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# Abbreviations and Definitions

| Abbreviation | Definition |
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| ICT | Information and Communication Technologies |
| ACCRA | Agile CoCreation of Robots for Ageing |
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# Executive Summary

The ACCRA project aims to stimulate the independent living of elderly persons through the development of robotics. To achieve this goal the project has been divided into 4 phases: Needs study, co-creation, experimentation and sustainability analysis. This document presents the **needs study results of the mobility application in the Italian and Dutch pilot sites**. Figure 1 shows how this deliverable is connected to the other aspects of the ACCRA project.

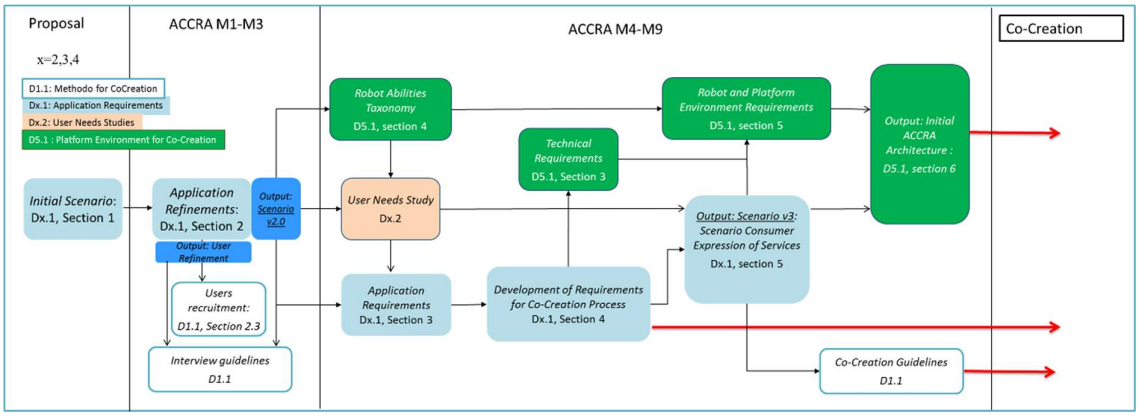


*Figure 1 Relationship deliverables ACCRA Project*

The aim of the needs study was two-fold: 1) What are the elderly needs with regards to their mobility issue and 2) What were the perceptions of the participants about (care assistive) robots? The needs study was conducted with three end-user groups: elderly, informal caregivers[1] and formal caregivers. In the Netherlands, the participants were recruited from the elderly care organisation WVO Zorg and in Italy the participants were recruited from the Geriatrics Unit – IRCCS Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza. A semi-structured interview method was used, all interviews[2] were an 1-on-1 and had an average duration of 1-1,5 hours.

There were several needs that were outside the domain of mobility. Participants have expressed that they had needs with their daily life as result of their mobility problems, which shows that the daily life and mobility domains are interwoven with each other. Addressing needs from both domains are important to maintain independence. However, these needs are not taken into the priority list for the co-creation phase in this user case due the scope of this project. After cross-country analsysis, there are three high priority needs with regards to the elderly mobility problems: safety needs, movement needs and exercise needs. In addition, there were country specific needs. In The Netherlands, the caregivers expressed their needs for a robotic solution that could support them with their work and in Italy the participants have expressed needs concerning communication. The three needs: safety, movement and exercise will be prioritized for the co-creation phase and the country-specific needs will be further explored.

[1] The Netherlands did not recruit informal caregivers

[2] Except 1 for interview sesstion. This was an group interview.

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