

Dear All,

we are pleased and proud to inform you that following an Open Call for Good Practices launched by the United Nations, SHAFE implemented through NET4Age-Friendly" was one of the recognized good practices from all over the world.

Below you will find the message shared by Ms Carina Dantas, Chair of COST Action NET4Age-Friendly.

Kind Regards

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SHAFE / NET4Age-Friendly recognised by the United Nations as a good practice

The United Nations launched an Open call for good practices, success stories and lessons learned by all stakeholders in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

More than 700 submissions were reviewed by a team of experts from United Nations entities and "[SHAFE implemented through NET4Age-Friendly](#)" **was one of the recognized good practices from all over the world.**

SHAFE and NET4Age-Friendly are international networks that engage all levels of society with the intrinsic aim of promoting the development of local, regional or national inclusive ecosystems (composed of a quadruple helix of citizens, public authorities, companies, and researchers) which interact and coordinate at the international level. This strategy allows them to literally become viral, by exponentially increasing the networking, the dissemination and knowledge exchange among scientists, business, public, local administrations, policy makers, professionals, and citizens. This brings an inspiring and fruitful new way of cooperation that fosters knowledge and promote grassroots implementation at a broader scale, combining top-down and bottom-up perspectives.

The meaning and notion of SHAFE as a holistic approach that promotes the alignment of policies and strategies is a unique roadmap for the implementation in and across Europe. When we acknowledge the serious challenges, especially those related to demographic change and the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible anymore to still work in silos or to keep positions for individual interest. Before any other role, we all are citizens and we have a duty as to work together in a bid for a better world. COVID has not directly impacted the implementation of SHAFE, *au contraire*, the inclusive environments proposed by NET4Age-Friendly would be adequate solutions to minimise the effects of the pandemic and relieve the pressure on health and care systems.

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The outcomes of the “Second Open Call for Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs” are now available!

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