



eVITA

National Programme

National Technology Platform

Alliance

The meaning of the eVITA acronym:

- in Hungarian: **é**let**v**itelt segítő infokommunikációs **t**echnológiák és **a**lalmazások
- in English: assistive infocommunication technologies and applications

eVITA ≠ eHealth, only strongly related to it.

Most of us live with some disabilities:

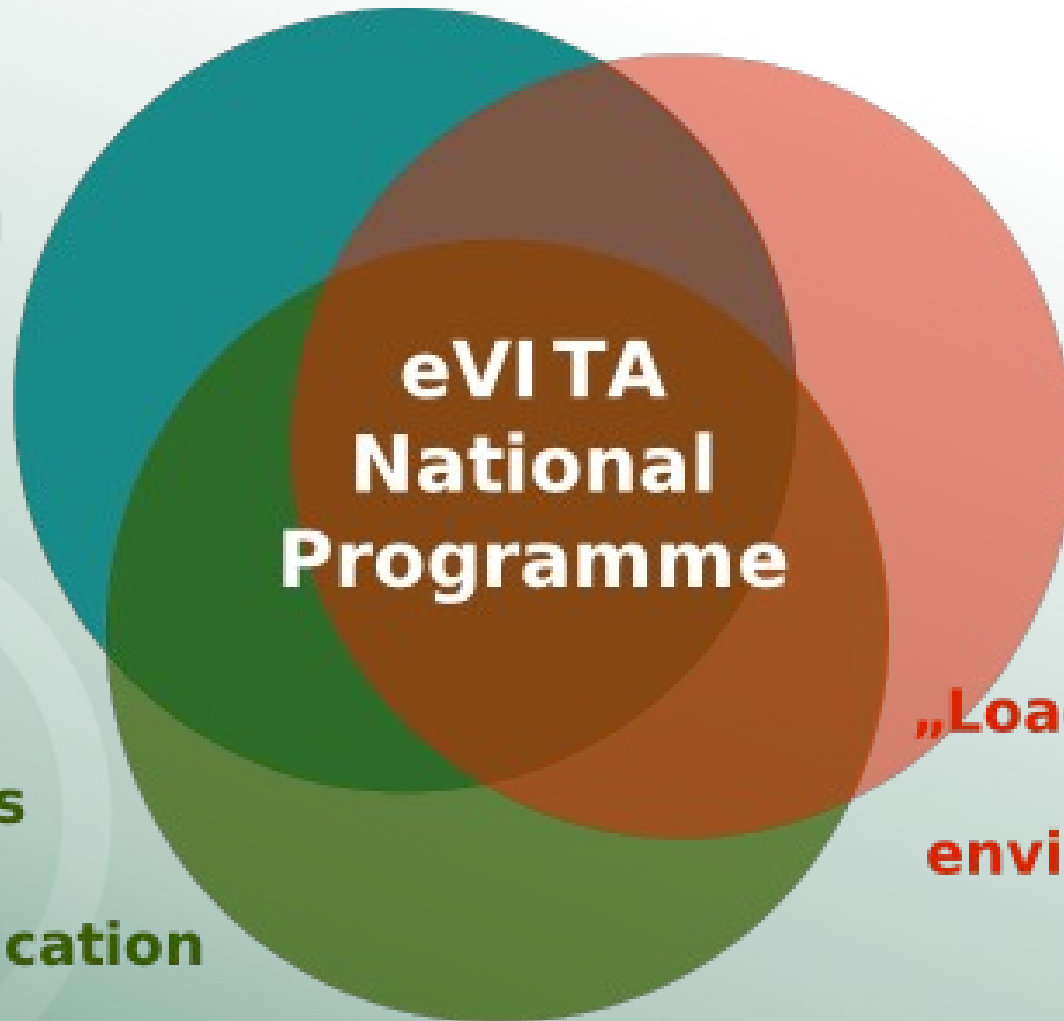
eVITA is about applying ICT tools to compensate disabilities.

Our motto is: „ICT offers more than you'd think.”

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**Bad health
state, ageing
population**

**Opportunities
offered by
infocommunication
technologies**



**„Loadability“:
families,
environment,
society**

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- Its root is the Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme.
- It will offer opportunities for
 - the individuals and families,
 - the society,
 - the economy.
- Its role is to *create an **ecosystem** needed for the widespread use of assistive ICT applications*, i.e.
 - arouse awareness,
 - increase understanding and acceptance,
 - enforce legal regulation and standardisation,
 - stimulate education at all levels,
 - create a framework for multilateral cooperations,
 - support research, development, innovation and dissemination,
 - etc. etc.

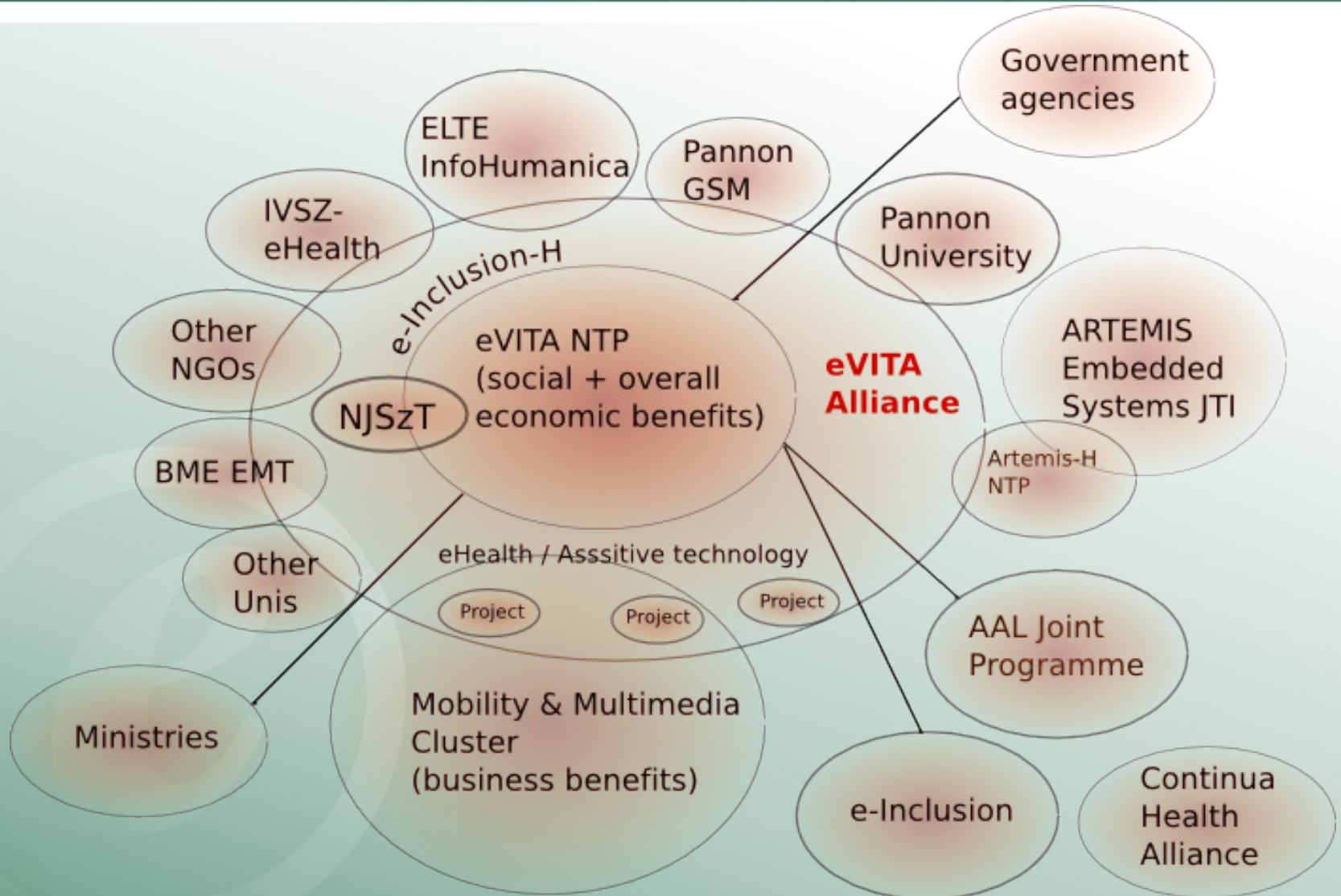


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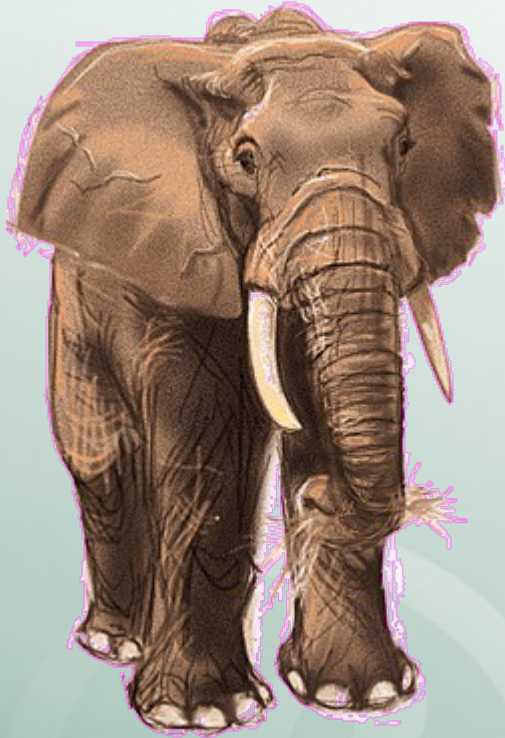
- The *engine* driving eVITA NP is the *eVITA NTP*.
 - The role of NTPs has still to be understood by all parties! (My interpretation:) It is a *working group* and a *regular discussion forum* in a given technology and application area, involving all major stakeholders, i.e.
 - enterprises, companies,
 - research and education organisations,
 - government offices and agencies,[†]
 - civil organisations (NGOs).
 - Its product is a widely accepted **Strategic Innovation Agenda** and an **Action Plan** – in our case the eVITA National Programme – orientating research, innovation, regulatory and economic activities in the given area.
- [†] Participation of GOs is exceptional in innovation activities which may be the root of innovation failures c low level of successful R&D applications.

- Formed in November 2007
- Hosted by the John von Neumann Computer Society (NJSZT)
- Steered by the Strategic Board
 - economy, industry: I. Somody, E. Dévai, J. Minárovits
 - research & education: Gy. Kozmann, P. Hanák
 - health offices: F. Falus, Gy. Surján
 - NGO: I. Alföldi
- Operated by the Operative Board
 - economy, industry: L. Jancsó, M. Fidrich, Cs. Dózsa
 - research & education: M. Megyesi, T. Gyimóthy
 - NGO: I. Alföldi, K. Fogarassy
- Representation of government bodies is low.

The landscape



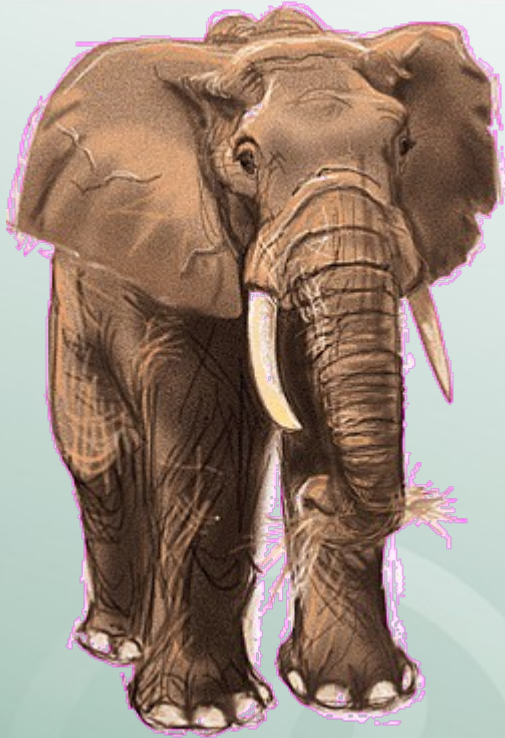
Diversity of Views



... like the three blinds
looking at the elephant

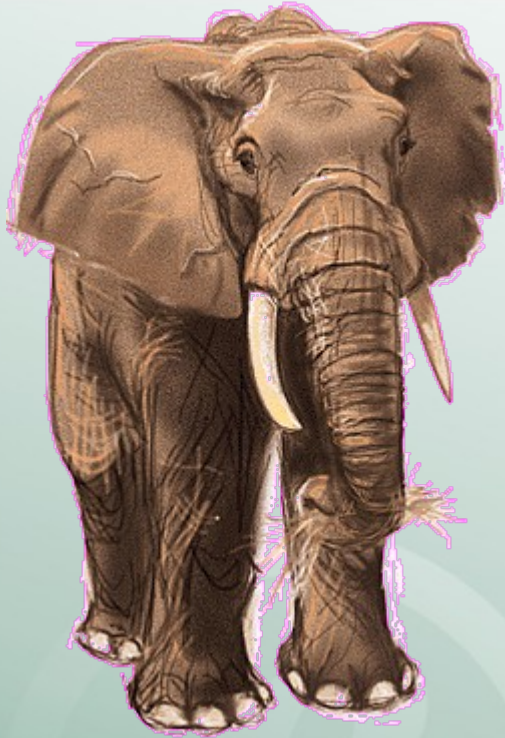
Like a large fan!

Diversity of Views

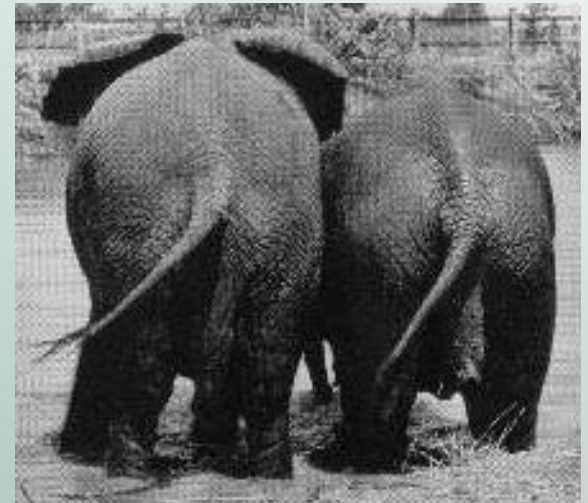


Like a water pipe!

Diversity of Views



Like huge tree-trunks!



- Formed in September 2007
- Open to all interested parties
- Its activities will be organised by the eVITA NTP
- Its role is to
 - serve as a cooperation forum for all stakeholders,
 - provide a wide discussion forum for the Strategic Innovation Agenda and the Action Plan of the eVITA National Programme,
 - contribute to the creation of the ecosystem,
 - help to disseminate results and raise awareness,
 - etc.



- ***Biomedical Engineering Knowledge Centre (EMT)*** at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) ***since July 2007***
- Its main role is to
 - coordinate R&D and innovation activities in biomedical engineering and assistive infocomm technologies at BME,
 - organize training and education activities in these areas,
 - strengthen working relations with industry and user groups.
- We are sure that ICT offers much more for the health care and social care sectors than utilised today.
- We believe that Hungary needs the eVITA National Programme in order to better utilise the opportunities of ICT.

Thank you for your attention!

