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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first deliverable of WP7, "Testing and Evaluation", whose main objective is to test the FrailSafe integrated system in validation scenarios, while placing emphasis on ethics standards. This is a public report of the outcomes of the work completed so far in T7.1 (Pilot planning and assessment protocol). The task is in progress (ending in M26, when the final version of this Asesssment protocol will be delivered).

This deliverable aims to describe the assessment protocol to be used to demonstrate and validate the FrailSafe system. The protocol includes a detailed description of the procedure to carry out the validation process, which includes among others: the evaluation pilot studies, inclusion/exclusion criteria, experimental conditions, data collection instruments, and outcome measures. The work completed in T1.2 and reported in D1.2 are a basis for this process.

Parameters to be taken into account for method of validation include: identity, selectivity/specificity, limits of detection/quantification, linear and working range, precision (repeatability, intra and inter-laboratory reproducibility), trueness, robustness, accuracy of the measurement test, uncertainty.

The structure and format of the evaluation pilot studies will be based on the work performed in D1.3 (Architecture and technical specifications) and the principles of D1.2 (UCD methodology). In addition, the clinical methodology of the evaluation studies will be based on the rational and methodology of the clinical trials held throughout the project, which is presented in analysis in D2.1-revised.

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## 6.1 List of abbreviations and acronyms

(in alphabetical order)

AR (Glasses)	Augmented Reality
BP	Blood Pressure
DSS	Decision Support System
FORA (BP monitor)	Blood Glucose Plus Blood Pressure Monitoring System

FS	FrailSafe
IMUs	Inertial Measurement Units
МО	Medical Objectives
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant
SUS	System Usage Questionnaire
ТО	Technical Objectives
UCD	User Centered Design
UoP	University of Patras
VPM	Virtual Patient Model
WBAN	Wireless Body Area Network
WWBS	Wearable WBAN System
WWS	Wearable Wellness System

## 3. INTRODUCTION

Testing and evaluation of the integrated intervention is a critical component of a largescale research and development project. This deliverable aims to:

- a) Describe the upcoming pilot evaluation studies in terms of design, planning and management throughout FRAILSAFE project,
- b) Attempt a first version of the overall assessment protocol for the integrated FRAILSAFE system.

The project validation activities will consist of the evaluation with older people through a longitudinal demonstration involving a sample of 75 participants with a range at different stages of frailty who will be monitored for six months (plus three months followup). The specific goal of the latter is to evaluate whether FrailSafe effectively encourages self-care support for frailty.

Task 7.1 (Pilot planning and assessment protocol) lays the ground for the pilot evaluation studies. It consists of designing and planning the way the pilot studies will be organized, supported and managed throughout the duration of the project. A basis for this task is the results of T1.4.

In this deliverable, which is the result of work completed so far in T7.1, we will discuss and present:

- The FrailSafe assessment protocol in the wider context of the projects objectives
- Designing and planning the way the pilot studies will be organized, supported and managed throughout the duration of the project (A basis for this task is the results of T1.4-D1.3)

## D7.1 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

## 3.1 General Objectives

The ageing population is increasing worldwide and the 65+ age group is estimated to reach two billion people by 2050. Actions aiming to increase the combination of increased life expectancy with quality of life and improve the healthy life indicator (number of years without disability), are necessary.

Frailty is a biological syndrome of decreased reserve and resistance to stressors, resulting from cumulative declines across multiple physiologic systems and causing vulnerability to adverse outcomes. Susceptibility to stressors is influenced by biological, behavioral, environmental, and social risk factors, with the main consequence being an increased risk for multiple adverse health outcomes, including disability, morbidity, falls, hospitalization, institutionalization, and death. Frailty causes older adults to become more vulnerable to stressors and this has major health care

implications, such as increased risk of incidence of falls, delirium, worsening of mobility, disability, hospitalization, institutionalization, and mortality. All these have an impact on planning and providing health and social services, as it increases both the burden, and the cost of care for the older adult, their family and society.

Frailty is considered a condition whose symptoms develops during a large period of time and affects directly the everyday life of the older persons. Providing means to them in order to self-monitor their medical, physical, social, psychological, cognitive and functional aspects would allow them and their caregivers to monitor, handle and prevent the symptoms of frailty. Frailty could be delayed by developing a set of measures and tools and health evidence-based recommendations.

FrailSafe project aims to create new measures of qualitative and quantitative assessments leading to a model which will be able to better understand, detect and predict frailty and its relation with other health conditions. Also, develop a real-life sensing and intervention platform for older persons and achieve all these through a safe and acceptable system for the ageing population while reducing the health care system costs.

## 3.2 Relation of D7.1 to Frail Safe medical and technological objectives

	Objective	Relation with Testing and Evaluation tasks
M01	Better understand frailty and its relation to co-morbidities	The evaluation pilot studies results will largely contribute to this objective, as we will test whether the chosen metrics and comorbidities do indeed relate to frailty prediction.
M02	Develop quantitative and qualitative measures to define frailty	System assessment aims to establish whether this objective has been achieved and to which degree, and to suggest further improvement steps to increase measurement validity and reliability
M03	Use these measures to predict short and long-term outcome	System assessment procedures will test reliability and functionality of the

## Table 3.1 Relation of D7.1 to FrailSafe Medical Objectives

		system, not only as a diagnostic, but also as a prognostic tool
M04	Develop real life tools for the assessment of physiological reserve and external challenges	System usability and acceptability are main aspects which will be addressed through the assessment process
M05	Provide a model sensitive to change in order that pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical interventions which will be designed to delay, arrest or even reverse the transition to frailty, can be tested.	Assessment process will test the effectiveness of the system taking into consideration reported adverse and serious adverse events and outomes during the evaluation phase, as well as transition to next frailty level.
M06	Create "prevent-frailty" evidence based recommendations for older people regarding activities of daily living, lifestyle, nutrition, etc. to strengthen the motor, cognitive, and other "anti-frailty" activities through the delivery of personalized treatment programs, monitoring alerts, guidance and education and estimate the influence of these interventions	Comparing the effect of FRAILSAFE- generated individualized lifestyle recommendations Vs general, existing practice recommendations, and their short term and potential impact, is part of the assessment process.
M07	Achieve all with a safe and acceptable to older people system.	This is a main objective of WP7, and largely determines the usefulness of FRAILSAFE. Safety refers both to objective and perceived safety, and acceptability determines usability.

# Table 3.2Relation of D7.1 to the FrailSafe Technological Objectives

	Objective	Relation with Testing and Evaluation tasks
T01:	Design and development of hardware components (ambient and wearable sensors, body node coordinator (e.g., smart phone) optimised in terms of ergonomics, user-friendliness compactness, unobtrusiveness and energy consumption that can be used indoors and outdoors providing functionalities for effective yet simple and economical personalized monitoring of the individual patient's condition for purposes of detecting/alerting/averting of frailty events, merged to an integrated system, explicitly taking into account security and privacy issues.	Ergonomy, user-friendliness, functionality,(always within the scope of ethics) will be addressed by the system assessment procedure
T02:	Design and development of efficient signal processing algorithms for low level processing including signal enhancement, activity classification, energy expenditure, and behavioural monitoring.	Effectiveness of the system in these aspects affect its validity.
Т03:	Development of a self-adaptive Virtual Patient Model offering optimal services for managing frailty ranging from critical situation management, facilitating social integration to day-to-day self- management and health preservation based on a personalized patient profile.	The feedback of health care professionals on the Virtual Patient Model is important, in order to ensure that the included parameters are useful and targeted
TO4:	Development of a generic monitoring and management infrastructure on which modular services and patient- specific applications will be built.	The modules are added into the system throughout the project. Assessment will evaluate how they co-function as a whole.
TO5:	Development of novel methods for the offline management, fusion and analysis of multimodal and advanced technology data from social, behavioural, cognitive and physical activities of frail older	Health care and IT professionals are among the end user groups which will evaluate FrailSafe as part of the assessment protocol

	people and application of these methods to manage and analyze the large amounts of data collected leading to integrative interpretation and better understanding of frailty, introduction of new quantitative frailty biomarkers as well as frailty metrics, correlation of co- morbidities and frailty, advanced decision making capabilities (DSS) assisting diagnosis by medical professionals	
TO6:	Development of real-time data management and data mining methods effectively making decision assessing frailty levels, detecting frailty risks and triggering alarms in case of emergency situations (e.g., fall, loss of orientation, incoherent utterances or suicidal manifestations in written text) based on minimal processing of real-time multi- parametric streaming data and economical personalized monitoring guided by a minimal number of sensors and parameters (FrailSafe prediction engine and Risk Factor Evaluation).	Evaluation of clinical studies data analysis will determine whether this objective has been achieved and what further can be done for improvement.
Т07:	Investigation of processing time, storage and communication trade-offs for real- time analysis at the WBAN or the phone/PDA and use of data reduction and summarization techniques for reducing raw streaming data to secondary or tertiary parameters. Effectively use Virtual Patient Models and results from the offline data mining of multi-parametric data to make real- time analysis more efficient and targeted.	Virtual Patient Model is an important part of the intergrated system for health care professionals which is being assessed in this protocol.
TO8:	Development of dynamically synthesized, personalized and highly innovative AR games consisting of different scenarios that measures parameters of behavioural, cognitive	AR game is a part of the integrated FS system which is being assessed in this protocol.

T09:Extensive testing of the FrailSafe integrated system in several validation scenarios while ensuring compliance with ethics standards.Main objective of WP7 with main Milestones MS11 "definition of evaluation scenarios and applications"-due M32 and MS14 "FrailSafe outcomes evaluation"- due M36		and physical domain while implementing various intervention strategies.	
	T09:	Extensive testing of the FrailSafe integrated system in several validation scenarios while ensuring compliance with ethics standards.	Main objective of WP7 with main Milestones MS11 "definition of evaluation scenarios and applications"-due M32 and MS14 "FrailSafe outcomes evaluation"- due M26

## 3.3 Rational behind assessment procedures

Assessment protocol of FrailSafe aims to evaluate the integrated system test results against the following general criteria:

- Effectiveness of the FS system against goals stated in project description
- Range of Impact of the FS system
- Allocated resources and how they relate to the effectiveness/ impact
- Time required for the FS system to be effective
- Key stakeholders satisfaction

In UCD methodology (described in detail in D1.2), which is implemented throughout the project, including the pilot evaluation studies, evaluation process and goals develop along with the system development. For example, in the beginning, when only few parts of the system were available, evaluation focuses on validation of the concept and certain interaction paradigms. In contrast, with a more integrated functional prototype, the research team wishes to measure a variety of aspects of the system, which appear in the following diagrams:

Figure 1.1: Evaluation of Satisfaction of User Requirement Types



#### 4. UCD METHODOLOGY IN THE PILOT EVALUATION STUDIES

Deliverable 1.2 (User requirements, use cases, UCD methodology and final protocols of evaluation studies, M12) identified end-user needs and how this knowledge has led to the definition of the use-case scenarios on which the system design was based. UCD methodology has a primary role throughout the project, including the FrailSafe assessment protocol.

More specifically, the assessment procedure can be summarized as follows:

- Identification of user groups (see Table 3)
- Design of the assessment campaign
- Administration of evaluation tools (data collected form usage of system, Questionnaires, interviews, surveys and focus groups)
- Analysis of the collected data
- Results of FrailSafe system assessment

Questionnaires, interviews, surveys and focus groups with different user groups will be conducted in order to evaluate the integrated FrailSafe system and validate the chosen metrics. Thus, at the end of the evaluation studies, we will be able to determine whether the metrics chosen to investigate do indeed create a matrix which can act as a comprehensive tool to diagnose, predict and even reverse frailty.

The priorities and user needs extracted from the user requirments during the first year reported in D1.2, and whose satisfaction we need to evaluate, are:

# Table 5.1 Identification of user groups

User requirement	Older adults	Families	Health care professional s	Researchers
• Need for improved understanding of frailty, its causes and ways to prevent it.				
<ul> <li>Need for individualized help from the healthcare professionals.</li> </ul>				
• Need for participation by the older people and sending feedback to the healthcare personnel.				
Need for enjoyable frailty-preventing activities that require physical and cognitive effort.				
<ul> <li>Need for clinical assessment methods that are easy to perform.</li> </ul>				
• Need for predictive treatment functionalities in order to reduce the risk of frailty.				
• Need for real-time monitoring and alerts in order to reduce the anxiety of family members.				
• Need for sensory and measurement components that are safe to use by the older people.				
• Need for sensory and measurement components that are easy and comfortable to use.				
• Need for acceptable wearable components that are not obtrusive.				
• Need for frailty-related software components and games that are easy to use and learn.				
Need for hardware interaction devices that are easy to use.				
Need for extensive data collection for research.				

A more detailed description of the procedure and steps carried out to specify above user needs and priorities can be found in deliverable 1.2.

#### 4.1 Methods for user feedback assessment to be employed in the evaluation studies

The aim of user feedback assessment is the collection of user feedback and the examination of its relevance to the objectives and the workplan of the FrailSafe project. Methods for user feedback assessment include the following:

- Questionnaires: A questionnaire is a set of questions that are defined and sorted in order to allow the objective and accurate collection of user responses and their translation to useful and statistically significant information. Phases of the preparation and the deployment of questionnaires: definition of the questionnaire's objective, definition of the potential user groups and questionnaire participants, formation of the questionnaire, deployment of the questionnaire, analysis of the results. Types and indicative examples of questions: General questions, open questions, scalar questions, multiple choice questions, ordered questions. (used to receive evaluation from older users, health care professionals,family members, IT professionals)
- Interviews: The interview is a method to understand the unique point of view of a participant through the face-to-face interaction with an interviewer. The preparation and deployment of interview: The selection of questions should be also done in such a way that will allow participants to answer truthfully to the interviewer, the location to carry out the interviews can vary and should ideally be a neutral location that offers privacy, especially when sensitive medical data will be discussed. The questions should be written down in advance and as a form of a discussion plant that can help the interviewer direct the interview in the appropriate area and do not deviate from its main objective. Interviewers may use recording devices in addition to their written notes in order collect a more detailed record of participant responses. (structured interview will be used to receive evaluation from older users)
- Focus groups: Participants were positive to talk about their experience, whereas sometimes they are not as willing to answer a written tool. Some of our participants belong to a common senior club/day center, and it is easy to form small groups there when the clinician is on site. In this method, users are asked to share their opinions, thoughts and ideas about a specific subject and discus their views towards a conclusion that can express the majority of participants. Steps: the moderator should introduce the topic of the discussion and explains the participants what is expecting to get out from this process, the moderator should start addressing some questions to the participants in order to start the discussion process. (evaluation from older users, health care professionals,family members)

- **Expert evaluation:** it is used to collect feedback and specific suggestions from experts based on their experience in the implementation of similar solutions.(user group: ethics consultants)
- **Usability testing:** it evaluates aFS system based on the collection of data during the use of the system by actual users and optimally in the intended real world environment. (older users)
- Heuristic evaluation: it focuses on the understanding of usability issues of a system, based on the input of a small group of expert evaluators with experience in Human Computer Interaction. Steps: the definition of the system's interaction flow and the accurate description of the intended scope of the session, the evaluators can focus their analysis on specific interaction elements and provide their feedback, recommendations and concerns, the group of all the evaluators should discuss the results of their analysis. (IT professionals)
- **Think aloud protocol:** participants are asked to describe their thinking process verbally in order to reveal their thoughts, feelings and opinions while interacting with system under evaluation. (older participants)
- **Performance measurements:** it focuses on the assessment of quantitative metrics of the performance of various system components. (Older users)
- Log file analysis: Confirm the automatic storing of user-system interactions and their subsequent analysis for the identification of usage patterns as well as potential problems in usability. (older users/ IT professionals)
- Feature / Consistency / Standards inspection: it analyzes specific characteristics of a system and they are usually based on use case scenarios. (older users data)

Method of evaluation	Type of user groups	UoP	INSERM	ΜΑΤ	SIGLA	BRAI
Questionnaires	Older users	✓	✓	✓		
	Family members			√		
	Health care prof.		$\checkmark$	✓		
	IT professionals	√		✓	$\checkmark$	✓
Interviews	Older users	✓	✓	✓		

## Table 5.2 Evaluation methods used by each partner

Method of evaluation	Type of user groups	UoP	INSERM	МАТ	SIGLA	BRAI
Focus groups						
	Family members			✓		
	Health care prof.			✓		
Expert evaluation	Ethics consultants (from the clinical, juridical point of view)	✓				
	Ethics consultants (from the tech point of view)				✓	
Usability testing	Older users	✓	$\checkmark$	✓		
Heuristic evaluation	IT professionals	√			√	✓
Think aloud protocol	Older people			✓		
Performance measurements	Older users	√	√	✓	~	~
Log file analysis:	Older users	√				
Feature / Consistency / Standards inspection	Older users	~				

Challenges in System Assessment which have been addressed in the evaluation studies protocol:

- To define clear goals to be assessed (what it means for the system "to work")
- To define clear criteria-measurements stemming from above goals (criteria selection process may identify data needs that can be included in advance in the pilot program)
- To address selection bias and to include a control group
- To include an adequate timeframe for the evaluation studies to ensure outcomes are observed
- To include an adequate number of participants in order to produce meaningful data

## 5. PILOT EVALUATION STUDIES

Clinical studies through the vast duration of the study (M4-M30), aim to gather experimental data in order to feed computational models for the quantification of the FrailSafe system. During M31-M36, the clinical evaluation studies will focus on evaluating and validating FrailSafe integrated developments.

The evaluation studies will be performed in the 3 Clinical Centers which have run all clinical trials for the project: University of Patras (UoP), Greece; INSERM-Nancy, France; and MATERIA- Nicosia, Cyprus. Each center will recruit 25 individuals for the evaluation group C and 25 individuals for the control group D. By this way a total of150 community living subjects aged 70 years and older will be recruited.

Group C (evaluation group) will receive interventions : a- application of the FrailSafe system (just like Groups A and B) in order to monitor frailty-related parameters. In addition for evaluation purposes a subgroup of will receive individualised interaction/feedback and personalized guidance in the form of consultation recommendations and assistance to its accomplishment. In the sections below the detailed protocol of the pilot evaluation studies is described.

#### 5.1 Participants Characteristics

For the clinical evaluation trials, older participants are of the same profile as described in detailed participant profiling in D2.1. The inclusion and non-inclusion criteria are demonstrated in table 5.3 (derived from D2.1)

#### Table 5.3 Inclusion criteria

#### Inclusion criteria

Age ≥70 years Informed consent provided

#### Exclusion criteria

Lack of wish to participate Consent withheld Inability to give consent because of incapacity

Inability to walk

Inability to speak Greek or French (see clinical centers)

Diagnosis of clinically significant cognitive impairment or score less than 24 on the Mini–Mental State Examination

Diagnosis of advanced malignancy, other terminal illness or an estimated life expectancy of less than 12 months

Active psychiatric disorder based on medical records or clinical opinion at the time of recruitment, current substance users, or excessive alcohol drinkers.

The targeted users of FRAILSAFE and their areas of feedback during the evaluation studies are:

#### Table 5.4 Targeted User Groups

User Group	Areas of feedback
Older adults	Recorded data, acceptance, usefulness, usability, safety, ethics, ease of learning, desirability, suggestions for improvement
Families	usefulness, usability, safety, ethics, performance, ease of installation, ease of learning, etc.
Health care professionals	usefulness, usability, safety, ethics, performance, ease of installation, ease of learning, etc.
Commercial organisations	Usefulness, commercialisaton potential, marketability, acceptance and exploitation of the integrated system in similar or different applications, costing.
Researchers	usefulness, usability, performance, ease of learning, ethics etc.

**IT developers** Functionality, innovation, possible technological advancements, etc.

## 5.2 Sample size

Pilot studies are implemented on a small scale, aiming to show whether FRAILSAFE has potential to succeed on a larger scale or not.

Evaluation Group (Group C) and Control Group (group D) have size of 25 per group in each of the three centers. Sample size is considered adequate for the evaluation phase and has been determined based on feasible numbers according to financial and human resources.

Group (C) will be further divided in two sub-groups: participants of each center with numbers 121-140 will belong to the "Standard" Evaluation Group; while those with numbers 141-145 will belong to the "Long Term" Evaluation Group.

Group	4-digit Participant serial number
	Prefix of
	1= Greece
	2= Cyprus
	3= France,
C- Evaluation	121-145
Ci- Standard Evaluation	121-140
Cii- Long term Evaluation	141-145

## Table 5.5Clinical Evaluation study Groups

#### 5.3 Randomisation

Group C, which is the Evaluation group, will be randomly selected. Group C and Group D (control group) are the only samples in the study which are randomly selected, due to practical difficulties in randomising Group A (start-up) and Group B (main). For this reason, recruitment efforts for Group C should occur early on, in order to gather a sufficient pool size for randomisation to occur. In this way, we will avoid any selection

bias (even if with minimal effect) which was acknowledged in the selection method of the previous groups. Recruitement will take place individually by each clinical center (Greece, France and Cyprus).

#### 5.4 Design

Group C will be further randomised into two sub-groups.

Group Ci, standard evaluation group

Group Cii, long-term evaluation group

From this point onward in the study (M20-M30), recruitment campaigns will start again in order to create the pool of eligible subjects from which participants for group C and D will be randomly selected.

In addition, the participants of the evaluation group C will be further randomized (1:1) into two categories either to receive a tailored set of lifestyle, nutrition and exercise recommendations (predetermined recommendation and "intervention" proposals based on the monitoring performed using the FrailSafe system) or to receive general life style recommendations (standard care). The technical personnel responsible for the extraction and analysis of data will be blind on randomization procedure.

#### 5.5 Evaluation Testing Protocol

Group C (evaluation) and Group D (control) are the groups which will be compared against each other. For consistency purposes, all Groups (Group A, Group B, Group C, and Group D) tested in the clinical trials follow the same steps 1-5 below (except step 2 is followed only in Groups C and D) then from step 6 onwards, each group has a different procedure according to its purpose.

Predictions on outcome events and on transition of frailty rates will be evaluated, together with rehabilitation effect of "FrailSafe". Compliance rates and user satisfaction will be also tested. Long term continuous monitoring data will be available to test compliance and feasibility. Shorter periods of monitoring will be compared with longer periods of monitoring to identify cost effective approaches. Part of this work could be considered a pilot randomized single blinded study for evaluating interventions and building a test model for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical interventions.

# Group Ci (Standard Evaluation Group) testing procedure (as described in D2.1, Clinical Study Methodology Revised)

- 1. Quick first verification of inclusion and exclusion criteria
- 2. Randomization to groups
- 3. Informed consent and attribution of a unique ID number

- 4. First part of clinical evaluation session: questionnaires to verify inclusion and not inclusion criteria, Fried's criteria of frailty, medical history and cognitive assessment will be administered (Annexes 1,2, 3,4,5)
- 5. Second verification of the inclusion/exclusion criteria according to the first part of the clinical evaluation's results. If exclusion, replacement of the participant and repetition of steps 1-5 for the next candidate1-5. As described above for all groups
- 6. Complete clinical evaluation session (M31) (Annexes2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11).
- 7. First FrailSafe system home visit (M31):
  - Blood sampling for telomeres
  - Fill in the evaluation form regarding the participant's housing (Annex 12)
  - Collect any questionnaires filled in by the participant since the last visit: written texts, social media and big five questionnaires
  - Complete any missing information of the clinical evaluation (i.e. scanning of a forgotten prescription, scanning of an older written text provided by the participant, write down dictated text)
  - Installation of the currently available FrailSafe system and explication of the use, the purposes and the technical issues of the FrailSafe material. Verification of its correct function
  - Provide contact details and instructions in case of any help needed
  - Set the next appointment to retrieve the FrailSafe material (5th day)
- 8. Maintenance of the FrailSafe system at home during 5 days
- 9. Short satisfaction interview in the day of FrailSafe system retrieval
- 10. FrailSafe system home visit (M33)
  - Administration of follow up questionnaire (Annex 13)
  - Installation of the currently available FrailSafe system and reminding of the use, the purposes and the technical issues of the FrailSafe material (Session 3.8). Verification of its correct function
  - Provide contact details and instructions in case of any help needed
  - Set the next appointment to retrieve the FrailSafe material (5th day)
  - Maintenance of the FrailSafe system at home during 5 days
  - User satisfaction interview in the day of FrailSafe system retrieval
- 11. Last FrailSafe system home visit (M35). Repetition of steps 12-15.
- 12. [Only for Patras]: Second blood sampling (M35)
- 13. Last clinical evaluation (M36) (Annexes 2-11)
- 14. Data collection of written text after the first time (Annex 14)(M36). The participant will either be helped to provide text by dictation or (s)he will write it down during the clinical assessment appointment.
- 15. Study's completion verification (Annex 15). Normally at the end (M36), but could be in anytime in case of premature withdrawal

## Group Cii- Long-term Evaluation Group, N=5 in each center

Steps 1-5 the same as above Group Ci

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- 1. Complete clinical evaluation session (Annexes 2, 6,7, 8, 9, 10, 11) (M31)
- 2. First FrailSafe system home visit (M31):
  - Blood sampling for telomeres
  - Fill in the evaluation form regarding the participant's housing (Annex 12)
  - Collect any questionnaires filled in by the participant since the last visit: written texts, social media and big five questionnaires
  - Complete any missing information of the clinical evaluation (i.e. scanning of a forgotten prescription, scanning of an older written text provided by the participant, write down dictated text)
  - Installation of the currently available FrailSafe system and explication of the use, the purposes and the technical issues of the FrailSafe material (Session 3.8). Verification of its correct function
  - Provide contact details and instructions in case of any help needed
  - Set the next appointment to retrieve the FrailSafe material (5th day)
- 3. Maintenance of the FrailSafe system at home during 20 days
- 4. Short satisfaction interview in the day of FrailSafe system retrieval
- 5. One follow-up telephone call (M34)(Annex 13)
- 6. [Only for Patras]: Second blood sampling (M35)
- 7. Last clinical evaluation (M36) (Annexes 2-11)
- 8. Data collection of written text after the first time Annex 14) (M36). The participant will either be helped to provide text by dictation or (s)he will write it down during the clinical assessment appointment.
- 9. Study's completion verification (Annex15). Normally at the end (M36), but could be in anytime in case of premature withdrawal.

## **Group D- Control Group**

#### <u>Procedure</u>

Steps 1-5 as other Groups above,

- 1. Complete clinical evaluation session (M31)
- 2. Blood sampling for telomeres (M31)
- 3. One follow-up telephone call (M33)(Annex 13)
- 4. Last clinical evaluation (M36) (Annexes 2-11)
- 5. Data collection of written text after the first time (Annex 14) (M36). The participant will either be helped to provide text by dictation or (s)he will write it down during the clinical assessment appointment.
- 6. Study's completion verification (Annex 15). Normally at the end (M36), but could be in anytime in case of premature withdrawal.

## 5.6 Testing actions timeline

Below is the masterplan for the clinical trials of FrailSafe. Groups C and D appear last, showing the interventions for each group and the parallel evaluations they will receive.



## Figure 1.2: FrailSafe evaluation timeline

As shown in above timeline, the assessment protocol for the older users comprises of the following actions:

## **Table 5.6 Clinical Evaluation studies actions**

MONTH	EVALUATION ACTIONS
31	Groups Ci, Cii and D receive clinical evaluation and blood sampling
	Group Ci receives a 5-day FrailSafe system session (#1) and a user satisfaction questionnaire kit
	Group Cii receives a 20-day FrailSafe system session

33	Group Ci receives a 5-day FrailSafe system session (#2) and a user satisfaction questionnaire kit
	Group Cii ends FrailSafe system session and receives user satisfaction questionnaire kit and a one-to-one inteview
	Group D receives follow-up call
34	Group Cii receives follow-up call
35	Group Ci receive a 5-day FrailSafe system session (#3) and a user- satisfaction questionnaire kit and a one-to-one interview
36	Clinical Evaluation of Groups Ci, Cii and D

## 6. VALIDATION OF FRAILSAFE SYSTEM

Validation of the FrailSafe system is a critical process in order to ensure that

- FRAILSAFE is causing desired outcome (internal validity) and
- FRAILSAFE system application as tested is replicable, producing similar results in different settings (external validity)

## 7.2 Main Indicative Use Cases for the Assessment Phase

The goal of the system evaluation studies is to collect feedback about the functionality of the system as a whole, through complete usage scenarios (main indicative use cases from the list of identified use cases in D1.2)

Use cases are representative usage scenarios from the perspective of the different identified end-user groups. An indicative set of the main use cases identified in D1.2 will be the basis for the definition of the pilot studies to be executed during the evaluation phase of the project.Safety and Ethics requirements will be a priority in defining this process.

As in D1.2, The following types of use cases will be considered:

- Patient-oriented use cases
- Family-oriented use cases
- Healthcare professional-oriented,
- Researcher-oriented

#### 7.2.3 Use cases to be used for the system assessment/validation

Based on the user requirements collection procedure described in D1.2, the specific use cases of FrailSafe were designed. The use cases are scenarios of usage of the various FrailSafe components, illustrating how they should perform and communicate with each other, and as part of the integrated system. The project's use cases were split into four groups, one for each of the main target user types. A total of 27 use cases were designed. A detailed report was provided for each use case (D1.2), including a step-by-step flow of actions.

The above mentioned use cases are the basis for the design of the pilot trials during the evaluation period of the project. For this reason, following the use case definition, the current deliverable also contained an account on the evaluation protocols that will be followed, ensuring safety and ethics requirements throughout all user studies.

The evaluation studies use case scenarios involve the use of the integrated FrailSafe framework by all the main end-user groups. In a way, it is a compilation of many use cases described in D1.2, in 4 main evaluation test use-cases.

Use Case 1. The older user uses the integrated FS system

Use Case 2. The family uses the integrated FS system

**Use Case 3.** The health care professional (short name, clinician) uses the integrated FS system

Use Case 4. The researcher uses the integrated FS system.

The verb "uses" in above titles, includes a series of actions and feedback according to the end user group. These actions are recorded in below tables.

After addressing the different use cases of the FrailSafe system components in previous months, we are now considering the system as a whole, always in accordance to our UCD methodology. The goal is to collect feedback about the functionality of the system as a whole, on the communication among the individual parts of the system and on the performance of complete usage scenarios. The feedback collected here will be used for the evaluation of the system as a whole by the four main user groups.

#### Table 7.1 Use case 1

USE CASE 1

Use Case Name

OLDER USER INTERACTS WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEM

Version	v0.2
Last Update	January 2017
Brief Description	The older person is given a device kit to run the FrailSafe integrated system at home for 5 days. The system includes <ul> <li>WWBS (including IMUs)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tablet with Dynamometer for the Game suite</li> </ul>
	Beacons
	<ul> <li>ARglasses (still under investigation at the time of this report due to safety issues)</li> </ul>
	FORA BP Monitor
	Smartphone
	The "recommendation" C subgroup will receive a first recommendation following and according to the clinical evaluation. This recommendation will be adapted a week later (D7) following the data obtained and analyzed by the FrailSafe System. The respect of the recommendation will be checked by phone every 3-5 days and/or by a nurse visit at home if necessary until D20.
	system kit to the clinician who retrieves it.
Assumptions & Pre- Conditions	<ul> <li>All relevant applications are installed on the devices</li> <li>The indoor monitoring devices (e.g. beacons) have been installed in the house of the older user</li> </ul>
Goal (Successful End Condition)	The older user to use all the components of the system successfully
Post-Conditions	<ul> <li>The FrailSafe database is updated with new data</li> <li>The older user receives feedback through visibility of their data and individualised recommendations.</li> </ul>
Involved Actors	<ul> <li>Older person</li> <li>Clinician (secondary)</li> </ul>
Main Flow	<ol> <li>The user receives a FrailSafe System from the clinician.</li> <li>The user receives training and instructions from the clinicians on how to use the FrailSafe devices.</li> <li>SMARTPHONE: The user/clinician presses the "start logging" button. The user carries the phone with him/her.</li> </ol>

The user or the clinician upon retrieval, presses the "stop logging button". During the usage period, the older user carries the smartphone with them on outdoor activities.

The older person uses the front-end visualization to

- receive warnings, suggestions and predictions relating to frailty according to their entered data,
- view their data and monitor their health condition,
- use the virtual community platform to communicate with other older users, clinicians and the public.
- 4. GAME SUITE: The user opens the FrailSafe game suite from the tablet and logs in with his/her FrailSafe account. The user selects and starts a game according to the game recommended settings. The user plays the game, using the needed interaction device if needed (dynamometer, IMUs, AR glasses). The user performance (successful tasks, time to fulfill the tasks, etc.) are recorded locally. The user finishes the game and the collected data are transmitted to the FrailSafe online server, when WiFi is available.
- 5. WWS: The user receives and wears the WWS and turns on the RUSA monitoring functionality. The user performs daily activities, under the instructions of the clinician. The user turns off and back on the monitor and charges the RUSA device according to the duration of usage. The user returns the WWS to the clinician.
- 6. FORA BP Monitor: The user measures his/her blood pressure and pulse (3 times/day for the purposes of the clinical trials) according to the clinicians' instructions and training. Measurements are stored in the BP monitor and uploaded by the clinician upon retrieval, or uploaded by the older user according to their capability to do so.
- 7. BEACONS: The user carries the smartphone in their pocket while indoors. The user only has passive interaction, as they perform their daily routine in their space, in which the beacons were placed by the clinician.
- 8. SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE: Older User is active as usual in social media.

restrictions

Privacy & Regulation The recorded data should not be transmitted outside the framework of the FrailSafe system.

## UML Sequence Diagram



## Table 7.2 Use case 2

## **INTEGRATED SYSTEM USE CASE 2**

Use Case Name	FAMILY MEMBER INTERACTS WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEM
Version	v0.2
Last Update	January 2017
Brief Description	The family member uses components of the FS system to monitor their relative's health
Assumptions & Pre- Conditions	

Goal (Successful End Condition)	<ul> <li>The family member to interact successfully with the FS system and to report high user satisfaction and perceived benefit.</li> </ul>
Post-Conditions	• The family member receives feedback through visibility of the older user's data and alerts (in case they choose to) in case of unusual or high risk situation.
Involved Actors	Family member
Main Flow	<ol> <li>The family member is informed by the older user or the clinician that their relative is using the FS system for a particular time period.</li> <li>The family member uses mobile front end to monitor their relative's health condition</li> <li>The family member receives alerts in case of unusual or high risk situations, if such a setting is chosen. (call center handling such alerts and diverting them to preferred relative/health care provider is the idea for the final product)</li> <li>The family member uses the Virtual Community Platform to ineract with other people and professionals on matters relating to the older user's health, and to remain updated on issues relating to frailty.</li> </ol>
Privacy & Regulation restrictions	The recorded data should not be transmitted outside the framework of the FrailSafe system.
UML Sequence Diagram	



## Table 7.3 Use case 3

## **INTEGRATED SYSTEM USE CASE 3**

Use Case Name	CLINICIAN INTERACTS WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEM
Version	v0.2
Last Update	January 2017
Brief Description	The clinician prepares and allocates a FrailSafe system kit to the older user, making sure the user receives clear instructions/ short training on how to use it. The clinician monitors the usage throughout the usage period and retrieves the system at the end of the session. The clinician can have access and manipulate data of the older user.
Assumptions & Pre- Conditions	The clinician has access to the FrailSafe data platform The clinician is aware of and adheres to all ethics and safety issues relating to the FrailSafe system application

Goal (Successful End Condition)	The clinician has a better and more updated picture of the older user's health condition (cognitive, physiological and psychological)
Post-Conditions	
Involved Actors	Clinician Older person
Main Flow	<ol> <li>The clinician prepares and allocates a FrailSafe System kit to the older user, ensuring that the user receives adequate instructions and training on how to use the devices. Kit contains the devices described in above Use Case 1.</li> <li>Smartphone: The clinician presses the "start loging" button and upon retrieval, presses the "start loging" button" if the user hasn't done so. During the usage period, the clinician uses the front-end visualization to:         <ul> <li>send personal feedback (warnings, suggestions and predictions, reminders) relating to Frailty according to the user's entered data,</li> <li>view the data in order to monitor the user's health condition,</li> <li>predict short-term and long-term possible conditions,</li> <li>locate partterns in user's behavior and correlate them to frailty indicators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The clinician uses the virtual community platform to *communicate with other older users, clinicians and the family. *answer questions * send out information and updates relevant to frailty *</li> <li>The clinician reviews the updated VPM to decide on further future actions</li> </ol>
Privacy & Regulation restrictions	The information exchanged among the older persons, the clinicians and the families should not be transmitted outside the framework of the FrailSafe system.

UML Sequence Diagram


#### Table 7.4 Use case 4

## **INTEGRATED SYSTEM USE CASE 4**

Use Case Name	RESEARCHER		
Version	v0.2		
Last Update	January 2017		
Brief Description	The researcher accesses the data on the Frailsafe platform through the front-end application and can view, explore, sort data in categories he/she is interested in, form queries and receive answers, analyse data, form and test hypotheses.		
Assumptions & Pre- Conditions	The researcher must have an account on the FrailSafe system.		
Goal (Successful End Condition)	<ul> <li>Researchers to have access to FrailSafe data, always in strict alignment with ethics restrictions, in order for this data to assist in further research on the</li> </ul>		

	improvement of the system, frailty, and older age health in general.		
Involved Actors	Researcher		
Main Flow	<ol> <li>The researcher browses the FrailSafe database using FrailSafe front-end. The researcher can view the user data by exploring various available categorizations, e.g. by age, by blood pressure range, etc. The researcher can select a presented data subset for further analysis.</li> <li>The researcher formulates a data retrieval query using the FrailSafe front-end. The researcher can query the data of users having specific characteristics, e.g. within a specific age range, with increased blood pressure, etc., and combinations of them. After submitting the query, the system returns the desired data</li> <li>The researcher engages in data analysis. The researcher uses the visual analytics tools of FrailSafe to analyse a selected subset of data. The user can select features and analytics tools of FrailSafe to sublations to find common patterns weight to different parameters. The system visualizes the selected data and entities using graph-based visualizations to find common patterns and clusters among the data. The user can navigate in the visualization by panning, zooming and selecting smaller subsets for further visualization.</li> <li>The researcher engages in Hypothesis testing. The researcher uses the hypothesis formulation and validation tools of FrailSafe verify specific hypotheses about a selected subset of data. The system uses underlying data analysis techniques or displays extra visualized information in order to assist the researcher in verifying or rejecting the formulated hypothesis.</li> </ol>		
Privacy & Regulation restrictions	The displayed data should be anonymized. Information linking the displayed data with a specific older person should be hidden from the researcher.		

The FrailSafe data should be available only to registered researcher users, in order to ensure their protection

#### **UML Sequence Diagram**



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#### 7. EVALUATION TOOLS

Experience of the FrailSafe team so far has been that participants are happy to give their comments/feedback on the concept and the tools they have used. Many changes have been implemented both in terms of processes, and in terms of design, in our

course from testing few fragmented parts of the system in the first months, until the present time (M20), when the system is much more complete. For example, the way the users log in to play the game was changed after their own request.

#### Tools to be used in the evaluation studies:

- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Online surveys
- Focus groups
- Prototyping
- Expert review
- Usability testing
- Performance measurements
- Log file analysis
- Feature/Consistency/Standards inspection

#### 8.1 Questionnaires

All questionnaires used in the pilot evaluation studies with older users and family members will be presented for feedback in initial focus groups in Cyprus in M21-M22. This was also done for the questionnaires used to collect the user requirements, which led to a simplification or word change in certain questions, in order to make the questionnaire more user-friendly and effective.

A set of User satisfaction questionnaires will be given to each participant in Group C according to the schedule described above. A variety of existing usability and user experience scales were considered. Priority was given to scales which can be used by a variety of user groups (for example the same questionnaire will be administered to older users, their families and health care professionals). In addition, we choose tools which do not refer to a limited part of a system (for example SUMI was ruled out because it refers to the interface of asoftware), or that had features which the users had previously rated as negative (for example, QSUQ -computer system usability questionnaire was too long for older users).

All three questionnaires are constructed with Likert rating scales. Users are asked to rate agreement with the statements, raging from (very) strongly disagree to (very) strongly agree. Various forms of the two existing questionnaires (SUS and USE) have been used to evaluate user attitudes towards a variety of technological consumer products. Factor analyses following each study suggested that users were evaluating the products primarily using three dimensions, Usefulness, Satisfaction, and Ease of Use."

The set of user satisfaction questionnaires to be used in the assessment of FrailSafe includes:

- FrailSafe satisfaction Questionnaire (Annex 16) created by the FrailSafe team to address user satisfaction of the componets of FrailSafe <u>as part of the</u> <u>whole system</u>. This questionnaire was based on the one created to measure user requirements in WP1.
- SUS (System Usage Satisfaction) Questionnaire (Annex 17) One of the most popular questionnaires is the SUS which is short and does seem to yield reliable results across sample sizes (Tullis and Stetson, 2004). The System Usability Scale (SUS) includes 10 items using a five-point response items (strongly disagree -- strongly agree):
- USE (Annex 18), Measuring Usability with the USE Questionnaire, Arnold M. Lund STC Usability SIG Newsletter, orginally published in the October 2001 issue (Vol 8, No. 2)

The questionnaire was constructed as seven-point Likert rating scales, e.g. from -3 (disagree very strongly) to +3 (agree very strongly)

It is noted that as with all stages of the project, participants will be able to withdraw from the evaluation process at anytime without an obligation to explain the reasons.

## 8.1.1 Family user group questionnaires (Annexes 16-18)

During focus groups and home visits, relatives often are present and positive to provide feedback as well (38 relatives had provided feedback in the user requirement collection process described in D1.2). A set of user satisfaction questionnaires will be given to relatives of participants of Group C to extract satisfaction rate of user group "family" in relation to the user needs which were identified for that group, and the perceived benefit for their loved ones if they were to use FrailSafe as part of their treatment management program.

#### 8.1.2 Health care professionals' user group questionnaires (Annexes 16-18)

A set of assessment questionnaires will be administered to each member of the clinical teams who came in contact with the integrated FrailSafe system (team members from the three centers include healthcare professionals from the fields of medicine, nursing, psychology, gerontology, speech-language therapy and social work). The feedback from these questionnaires will be indicative of the assessment by the end user group "healthcare professionals".

#### 8.1.3 *IT professionals' feedback* (Heuristic Evaluation)

A set of assessment questionnaires (Annex 19) will be administered to each member of the IT teams which has come in contact with the FrailSafe integrated system. The aim is to receive feedback on all the technical aspects which FrailSafe needs to include according to the stated functional and non-functional system requirements.

#### Technological characteristics to be assessed by IT professionals

- 1. Evaluation of System Requirements Satisfaction (information derived from D1.3):
- Network availability
- Hardware reliability
- Data Loss prevention
- System security
- System privacy of online personal data

#### 2. Evaluation of non-functional system requirements:

- Ease of learning. Novices and expert users have to learn to use the system easily;
- Task efficiency. The system has to be efficient for the frequent user;
- Ease of remembering. After a no-use period, the user has to remember to use the system without guide or instructions;
- Understandability: During the use of any function the user has to perceive what the system does;
- Subjective satisfaction: The user has to feel satisfied with the system

IT professionals will be asked to complete an assessment questionnaire with their personal evaluation of the technological aspects of FrailSafe. They will be specifically asked to rate the platform according to the following criteria and comment on the effectiveness of the platform to:

- Reliably collect and store data coming from clinicians, sensors, patients;
- Provide a secure way to host and handle that data;
- Host the FrailSafe data analysis services pertaining to the above data in order to provide frailty-related metrics;
- Host the FrailSafe services exposed to users and/or clinicians, for example the FrailSafe Virtual Community Platform and the Intervention System;
- Host the services regarding FrailSafe applications and Games;
- Seem suitable for performing the exploitation initiatives identified for FrailSafe results after the end of the project.

#### 8.1.4 Expert review on safety and ethics

FrailSafe Ethics Advisor Dr. Stefania Maggi, and Liz Mestheneos, FrailSafe advisory board member have agreed to review FrailSafe integrated system in terms of its ethics and safety related features. The two experts will hold checklist (see below in section 8.2) and complete during the assessment session, during which the different features of FrailSafe will be discussed and a team member from each partner will be present to discuss their particular components.

#### 8.2 Ethics

A selection of some indicative use cases from the ones presented above will be used for the definition of the scenarios to be used for pilot testing during the evaluation phase of the project. Ethics and safety protocols will be strictly adhered to during the execution of the scenarios. Evaluation protocols to be used are directly connected to the outputs of Deliverable D9.9 "Ethics, Safety and mHealth Barriers (regulation, legislation, etc.) Manual". The evaluation procedures used will comply with the plan proposed in this deliverable. If any new privacy, safety or ethical requirements may arise during the project duration, they will be taken into consideration and the process will be modified, and the approval of the Ethics Advisory Board will be requested beforehand.

The legislation barriers for the adaptation of the FrailSafe components will also be reexamined, including regulatory issues (security, medical devices, mHealth interfaces), legislation frameworks, policy issues (older person empowerment, reimbursement) and GSMA (Policy and Regulation for Innovation in Mobile Health, 2012).

All research conducted for the purposes of FrailSafe has received ethical approval by the national ethics committees in the three countries (Greece, France and Cyprus). Thus all procedures and documents used in all the clinical trials with participants have been approved.

System technical specifications related to ethics need to be assessed in the pilot evaluation studies for the integrated FrailSafe system.

Checklist to be completed by the ethics expert reviewers, will contain the following items:

Has FrailSafe managed to:

• Anonymize / pseudonymize data where needed

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- Be transparent
- Acquire informed consent where needed
- Establish a default of not sharing data unless consent is given
- Treat data with purpose specification and limitation criteria
- Establish a data erasure function which will serve all users
- Avoid cookies
- Be accountable
- Provide satisfactory data security

Final ethics checklist document will be included in D7.2,"Assessment Protocol ver b-final".

#### Security and Privacy

The FrailSafe project heavily relies on sensitive data, specifically on personal medical data. Hence, security and privacy issues are of paramount importance and must be carefully considered and faced. This is especially true in view of the recent hardening of the relevant European Regulations on the subject of data protection and the latter has become very precise about personal data acquisition and handling (i.e. the Data Protection Directive - 95/46/EC - and the new General Data Protection Regulation V EU GDPR n. 2016/679).

#### 8. CONCLUSIONS

This is the first version of the assessment protocol for the evaluation pilot studies of the integrated FrailSafe system.

In order to achieve valid and reliable evaluation results, a range of UCD methods will be implemented in order to receive evaluation of FS system from a variety of endusers and through different methods/tools. Specifically, the integrated system will be assessed by end users, health care professionals, family members, IT professionals, Ethics consultants, researchers, and commercial organisations representatives.

Methods to be used will be mainly different kinds of data collected during the evaluation clinical trials, questionnaires, interviews, focus groups, expert reviews.

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#### 10. ANNEXES

#### Annex 1: Identification data

Participant ID number	
Group	START/ MAIN / EVALUATION/ CONTROL
Date of entry in the study	Corresponds to the date of the consent signature
Name initials	First two letters of First and Last name
Year of birth	
Sex	M/F

## Annex 2: Generalities and demographics

Living	Choose all that apply:		
conditions	1.lives alone		
	2.live with spouse/companion		
	3.live with another/other relative(s)		
	4.family/close friends nearby		
	5. Presence of regular help (professional or family)		
Family status	Choose one answer:		
	1.Single		
	2.Married or in a relationship		
	3.Divorced		
	4.Widow		
Profession	Choose one answer:		
	1-Housewife		
	2-Agriculture Workers (farmer, breeder etc)		
	3-Workers (manual labor workers, factory workers)		
	4-Craftsmens, Merchants (enterprising, businessmen etc)		
	5-Intermediary professions (ex. sailors? seamen? drivers? Free professionals?)		
	6-Employees, Officers, Clerks		
	7-Executive employees and intellectual professions (teachers, professors, tutors, physicians, engineers, lawyers etc)		
Education	Number of educational years		
	Write down the number. Values of 0 also acceptable		
Leisure	How many times do you go out of your house per week?		
activities	Write down the number. Values of 0 or decimals also acceptable. "I don't know" option also provided		

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	Are you member to a club or an association? Yes/No
Social life/ communication	How many times per week do you exchange visits with somebody (either you visit them or vice versa)?
	Write down the number. Values with decimals also acceptable. "I don't know" option also provided
	How many times per week do you receive or give telephone calls (or other means of distance communication) with someone close? <i>Write down the number. Values with decimals also acceptable. "I</i> <i>don't know" option also provided</i>
	What is the mean time you spend speaking at the phone per week
	(in minutes)?
	Write down the number. Values with decimals also acceptable. "I don't know" option also provided
	What is the mean time you spend on videoconference per week (in minutes) either on your own of assisted by someone else?
	Write down the number. Values with decimals also acceptable. "I don't know" option also provided
	What is the mean number of text messages you send per week either on your own or assisted by someone else?
	Write down the number. Values with decimals also acceptable. "I don't know" option also provided

Medical and S conditions	Surgical	Comorbidities as self-reported by the participants and/or revealed by their medication list and/or medical records. (Annex 1)		
		Check all that apply		
		Check all that apply <ul> <li>ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION yes/no</li> <li>DYSLIPIDEMIA yes/no</li> <li>DIABETES MELLITUS yes/no</li> <li>ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE yes/no</li> <li>CHRONIC ATRIAL FIBRILLATION/PAROXYSMAL AF OR OTHER ARRYTHMIA yes/no</li> <li>HEART INSUFFICIENCY yes/no</li> <li>STROKE OR TIA yes/no</li> <li>CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE yes/no</li> <li>CANCER yes/no</li> <li>RESPIRATORY DISEASE yes/no</li> <li>IMPAIRED COGNITIVE FUNCTION yes/no</li> <li>PARKINSON'S DISEASE yes/no</li> <li>DEPRESSIVE MOOD yes/no</li> <li>ANXIETY AND/OR SLEEP PROBLEM yes/no</li> <li>URINARY INCONTINENCE yes/no</li> <li>PROSTATE PATHOLOGY yes/no</li> <li>ANEMIA yes/no</li> <li>JOINT PAIN- MUSCULOSCELETAL COMPLAINTS/DISEASES yes/no</li> <li>OSTEOPOROSIS yes/no</li> <li>CONSTIPATION AND OTHER INTESTINAL PATHOLOGY yes/no</li> <li>THYROID GLAND PATHOLOGY yes/no</li> <li>EYE DISEASES yes/no</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>HEARING PROBLEMS yes/no</li> <li>DIZZINESS AND/OR VERTIGO yes/no</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>LOWER LIMP TRAUMA OR OPERATION WITH RESIDUAL SIGNES yes/no</li> <li>Others (ICD-10 coding) yes/no</li> </ul>		

#### Annex 3: Medical history, Commorbidities, Medication list

Estimation of the effect of each comorbidity in the individual's function	Do you think that each of the present conditions has a significant impact in the individual's functional capacity? yes/no		
Lead co-morbidity among those with special interest for the study	<ul> <li>Which is the most important lead co-morbidity (Annex 2):</li> <li>Oneanswer possible <ul> <li>Prior stroke</li> <li>MCI</li> <li>Osteoporosis if woman /Osteoarthritis if man</li> <li>None of the above</li> <li>No comorbidity at all</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Medication	The whole medication list (Annex 3) (drugs over-the-counter and drug frequently- even not daily- used included)		
	Frequency of drug administration per day		
	How many times a day (s)he takes each distinct drug		
Hospitalization	Number of hospitalizations in the last year <i>"I don't know" option also provided</i>		
	Number of hospitalizations in the last year and three years? <i>"I don't know" option also provided</i>		
Falls	Number of falls in the last year <i>"I don't know" option also provided</i>		
Fractures	Number of fractures during the last 3 years <i>"I don't know" option also provided</i>		

	Number of fractures in lifetime
	"I don't know" option also provided
	Fractures' anatomic localization.
	Click all that apply:
	<ul> <li>upper limps</li> <li>hip-pelvis</li> <li>vertebral</li> <li>other</li> </ul>
	"I don't know" option also provided
	How many months before the study did your last fracture occur?
	"I don't know" option also provided
Physical Activity	Do you have regular physical activities (walking gardening, others). One choice
	1No
	2<2h per week
	32-5 h per week
	4 >5 h per week
Smoking status	<ol> <li>Never smoked</li> <li>Past smoker (stopped at least 6 months)</li> <li>Current smoker</li> </ol>
Alcohol use	Number of alcohol units' equivalences consumption per week (Annex4).
	Values of zero or decimals also accepted

## Annex 4: Fried's Criteria of Frailty

1) Unintentional weight loss >4.5 kg in	Question to the participant:
the past year	"Have you unintentionally lost more than 4.5 kg
	in the past year?"
	1. No
	2. Yes
	3. I don't know
2) <20th population centile for grip strength	Dynamometer measured grip strength (average of 3 trials, dominant hand) <u>Normal values:</u>
	>29kg for BMI≤24,
	>30kg for BMI 24.1-28 and
	>32Kg for BIVII >28
	[Women]
	>17 kg for BMI 23 1-26
	>18kg for BMI 26.1-29
	>21kg for BMI >29
	Result outside the norms? Yes/No
3) Self-reported exhaustion	Questions to the participant:
	<ul> <li>a) I felt that everything I did was an effort in the last week:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rarely or none of the time (&lt;1 day)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Some or little of the time (1 to 2 days)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Moderate amount of the time (3 to 4 days)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Most of the time</li> </ul>
	b) I could not get going in the last week
	<ul> <li>Rarely or none of the time (&lt;1 day)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Some or little of the time (1 to 2 days)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Moderate amount of the time (3 to 4</li> </ul>
	days)

	<ul> <li>Most of the time</li> </ul>
	Meets criteria for frailty if answer "moderate amount of the time" or "most of the time" for either question: yes/no
4) Low physical activity such that persons would only rarely undertake a short walk	Question to the participant: "Gait requiring physical activity during less than 10min per day (or 75min per week) in average"?
5) Slowed walking speed, defined as	Extrapolated from previous walking test.
lowest population quartile on 4 minute	Abnormal values for walking 4.57 meters:
waiking test.	For men; $\geq$ 7seconds for height $\leq$ 173cm and $\geq$ 6seconds for height>173cm.
	For women; ≥7seconds for height ≤159cm and ≥6seconds for height>159cm.
	Is the gait speed slower?
	1. No
	2. Yes
	3. Test not adequate (non realizable or acute debilitating condition that affects walking)
	In case of acute condition affecting standard gait speed the evaluation should be repeated in another visit after the resolution of the condition.
Categorization by Fried	<ol> <li>Non frail (0 criteria)</li> <li>Pre-frail (1-2 criteria)</li> <li>Frail (3 or more criteria)</li> </ol>
The case of inadequate data	Adequate data for the Fried's criteria
	<ol> <li>YES (if all the criteria above where answered by Yes or No)</li> <li>NO (if we have missing data, ex gait speed non evaluable, weight loss not able to be reported etc)</li> </ol>
	Fried's categorization according to clinician's estimation:
	<ol> <li>Non frail</li> <li>Pre-frail</li> <li>Frail</li> </ol>

Optional free text space will be provided in order to specify special cases of inadequate data

#### Annex 5: Cognitive, mood and sleep evaluation

Cognitive function	Scale MMSE (Mini Mental State Examination) (Annex 8)	
	Scale MoCA (Montreal Cognitive Assessment) (Annex 9)	
Memory complain	Question to the participant:	
	"Do you have the impression that your memory works less well in comparison to the people of your age?"	
	1. No 2. Yes	
Depression	Geriatric Depression Scale- 15 items (Annex 10)	
Sleep	Choose the one that applies	
	The need of medication to sleep correspond also in a sleep problem	
	<ol> <li>No sleep problem</li> <li>Occasional sleep problem</li> <li>Permanent sleep problem</li> </ol>	

Annex 6: Clinical examination and instrumental measu	urements
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	Pulse relation to the nulse regular ence (0		
Arrnythmia detection	Pulse palpation. Is the pulse regular or not?		
	1. Yes=absence of arrhythmia		
	<ol><li>No= presence of arrhythmia</li></ol>		
Height measurement	In meters		
Weight measurement	In kilograms		
BMI	Automatically calculated by the formula: BMI=weight(in kgs)/height(in meters) <sup>2</sup>		
Impedance -Body fat	Measurement by FORA device		
Waist circumference	In centimeters		
Chest circumference	In centimeters		
Blood pressure measurements	3 measurements (one minute apart) in sitting position		
	(Mean calculation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> measurement)		
	Measured by electronic tensionmeter		
Orthostatic hypotension detection	2 measures in standing position (first and then third minute)		
	Comparison to the mean sitting measurement with each of the standing measurements		
	Measured by electronic tensionmeter		
	Impossibility to realize the test of orthostatic hypotension?		
	1. No 2. Yes		
	Orthostatic hypotension test positive?		
	1. No		

	2. Yes	
	3. Test non realizable	
	Orthostatic hypotension present if:	
	SBP differ≥20mmHg OR	
	DBP differ≥10mmHg	
Arterial stiffness evaluation	Pulse wave velocity	
Arterial stiffness evaluation	Pulse wave velocity Measured by the mobilograph (where available)	
Arterial stiffness evaluation	Pulse wave velocity <i>Measured by the mobilograph (where available)</i> Central Systolic Blood Pressure	

Annex 7	: Balance	and	gaite	evaluation
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Lower limb strength	Raise from the chair 5 times without helping from the arms
	Number of seconds necessary to accomplish the task
	"Test non realizable" option will be provided
Balance	Single foot station
	1. <5sec
	2. >5sec)
	3. Test non realizable
Gait speed	Timed Get Up And Go Test
	Time in seconds needed to complete the task
	Speed for 4 meters' straight walk
	Time in seconds needed to complete the task
	Optional open text field will be provided in order to enter qualitative evaluation of the gait, the balance, the turn and the posture
Special conditions	Existence of a temporary condition that could affect the performance in these tests?
	1. No 2. Yes

If yes, the evaluation should be repeated in another visit after the resolution of the condition.

#### Annex 8: Sensory system evaluation

Vision	Question to the participant AND clinical evaluation/impression Choose the one that applies
	<ol> <li>Sees well</li> <li>Sees moderately</li> <li>Sees poorly</li> </ol>
Hearing	Question to the participant AND clinical evaluation/impression Choose the one that applies
	1. Hears well
	2. Hears moderately
	3. Hears poorly

## Annex 9: Nutritional assessment

Nutritional state	MNA short form scale for nutritional problem detection		
	If score $\leq 11$ in short form, then application of the full questionnaire.		
	(Annex 5)		
	MNA extended version		
	To be applied only if detection score ≤11		
	(Annex 5)		

Annex 10: Activities of daily living

Activities of daily living	Katz Index of Independence of ADL (Annex 6)
Instrumental activities of daily living	Lawton IADL scale (Annex 7)

## Annex 11: Self-evaluation scales

Quality of life self-	Visual analogue scale (Annex 11)
rating	"In generally, and not only referring to your health, how would you grade the quality of your life?"
Health self-rating	"In generally and according to your age, how would you rate your health from 1 to 5, where 1 means very bad and 5 means excellent?"
	Check the one that applies
	<ol> <li>Very bad</li> <li>Bad</li> <li>Medium</li> <li>Good</li> <li>Excellent</li> </ol>
	"Comparing to a year ago, how would you rate your health now?"
	Check the one that applies
	<ol> <li>A lot worse</li> <li>A little worse</li> <li>About the same</li> <li>A little better</li> <li>A lot better</li> </ol>
Pain self-evaluation	Visual analogue scale (Annex 12)

		"Please mark on the line the point that you feel better represents your perception of your current state about pain."
Anxiety evaluation	self-	Visual analogue scale (Annex 13) "Please mark on the line the point that you feel better represents your perception of your current state about anxiety."

## Annex 12: Housing conditions' evaluation

Habitation zone	1. Rural		
	2. Semi-urban		
	3. Urban		
Housing/ surroundings	Does the person think that their housing environment is suitable and adapted to their needs/particularities?		
	1. Yes,		
	2.No		
	If NO, please note all that applies :		
	1. unsuitable/ inconvenient in-house facilities/ surrounding ,		
	2. unsuitable/ inconvenient/ too distant environing facilities		
	Does the visiting health care professional estimate that the housing environment is suitable and adapted to the participant's needs/particularities?		
	1. Yes,		
	2. No		
	If NO, please note all that applies :		
	1. unsuitable/ inconvenient in-house facilities/ surrounding,		

2. unsuitable/ inconvenient/ too distant environing and outdoor facilities

3. hygiene conditions

How many stairs has someone to climb in order to access the house? (floor levels accessed by elevator not included).

Enter the number

## Annex 13: Follow up questionnaire

Falls	Did any fall occur?	Yes/no
	Number of falls	
	Date of the event	
Fractures	Did any fracture occur?	Yes/no
	Date of the event	dd/mm/yyyy
	Anatomic location	Click all that apply:
		<ul> <li>upper limps</li> <li>hip-pelvis</li> <li>vertebral</li> <li>other</li> <li>multiple factures</li> </ul>
		"I don't know" option also provided

Hospitalizations	Did any hospitalization occur?	Yes/ No
	Date	dd/mm/yyyy
	Length of hospital stay (in days)	+option of "still hospitalized" provided
Conditions of hospital recours	<ul> <li>Outcome</li> <li>programmed hospitalization</li> <li>visit to the emergency care room by release without hospitalisation</li> <li>urgent hospitalization</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>totally cured</li> <li>amelioration</li> <li>stability</li> <li>worsening of general health state</li> <li>death</li> <li>institutionalization</li> <li>still hospitalised</li> </ul>
Death	Did death occur?	Yes/no
	Cause	Open field for the cause of death +option of "I don't know also provided"
	Date	dd/mm/yyyy

# Annex 14: Data collection of written text (in every clinical assessment after the first)

Ask to think of a major life event and ask to write it down.

If possible typed (by preference), otherwise handwritten. If not possible dictated.

Ask to think of a recent, everyday life routine, e.g. write what he/she did in the previous day.

Ask to think a major enjoyable life event, although unpleasant events should not be dismissed.

For instance:

- Wedding
- Child's birth.
- Children's achievements
- Enjoyable travel experience.
- Professional achievements.
- Last time you felt excitement about a forthcoming event.

## Annex 15: Study's completion verification

Did the patient complete the study as predicted?	1. Yes 2. No
If no, provide the reason for the premature ending of his/her participation	<ol> <li>Death</li> <li>Consent withdrawal</li> <li>Emerging condition inhibiting the participation in the study or fulfilling exclusion criteria</li> <li>Participant unreachable/ Lost in follow up</li> </ol>

Annex 16: FrailSafe Satisfaction Questionnaire





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## Questionnaire for FrailSafe satisfaction

#### Part A: General questions

- 1. Please indicate your relation to the project:
  - □ Participant in the project
  - Healthcare professional (doctor, pharmacist, nurse, psychologist, social worker, sociologist, etc.)
  - D Participant family member

- Future business customer (ITcompany, Care Service Provider, Health Care Facility etc.)
- 2. Which components the FrailSafe system have you used?
  - □ Blood Pressure Monitor□ Smartphone □ Tablet □ Games
  - □ WWS Belt □ Vest □ Beacons □ AR Glasses □ Dynamometer

#### 3. Do you think this system is important?

□ Yes□No

Are you willing to use this system again in your home setting?
 □ Yes □No

#### Part B: Questions about the system

- Which of the following tools of the system do you think are useful?
   Blood Pressure Monitor
   Smartphone
   Tablet
   Games
   WWS Belt
   Vest
   Beacons
   AR Glasses
   Dynamometer
- 2. Which of the following tools of the system do you think is not useful?
  Blood Pressure Monitor

  Smartphone
  Tablet
  Games
  WWS Belt
  Vest
  Beacons
  AR Glasses
  Dynamometer
- 3. Which of the following tools of the system did you like most?
  Blood Pressure Monitor

  Smartphone
  Tablet
  Games
  WWS Belt
  Vest
  Beacons
  AR Glasses
  Dynamometer
- 4. Which of the following tools of the system you did not like at all?
  Blood Pressure Monitor

  Smartphone
  Tablet
  Games
  WWS Belt
  Vest
  Beacons
  AR Glasses
  Dynamometer
- 5. Which of the following did you find easy to use?
  Blood Pressure Monitor Smartphone Tablet Games
  WWS Belt Vest Beacons AR Glasses Dynamometer
- 6. Which of the following did you find difficult to use?
  - $\square$  Blood Pressure Monitor $\square$  Smartphone  $\square$  Tablet  $\square$  Games
  - $\square$  WWS Belt  $\square$  Vest  $\square$  Beacons  $\square$  AR Glasses  $\square$  Dynamometer

- Did you need any assistance in using the system?
   □ Yes□No
- 8. If yes, in which tool or game did you need assistance?
  - □ Blood Pressure Monitor□ Smartphone □ Tablet □ Games
  - □ WWS Belt □ Vest □ Beacons □ AR Glasses □ Dynamometer
- 9. Did you experience any unpleasant situation while using the system, □ Yes□No

#### 10. If yes, what kind of unpleasant situation did you experience?

- □ Loss of balance / fall
- □ Stress
- D Pain
- □ Other, please specify.....

#### 11.Do you feel that the service is safe and secure?

□ Yes□No

#### Annex 17: System Usability Scale (SUS)<sup>1</sup>

For each of the following statements, rate your level of agreement or disagreement regarding your experience while using the FrailSafe system by using the following scale of 1 to 5.

1	2	3	4	5
Agree strongly	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Disagree strongly

Please circle the **one number** that best describes your degree of agreement with each of the 10 items.

Please do not leave any question unanswered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adopted bySystem Usability Scale (SUS) developed by John Brooke.

<ol> <li>I would like to use this system frequently</li> </ol>	1	2	3	4	5
2. I found the system unnecessarily complex	1	2	3	4	5
3. I thought the system was easy to use	1	2	3	4	5
<ol> <li>I think that I would need the support of a technical person to be able to use this system</li> </ol>	1	2	3	4	5
5. I found the various functions in this system were well integrated	1	2	3	4	5
6. I thought there was too much inconsistency in this system	1	2	3	4	5
7. I would imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly	1	2	3	4	5
8. I found the system very cumbersome to use	1	2	3	4	5
9. I felt very confident using the system	1	2	3	4	5
10.I needed to learn a lot of things before I could get going with this system	1	2	3	4	5

#### Annex 18: USE QUESTIONNAIRE<sup>2</sup>

The purpose of this questionnaire is to evaluate how satisfied you are with the FrailSafe system.

For each of the following statements, please rate your level of agreement or disagreement regarding your experience while using the FrailSafe system by using the following scale of 1 to 7.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Agree very strongly	Agree strongly	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Disagree very strongly

#### Part A: FRAILSAFE Usefulness

1. is useful a	and it	helps	me	(user	1	2	3	4	5	7
friendly).										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>It is based on "Measuring Usability with the USE Questionnaire", author: Arnold M. Lund, Measuring Usability with the USE Questionnaire, STC Usability SIG Newsletter, orginally published in the October 2001 issue (Vol 8, No. 2)

2. gives me more control in health monitoring	1	2	3	4	5	7
3. makes the things I want to accomplish easier to get done	1	2	3	4	5	7
4. meets my needs	1	2	3	4	5	7
5. does everything I would expect it to do	1	2	3	4	5	7
<ol> <li>requires the fewest steps possible to accomplish what I want to do with it (easy and simple to use).</li> </ol>	1	2	3	4	5	7
7. is flexible	1	2	3	4	5	7

## Part B: FRAILSAFE Easy of use

8. I can use it without written instructions	1	2	3	4	5	7
<ol> <li>I don't notice any inconsistencies as I use it</li> </ol>	1	2	3	4	5	7
10.Both occasional and regular users would like it	1	2	3	4	5	7
11.I can recover from mistakes quickly and easily	1	2	3	4	5	7
12.I can use it successfully every time	1	2	3	4	5	7

#### Part C: FRAILSAFE Ease of Learning
13.I learned to use it easily and quickly	1	2	3	4	5	7
14.I quickly became skillful with it	1	2	3	4	5	7
15.I easily remember how to use it	1	2	3	4	5	7

# Part D: Satisfaction

16.I am satisfied with it	1	2	3	4	5	7
17.It works the way it should work	1	2	3	4	5	7
18.1 would use it in the future	1	2	3	4	5	7
19.1 would recommend it to a friend	1	2	3	4	5	7
20. It is pleasant to use	1	2	3	4	5	7

21. List the most negative aspect(s) of the FrailSafe system

1.			

2.		
3.		

## 22. List the most positive aspect(s) of the FrailSafe system

1.		
2.		
3.		

### Annex 19: Questionnaire for IT professionals

### **Questionnaire for technological characteristics**

Please,

Circle the **one number** that best describes your level of satisfaction with each of the 9 items.

Do not leave any question unanswered.

Comment in the section *comments* for any item that you were not "very satisfied".

### FrailSafe system

How satisfied are you with,

1. the network availability?					
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
Comments.	1	Z	3	4	:

2. the hardware reliability?					
Comments:					
	1	2	3	4	5
3. the data loss prevention?					
Comments:					
	1	2	3	4	5
4. the system security?					
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
5. the system privacy of online personal data? Comments:					
	1	2	3	4	5
6. easy of learning the platform?					_
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5

7. the task efficiency?					
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
8. easy of remembering?					
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
9. understandability of the platform?					
Comments:	1	2	3	4	5

10. Which aspects of the platform did you find most positive as an IT professional? List most positive 3 below:

11. Which aspects of the platform did you find most negative as an IT professional? List most negative 3 below: