Towards an active ageing at home
Barcelona conference
Caixa Forum, 24th and 25th October 2012.
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ACCEPLAN, the social innovation research group of the University Institute of European Studies (IUEE) in Barcelona, is organizing a European Conference “Towards active ageing at home (age @ HOME)”, at which different initiatives and experiences aimed to promote active, independent and safe ageing in the community will be presented. The need for a common European concept of “ageing at home” will be discussed.

The conference wishes to improve knowledge and promote the role of home for an active and independent ageing. Social demands and housing stock conditions are a source of opportunities for professional and economic activity under different disciplines and the public-private cooperation. Fields involved include: health, social services, housing renovation and modifications, assistive technologies, etc.

The following objectives are to be discussed:

• Promote a shared conceptualization of Ageing at Home in Europe as an essential condition for independent and active ageing.
• Review national experiences, discussion and suggestions towards an EU role in promoting Ageing at Home
• Stimulate public-private synergies for the promotion of Ageing at Home and the prevention of institutionalization in a context of economic crisis.

The conference is addressed to public and private agents promoting the well-being and inclusion of the elder population in their living environment such as administrations at local, regional and national level, service providers, ICT producers, researchers, housing professionals, designers and users.

Call for Papers

The conference workshops will gather contributions and papers from different disciplines under the previous context and related to processes, products, public programs, services, environments or technologies addressed to improve active ageing at home.

Best papers will be selected for publication in a peer reviewed journal to be decided.

Authors are invited to submit an abstract by email, to Fernando Alonso-López at acceplan@gmail.com.
PROGRAM:

DAY 1 (October 24th, 2012)

09.30-10.00 Opening table and welcome from the supporting entities.
Promoters and EU representative.

10.00-11.01 Opening speeches:
Active Ageing at Home: what we know, what we expect.
Anne-Sophie Parent. Age Platform Europe.
Ageing at Home as an opportunity for economic activity.
Fernando Alonso López. ACCEPLAN, Institut Universitari d’Estudis Europeus, UAB.

11.30-13.30 Plenary
State of the art and description of active ageing in
A) Environments: Muriel Boulmier. Ciliopee - Cecodhas
C) Products: to be confirmed

15.00-17.00 Workshops
Networking and professionalization
Workshop 1: Infrastructure, Products, Technology. Chair: To be confirmed
Workshop 2: Services and Management. Chair: Professor Frances Heywood

DAY 2 (October 25th, 2012)

09.30-12.30 Workshops and debates

12.30-13.30 Workshops conclusions drafting.

15.00-16.00 Plenary on workshops’ conclusions.

16.00-17.00 Presentation of workshops’ conclusions (2)

16.00-17.00 Elaboration and debate over the Barcelona Declaration “Home and
neighbourhoods as a node of needs and opportunities in the process of active
ageing”.

17.00 Closing act.