



# IOANNA

Integration Of All stores Network & Navigation Assistant

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## RECENT EVENTS

### IOANNA Project participates in the Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe

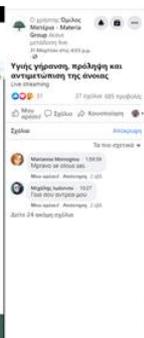
ITU is holding the third edition of the Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe – a competition aimed at promoting the development of innovative and creative digital solutions to benefit persons with disabilities (PwD), bringing more social inclusion and interaction, comfort and quality of life to their daily routine through mobile technologies.



Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) like IOANNA solution have a vital role for ALL people's empowerment and represent an enabler for an inclusive society. For Persons with Disabilities (PwD), smart solutions like IOANNA's are essential barrier removers which help them live an independent life, participate in cultural events or political processes, benefit from education or entertainment, or obtain a job.

The Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe promotes the goals and objectives of ITU, as well as Sustainable Development Goals, in the specific context of Europe. The competition aims at fostering the research and development of new digital solutions which seek to bring more social inclusion and interaction as well as comfort and quality of life to the daily routine of persons with disabilities, in line with SDG 10 (reduced inequality). Simultaneously, it aims at fostering the innovation ecosystem with a focus on ICT Accessibility, in line with SDG 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure).

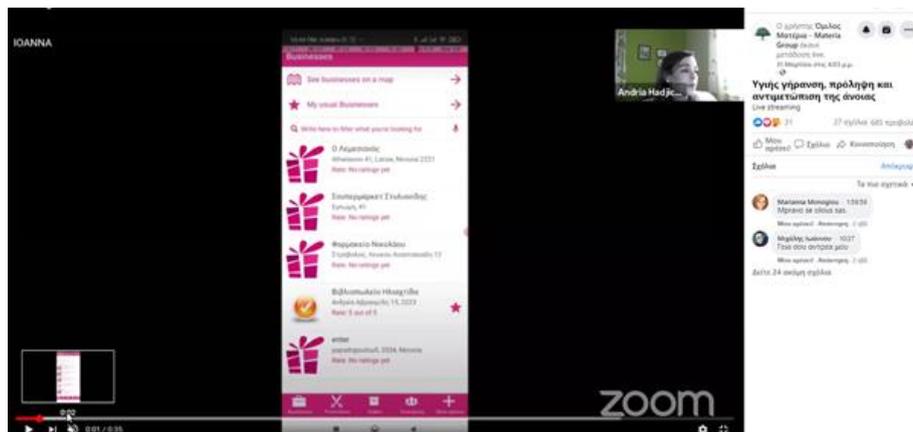
## IOANNA Project presented by Materia Group in an online webinar on “Healthy Aging, Preventing and Coping with Dementia”



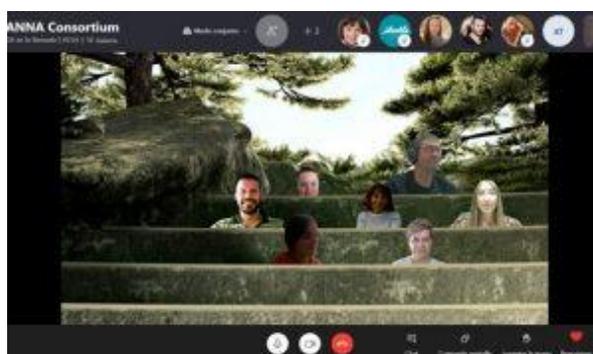
On the 31st of March 2021, Materia Group in collaboration with Noesis Cognitive Center & Tech Solutions and Aktios Elderly Care Unit, organized an online webinar titled “Healthy Aging, Preventing and Coping with Dementia”. During the session “Technological

Applications for Older Adults”, Materia Group presented the IOANNA project and application through a live demonstration.

More than 600 people from Cyprus, Greece and Europe attended the seminar through Zoom, Facebook live and Youtube. Attendees posed interesting questions and many among them expressed their wish to be included in the IOANNA field trials.



## IOANNA Consortium organized its online M38 Consortium Meeting



IOANNA Project, which started on the 2nd of April 2019, held the **M38 project** in an online meeting, due to the **COVID-19 pandemic restrictions**, on the 12th of May.

During the meeting each partner’s performed work during the last months of the project was presented and discussed over the following steps to follow for the success of the project,

which will finish in June 2021.

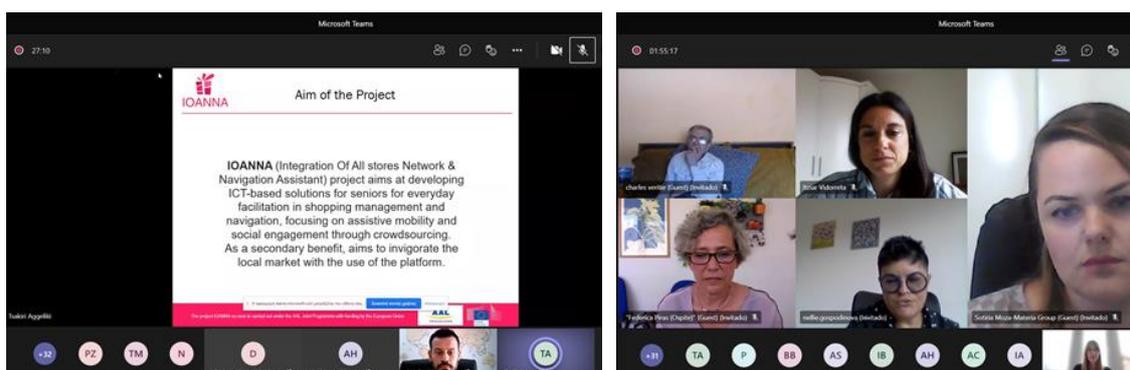


## Celebration of the Virtual Interactive Workshop on Assistive Technologies for Older Adults

Last Friday took place the **IOANNA's Final Open Workshop**, in the framework of the **Virtual Interactive Workshop "ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR OLDER ADULTS: EXPERIENCES AND PROSPECTS"**, in which we had the chance to present the outcomes of our project to **52 participants from all over Europe and Latin America** (Uruguay, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico among other countries).

During the workshop we had the opportunity to learn from different AAL projects and other European initiatives, presenting the aspects ICT can help older adults with specific instruments and systems, as well as the benefits and older adults experiences. End users experts from Materia Group, Ana Aslan International Foundation and Fondazione Santa Lucia discussed over the perception of older adults over digital technologies, as well as the obstacles they may find and how COVID-19 pandemic has helped overcome some of them.

Finally, we counted on with the presence of Dr Marios Kyriazis, who elaborated on the concerns and 'catches' related to the use of new technology.



## Last Consortium meeting of the IOANNA Project

The **last Consortium meeting of the AAL project IOANNA** was held on **Monday 28th of June 2021**, before the official end of the project on the 4th of July. As the on-going

Covid-19 pandemic prevents the organisation of in-person meetings, the IOANNA Consortium meeting was again organised as an online meeting.

The meeting started with the presentation of IOANNA Project coordinator, Dr Vasilis Giannoglou, from GEO. After this, the work carried out for the project and its achievements was presented and analysed by partners.

**Among the products produced by partners are:**

- Second integrated prototype and Final product
- Test report
- Second prototype pilot tests evaluation plan and pilot field tests and evaluation analysis
- Final business models and exploitation and continuity plans
- Final report on dissemination activities and their impact



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