

DREAMING highly visible at the e-Inclusion Ministerial Conference held in Vienna

DREAMING was invited by the European Commission to the e-Inclusion Ministerial Conference held in Vienna from November 30 to December 2 2008.

The Conference was jointly organised by the European Commission and the hosting Austrian Government, in cooperation with the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It was the most significant event in the domain of e-Inclusion since the Riga Ministerial Conference on ICT for an Inclusive Society in June 2006.

The presence of DREAMING was massive.

In addition to the DREAMING own stand, the DREAMING monitoring and e-Inclusion platform was also on show in the Smart Home section where technology was deployed inside the mock-up of a house to show how the technologies developed or validated by various EU projects complement each other and would work in a real environment.

In addition to the exhibition, speakers from the Consortium gave presentations or participated to debates in various panels and even in the plenary sessions, namely:

- **Dr. Heidrun Mollenkopf**, Sociologist, BAGSO e.V., Member of the AGE ICT Expert Group and of the DREAMING Advisory Board: Ageing Well by Technology? How Older People Can Benefit from Information and Communication Technology – Panel: Ageing Well - User Needs and Expectations
- **Paolo Da Col**, MD, Director of Health District nr. 1, of ASS 1 Triestina: New Solutions for New Problems: the Role of ICT in Supporting a Greying Europe - Panel: Ageing Well - User Needs and Expectations
- **Claus F. Nielsen**, Senior Consultant, MedCom International, Region Syddanmark: Welfare Technology - Danish Initiatives in Ageing Well – Plenary Session: Ageing Well: Investing in ICT for Sustainable Elderly Care
- **Anne-Sophie Parent**, Director, AGE-the European Older People's Platform
 - Plenary Session: Ageing well in the Information Society – A Worthwhile Investment? (debate)
 - Plenary Session: The e-Inclusion Debate

The newly produced DREAMING leaflets were distributed for the first time also by AGE which had its own stand in the exhibition area.

For the DREAMING team composed by Marco d'Angelantonio, Managing Director of HIM SA and DREAMING Operational Co-ordinator and Roberto Ongaro, Managing Director of Telemedicina Rizzoli S.p.A., supported on the platform side by Karl Sussebach, Managing Director of HIS GmbH, the Conference has been an excellent opportunity to establish contacts with care providers who have a strong interest in the monitoring and e-Inclusion technologies that will be validated in DREAMING.

It was very rewarding for the DREAMING team to see that many people show surprise about the fact that DREAMING makes use of a platform which is already in full production rather than a prototype and that it can therefore focus on evaluating the impact of such technology on a number of economic clinical and quality of life indicators. DREAMING seems to be definitely ahead of the pack!