

## First Open Call Piloting Teams Announced

13 pilots running in three European cities to improve quality of life of marginalized communities

**CommuniCity project has awarded the first 13 piloting teams. In total, 42 applications have been received for the first round of Open Calls. As a result of the evaluation phase, 13 pilots are being executed by the winning teams with the support of the CommuniCity partners and cities. Five pilots are running in Amsterdam, four in Helsinki, and four in Porto during the summer and autumn of 2023.**

CommuniCity is a 3-year Support Coordination Action funded by the European Commission's Horizon Europe Framework Programme. The project, through a calendar of three Open Calls, addresses the needs of European cities and communities and finds innovative, digitally inclusive, and sustainable AI and XR solutions.

For the first CommuniCity Open Call round, 42 applications were received. All eligible applications were evaluated by expert jury members nominated by each piloting city: Amsterdam, Helsinki, and Porto. Each winning team was awarded a grant of 12.500 euros. In addition to this grant, other resources, such as in-kind contributions, can be allocated to the piloting teams.

### **13 pilots running in the three main *pilot cities* of Helsinki, Amsterdam and Porto**

During the first round of open calls, each of the partnering cities have identified city-specific challenges that the awarded teams are addressing with their technological solutions.

The City of Amsterdam awarded five applications. Pilots are run by [Tolkie](#), [WeSolve ApS](#), [Garage2020](#), [Switch AI](#), and [XS2Content](#). They focus on the challenges of offering opportunities for youngsters with criminal records; enabling non-Dutch speakers to communicate in their own language in local authorities; accessibility of healthcare information through AI; and two "Wildcard" applications concentrated on empowering low-literate citizens with the help of AI and on piloting assistive robots for parents with disabilities.

Four pilots have been selected by the City of Helsinki. The solutions come from the companies [CTRL Reality](#), [Palko Interactive Oy](#), [Aiedus](#), and [Stereoscape Oy](#) and are related to the challenges of improving disabled citizens skills; homecare clients' safety; the integration of long-term unemployed citizens into working life and the encouragement of non-Finnish speakers into integrating society and services.

The City of Porto named four pilots as winners, three related to the challenge of decreasing the loneliness of the elderly and one to increase the autonomy of the senior population. From the winning teams of [Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto \(FEUP\)](#), [Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS](#), [WeSolve ApS](#), and [Hoivita](#).

### **Co-creating solutions for the cities and communities**

The pilot stage of the first CommuniCity Open Call round will last until September 2023. During this period, teams will work in close collaboration with city officials and citizens in order to validate their solutions, using the co-creation principles which is the core of the CommuniCity project.



On the CommuniCity website, you will find information about the [technical framework](#), a set of assets such as specifications, software, approaches, etc. that teams can follow in order to support the design and development of innovative solutions. The first version of the framework will be publicly available in July.

The next round of the Open Call will be published on September 12, 2023. In this second round, more cities will join, presenting more challenges and leading to more pilots.

Please check further information about the winning teams at the [Pilots section of the CommuniCity website](#), and follow up on all the piloting stage news on our social media channels:

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