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The target group is formed by the elderly, people with disabilities, and chronically ill patients. The aim of the project is to make self-management of these people possible, to improve the quality of life, and to control healthcare costs. The following phases have been completed for this project:

- 1) Vision development
- 2) Coalition formation
- 3) Implementation and upscaling
- 4) Securing

The enormous range of home technology makes it very difficult for healthcare providers to make the right choice. There is a lot of uncertainty about the desired applications, the quality of the technological systems, and the integration of the systems of different suppliers. In addition, technological developments are going very fast.

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A vision of home technology was developed in 2013. In this vision, a lot of attention was paid to the development of technology, the various functions that were possible and / or desired, and the ethical questions that were raised. In the following year, the vision was translated amongst others into procurement specifications for technology. This step proved to be very important: it was the start of standardization.

In the years that followed, a coalition of more than sixty parties from the field (care providers, knowledge institutions, the business community, umbrella organizations, and a health insurer) was established. This coalition has developed knowledge and has drawn up documents necessary for implementation of home technology on a large scale. Amongst others, standards have been developed, a guide for care contracting has been made, local initiatives were brought together, and so on.

A number of specific projects were defined later, e.g., care in the neighborhood and hospital care at home.

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