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

People over 50 run the risk of social exclusion and of losing touch with information and knowledge in general. Our society needs people who are well informed and who participate in further education. Very often it is the elderly with special needs who have to be encouraged to be more active in order to overcome their barriers and extend their abilities and knowledge. Therefore we have to recognise their needs so as to offer them appropriate learning programmes, study materials and literature and an improved learning environment.

The key priorities addressed by the project are:

- a contribution to the reduction in the number of low-skilled adults
- facilitation of the validation of non-formal and informal learning and their inclusion within formal education programmes;
- curricula innovation;
- social Inclusion ;
- International relations, cooperation and development.

The first project meeting took place in Brno in April 2015

The project started after administration arrangements were completed at the first meeting at the University of Technology in Brno.

The project partners, with the participation of older students from Brno, presented and discussed the tasks for the first phase of the project. Items under discussion included the project website, newsletter and review table which describes the learning opportunities for older students in chosen European universities.

Review table about such learning possibilities for older persons is available on the project website:

<http://edusennet.efos-europa.eu/>

A brainstorming session enabled a sharing of information and discussion on the involvement in the project of other communities of older persons. The training of older students from Brno as moderators for

community contacts was an indication of ways of undertaking research in communities and chosen areas. Discussion relating to the questionnaire led to the production of further questionnaires designed for older persons not involved in learning. This provides new opportunities for older students in Universities of the Third Age and Senior academies to use their communication skills, to participate in society and to support those elderly people not involved in non-formal educational programs or other learning activities.



The Partnership:

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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
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