

COMMUNITY SOCIAL ALARM NETWORK IN SLOVENIA

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SUMMARY

The article deals with a case report on the technology transfer of the *Lifeline* community social alarm system to Slovenia. The main reason the project was initiated is the ageing of the Slovenian population (11 % of the population is 65 or over). With this system we intend to support the public's wish to allow the elderly to remain in their own homes for as long as possible instead of placing them in institutional care. Between 1992 and 1995 the following results were achieved: the acceptability of the system in the social environment was increased; a pilot control centre in Ljubljana was established and has been operational for two-and-a-half years; a national dissemination plan was prepared; the integration of the programme into other information systems has been started. One of the main conclusions is that for the successful transfer of a technology which also affects social values in society, a social innovation must support the process.

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