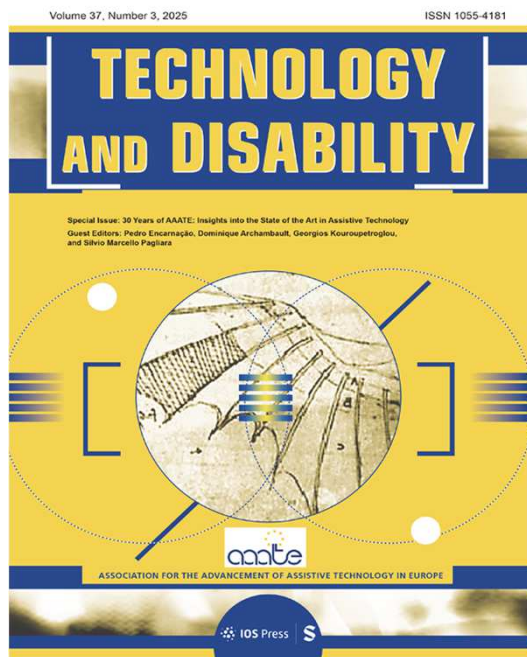


Short Papers Collection



Publication affairs

Technology and Disability



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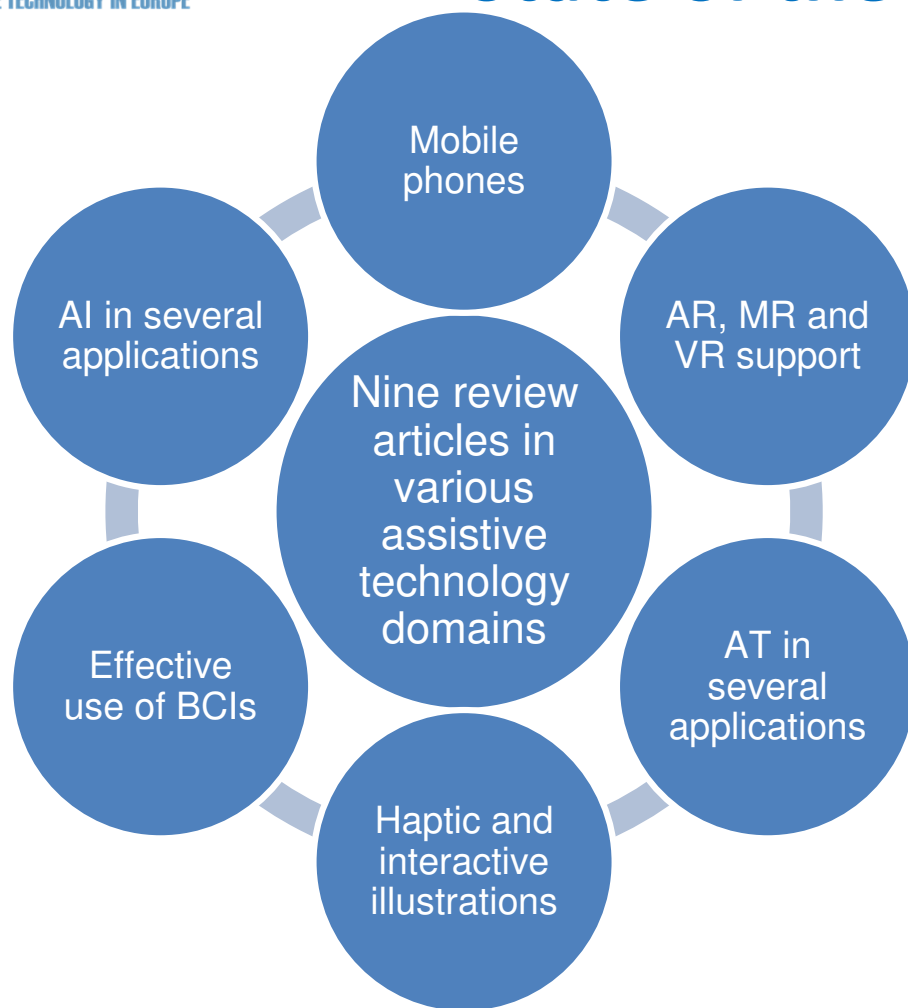
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Elections

AAATE Board 2026-2027

Elections Package

By the AAATE Nomination Committee:
Luc De Witte, Renzo Andrich and Klaus Miesenberger

Positions for election for the term 2026 – 2027, currently held by:

<u>President:</u>	Pedro Encarnação (P)
<u>President Elect:</u>	Dominique Archambault (FR)
<u>Past President:</u>	Georgios Kouroupetroglou (GR)
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Silvio Marcello Pagliara (IT)
<u>Secretary:</u>	Tone Øderud, (SE)
<u>Project Officer:</u>	Maurice Grinberg (BG)
<u>External Communication and Information:</u>	Emma Smith (IE)

Candidates proposed by the board in office (following the election by-law):

<u>President:</u>	Dominique Archambault (FR)
<u>President Elect:</u>	Silvio Marcello Pagliara (IT)
<u>Past President:</u>	Pedro Encarnação (P)

Candidates for four board positions (allocation of the Treasurer, Secretary, Project Officer, and External Communication/Information roles in the board will be agreed on by the new board)

Maurice Grinberg (BG) (re-candidate)
Tone Øderud (NO) (re-candidate)
Emma Smith (IE) (re- candidate)
Annalu Waller (GB) (new candidate)
Merita Hoxha (ALB) (new candidate)
Lorenzo Desideri (IT) (new candidate)
Reinhard Koutny (AT) (new candidate)
Melanie Schaur (AT) (new candidate)

Two positions as auditors for the term 2026 – 2027, currently held by:

Jan Engelen (BE)

Susanne Dirks (DE)

Candidates for the two auditors

Susanne Dirks (DE) (re-candidate)

Jan Engelen (BE) (re-candidate)

Reinhard Koutny (AT) (new candidate)

Melanie Schaur (AT) (new candidate)

**Three positions in the Nomination Committee for the term 2026 – 2027,
currently held by:**

Renzo Andrich (IT)

Luc de Witte (NL)

Klaus Miesenberger (AT)

Candidates for the three positions in the Nomination Committee

Renzo Andrich (IT) (re-candidate)

Luc de Witte (NL) (re-candidate)

Klaus Miesenberger (AT) (re-candidate)

Short Announcements of members

Any other business

Closing of the General Assembly

