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### **Six new collaborative projects announced: MEDTEQ+ and AGE-WELL strengthen the impact of envisAGE and its pan-Canadian reach**

**MONTREAL, February 9, 2026** – MEDTEQ+ and AGE-WELL, two leaders in the AgeTech sector, announce funding for six new collaborative projects as part of the envisAGE initiative, which aims to accelerate the market entry of technologies that can support older adults and caregivers by promoting the integration and evaluation of mature AgeTech innovations in real-world settings across Canada.

All envisAGE collaborative projects bring together a Canadian company with a innovative technology, an adoption partners looking to implement a technology (Community Lab), and a Beachhead™ with expertise in aging and technology. The Beachhead™ validates, evaluates, and supports the technology adoption pathway throughout the project.

The total budget for the six projects is close to \$19 million, including more than \$4 500 million in funding from the envisAGE initiative through the Government of Canada's Strategic Response Fund, as well as more than \$250 000 thousand from the Government of Quebec for projects involving Québec local partners.

Here are additional projects selected for the second cohort:

- **Centralization of digital tools through a unified application**  
[Sentiom](#) is partnering with [La Villa Sainte-Rose](#) and [Université Laval](#) to implement a unified digital-tool application designed to make staff workflows smoother and enhance the support provided to residents.
- **Integration of an Interoperable Technological Ecosystem for Clinical Monitoring**  
[Virtuose Technologies](#) in partnership with [Groupe Patrimoine](#), is deploying at the [Humanitae](#) residence a fully interoperable technological ecosystem designed to connect and centralize various monitoring and care solutions to improve residents' quality of life and support staff.
- **AI-Powered Homecare: Assessing the Acceptability and Feasibility of Predictive Monitoring to Reduce Hospitalizations, Falls, and Other Adverse Events for Canadians Healing and Aging at Home**

[CHAH Technology](#), [Stay at Home Nursing \(SAHN\)](#) and the [McMaster Institute for Research on Aging \(MIRA\)](#) are joining forces to evaluate the acceptability and feasibility of a predictive monitoring technology aimed at reducing falls, hospitalizations, and other adverse events among older adults living at home.

- **Bringing Patients Home: A Home-Based Alternative to Waiting for Long-Term Care**  
[Gotcare](#) and [Durham](#) Primary Care Team are partnering to Bring Patients Home: A Home-Based Alternative to Waiting for Long-Term Care. This community-driven initiative, supported by [Bruyère Health](#), uses the integration of passive monitoring and AI-driven monitoring to enable the transition of patients occupying Alternate Level of Care (ALC) beds to transition back into the community across the Ontario Health East region.
- **Personalized Tech Packages for Aging in Place – A Systematic Approach to Help Older Adults Live Safely and Independently** [Thriving.ai](#), in partnership with the [McMaster Institute for Research on Aging \(MIRA\)](#) and [ISSI-Aging](#), are collaborating to design, deploy, and evaluate customized technology packages aimed at enhancing the independence, safety, and the well-being of older adults living at home.
- **Using a Lightweight Language Model to Improve Communication in Support of Older Adults at Home and in Retirement Homes**  
[Czame](#), [Ivado](#) and [Les Jardins de Magog](#) are enhancing the H724 platform with a conversational agent to facilitate communication around older adult care, ensuring safe and ethical deployment.

Collaborative projects supported by envisAGE aim to address priority needs to support quality aging in Canada, including autonomy and independence, cognitive health and dementia, healthy lifestyles and wellness, maintaining social connections, supportive homes and communities, healthcare and health service delivery, mobility and transportation, and financial wellness and employment.

This cohort includes six SMEs, six Community Labs, five Beachheads, and one Innovation Hub and adds to the 35 projects announced since the launch of envisAGE in 2023, all focused on improving the quality of life of older adults across the country.

“Technological innovations are a powerful lever for improving the daily lives of older adults. Funded by the Strategic Response Fund, envisAGE makes it possible to implement these innovations in real-world contexts, while promoting collaboration between businesses, researchers, and communities to bring these Canadian technologies to market,” said the Honourable Mélanie

Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions.

"With *envisAGE*, we're showing how innovation and AI can come together to improve public well-being. Such collaborative projects are proof that Québec boasts a vibrant ecosystem and the expertise needed to develop practical, tangible tech solutions designed to meet the needs of older adults and their caregivers," said Jean Boulet, Minister of Labour, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, Minister Responsible for Maritime Strategy and Minister Responsible for the Mauricie Region.

"The response of the Canadian AgeTech ecosystem to *envisAGE* is remarkable. The Network mobilizes partners from across Canada to support the deployment of concrete solutions that improve the lives of older adults, support professionals and caregivers. Through the efforts of all partners, collaborative projects bring together stakeholders across sectors and expertise from different provinces," said Sabrina Boutin, Executive Director of *envisAGE* and Vice President of Strategy and Global Partnerships at MEDTEQ+.

"Launched only three years ago, the *envisAGE* initiative is already supporting 41 collaborative projects with innovations that can make a real difference in the lives of older adults and their caregivers. With an aging population being a global concern, Canada's AgeTech sector is demonstrating its strength and dynamism. Our Canadian companies and experts are mobilized, and these new projects illustrate the creativity and commitment of teams dedicated to advancing high-impact innovations," said Annie-Kim Gilbert, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of MEDTEQ+.

"AGE-WELL is laser-focused on advancing AgeTech solutions that support older adults and caregivers, while strengthening Canada's AgeTech sector. We are proud to co-lead *envisAGE* with MEDTEQ+, empowering Canadian innovators to implement mature solutions in communities and deliver real-world impact," added Bridgette Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of AGE-WELL.

## About *envisAGE*

[MEDTEQ+](#), a leader in accelerating innovation and supporting entrepreneurs in the Canadian MedTech industry, and [AGE-WELL](#), Canada's leading research and innovation network in AgeTech, have joined forces as co-leads in [envisAGE](#). This large-scale pan-Canadian five-year initiative brings stakeholders together to provide resources and support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to integrate technologies that address the challenges of aging and build Canadian leadership in the AgeTech market. The *envisAGE* initiative is funded through the Government of Canada's Strategic Response Fund, with additional contributions of \$4.5 million from the Government of Quebec, industry, non-profits, and other partners. To learn more about *envisAGE*, visit: [www.envis-age.ca](http://www.envis-age.ca)

## About MEDTEQ+

MEDTEQ+, a pan-Canadian industrial research and innovation consortium, is dedicated to helping healthcare technology companies bring their innovations to market, accelerate economic growth and contribute to improving the health of the population. Through its unique expertise and collaborative approach, MEDTEQ+ offers support services across the innovation continuum, validation and integration of technological solutions in real-life environments, financing and networking with key ecosystem partners to accelerate the commercialization of innovative healthcare technologies. MEDTEQ+ also supports the envisAGE initiative, which aims to catalyze the AgeTech ecosystem and stimulate technological development in supporting aging. MEDTEQ+ relies, among others, on financial support from the Government of Quebec, the Government of Canada, the private sector and complementary partners to foster research and industry relations. [www.medteq.ca](http://www.medteq.ca)

## About AGE-WELL

AGE-WELL is Canada's Technology and Aging Network. As a pan-Canadian network with global reach, AGE-WELL has mobilized a vast community of researchers, older adults, caregivers, partner organizations, and future leaders to accelerate the delivery of technology-based solutions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of older Canadians and their caregivers. AGE-WELL serves as a catalyst for technological innovation that supports healthy aging while driving Canada's growing AgeTech sector. AGE-WELL's groundbreaking programs are funded by the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Health Canada, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Since December 2022, AGE-WELL has been a co-lead in the envisAGE initiative, which aims to catalyze Canada's AgeTech ecosystem by helping companies deliver technology solutions that will change the lives of Canadians. envisAGE is funded through the Government of Canada's Strategic Response Fund. [www.agewell-nce.ca](http://www.agewell-nce.ca)

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