1. Smart Companion

What is it?



- An internal project being developed at Fraunhofer AICOS
- An Android customization specially designed to meet older adults' needs



2. Why Smartphones for Seniors?

Context



- Trends suggest that smartphones will be the dominant status quo
- With time, smartphones should also reach seniors
- If designed with seniors' needs and characteristics in mind, smartphones have potential to:
 - Prevent isolation
 - Promote autonomy, and greater quality of life
 - Improve health condition



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Objectives



- Aims at being a companion permanently available to help and support users in their daily actions, such as:
 - Contacting relatives and friends
 - Creating and managing to do lists
 - Remembering when to take medication or visit the doctor
 - Entertaining the user



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Current Status



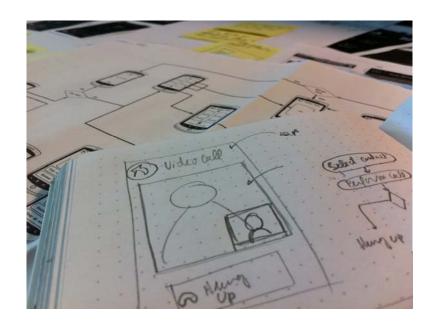


Currently enables the user to easily:

- Unlock the phone
- Call relatives and friends
- Send voice and text messages
- Manage contacts
- Call the emergency line
- Launch applications
- Listen to music and radio



3. Smart Companion – Future Plans



The project will further develop to support:

- Gallery of photos and videos
- Video conference calls
- Medication reminders
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