

1st Mock-Up Evaluations started in Austria and the Netherlands

In the beginning of June, the first mock-ups of the envisioned care component, running on the smartphone, were ready to be presented to end-users and usability experts from LIFEtool (AUT) and the National Foundation for the Elderly (NL).

A mock-up consists of several static pictures that resemble the future user interface of the application. This in as many aspects and details as possible. A first version was designed by Worldline (ES), following a specific material design style guide for colours, font types, icons, images and font sizes. Different interface elements like entry fields, labels and buttons were used and placed in their exact positions. The latter also included the determination of the spacing between user interface elements and their alignment. As a result, a full clickable mock-up version of the basic functionalities of the care component was produced.

Experts from LIFEtool and the National Foundation for the Elderly evaluated this first version by doing a heuristic evaluation. This is a walkthrough of basic usage scenarios focusing on approved usability principles such as user control, freedom, consistency, error prevention, aesthetic and minimalistic design. In addition, end-users of the primary target group were invited to test the basic usage scenarios with the mock-up version. These user sessions help the development team to improve the application further and make it elder-user friendly.

