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This new European project will gather information to exchange knowledge and will provide information about learning possibilities for older persons

What is EduSenNet?

The project Educational Senior Network (EduSenNet) seeks to identify both the specific needs of older learners aged over 50 and the conditions under which they learn. The project examines the extent of possible innovation, how it may be undertaken and for whom. Identification of the learning environment can assist us in programme innovation not only in urban situations but also in specific communities in rural areas.

Objectives, needs and outcomes are catered for in various ways by:

- summarising experiences;
- encouraging older people to take part in learning activities;
- developing interest in learning through participation in activities designed to promote and extend knowledge and skills.

It will be necessary to examine the objectives, motivation and barriers to learning of the older persons who take part in the programmes as well as of those who do not. The introduction of new programmes and the upgrading of old ones will involve older people in activities more suited to their needs.

Outcomes

- Review Table presenting the learning possibilities revealed in the study;
- Improvement in the quality of life of isolated older people, support for their learning needs;
- Research into learning needs and conditions, comparison of the results;
- Curriculum innovation within the study programmes;
- Facilitating the validation of non-formal and informal learning and its recognition within formal programmes;
- A project booklet and Newsletters setting out the results gained from the project analyses;
- Use of the knowledge potential of the older students within communities and regions.

EduSenNet project is designed to gather and share information, make wider and better use of all these rich

experiences, building upon them, analysing and assessing the value and impact on older persons, disseminating research evidence, and creating a network to do all this.



- Cooperation partners; • Project partners

The Partnership:

1. Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave, CĎV UK – UTV Bratislava, Slovakia
2. Technische Universität Chemnitz Seniorenkolleg Chemnitz, Germany
3. Universidad Permanente de la Universidad de Alicante, UPUA, Alicante, Spain
4. Senioren Academie Groningen-Friesland-Drenthe Groningen, Netherlands
5. Vysoké učení technické v Brně, Brno, Czech Republic
6. Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg Studieren ab 50, Magdeburg, Germany
7. Uppsala Senioruniversitet Uppsala, Sweden

The project is co-ordinated by the Comenius University in Bratislava, Centre for Continuing Education and its University of the Third Age which has established an international reputation for work in the field of older people and lifelong learning, and is in partnership with the International Association of UTAs – AIUTA, the European Federation of Older Students at universities – EFOS and the Association of Universities of the Third Age in Slovakia.

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