

BUSINESS CASE

Pilot study



Résidence Kalia

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Pilot identification

Organisation: **A2L Seniors**
City: **Busy (Doubs)**
Country: **France**

Current phase: **Not yet in use**
Surface: **3000 sqm (Plot)**
780 sqm (Built)

Pilot overview

General presentation

The apartments are intended for seniors whose current house is no longer suitable or because their solitude is too difficult to bear. Home automation services are integrated into the housing, as well as support by health professionals. Aimed at the inhabitants of the village and the surrounding area, this residence provides a solution for continuing to live in their usual environment and maintaining social ties.

This first site acts as a showcase for its designer and several rural municipalities are interested in this house design.

Project team

A2L Seniors; BOAA, builder of timber frame houses.

Homes4Life

EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION FOR AGEING IN PLACE



Homes4Life is a project which received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement N° 826295.



Key highlights

Age-friendliness approach

The building was constructed in conjunction with occupational therapists to allow the elderly to move around easily in all areas. The quality of life was at the centre of our concerns with, for example, single-storey dwellings with access to a private terrace.

Residents can also benefit from a participatory garden. A daytime activity leader is responsible for preparing activities for senior citizens or accompanying them on their shopping trips. In addition, the home automation systems free time up for carers who can spend more time with people.



PHYSICAL

The home automation system should allow the person to feel safe at home, knowing that someone will systematically and quickly come in the event of a problem. The home automation should help maintain the seniors' self-confidence and autonomy.



ECONOMIC

Housing must be affordable for older people. The monthly rent for a 52m² flat with a private terrace and fitted kitchen (dishwasher, induction hob, etc.) is €880.

Services can also be subscribed according to one's needs (help getting up/going to bed, full board, etc.). There is no obligation to take up all the service package.



PERSONAL

Each flat is independent and has direct access to the outside. The privacy of the tenants is fully respected, and everyone can invite relatives or family as in any private accommodation. At Kalia residences, it is important that people can live the way they want to.



SOCIAL

The social dimension of the project was promoted so that the Kalia residence would be fully integrated into the village and create social links with the other inhabitants. Shared gardens and a common living room are open to all the villagers. One tenant will even offer sewing lessons to the children and inhabitants of the village. Ultimately, the Kalia residence should contribute to the revitalisation of the village.



OUTDOOR ACCESS

The low architecture of the building in Busy blends perfectly into the landscape and respects the views of the neighbouring houses; moreover, the building materials use local products and craftsmen. The single-storey building is easily accessible for residents and visitors, and the home automation system makes life easier and safer for its occupants.

