# Participation in a research and development programme: enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new ICT

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In public deliberation, the Council had an exchange of views and agreed on a general approach concerning a draft decision on the participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new information and communication technologies (ICT), undertaken by several EU Member States ("Ambient Assisted Living" Programme).

The general approach is aimed at facilitating a first-reading agreement in codecision with the Parliament early in 2008.