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U3A's - Citizenship - Social Cohesion Experiences and Recommendations from Germany

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The region Chemnitz with the oldest population in Germany currently and in Europe 2035

Population Chemnitz: 243 000

In 2012: 34 % population 65+ years

In 2032: 38% population 65+ years

(Compared with London in 2032: 10% 65+ !)

Chemnitz will have the oldest Population in Europe in 20 years !

Quelle: <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article6408343/So-lebt-es-sich-umgeben-von-Greisen-oder-Babys.html>



Old university building



New lecture hall



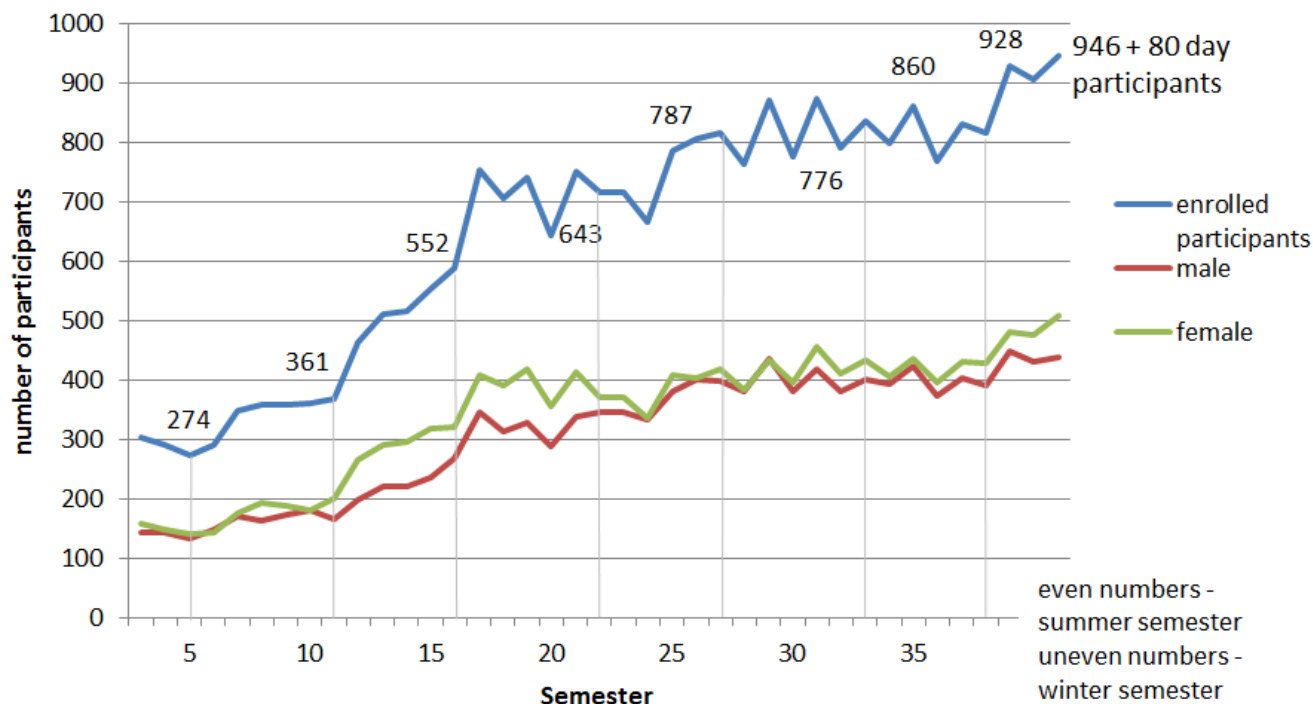
Lecture with 700 Seniors



Chimney 302 m high

Our University of third Age (U3A) Chemnitz „Senior College“ – Development participants

**Senior College - University of Technology Chemnitz
Number of Participants (3.- 41. Semester)**



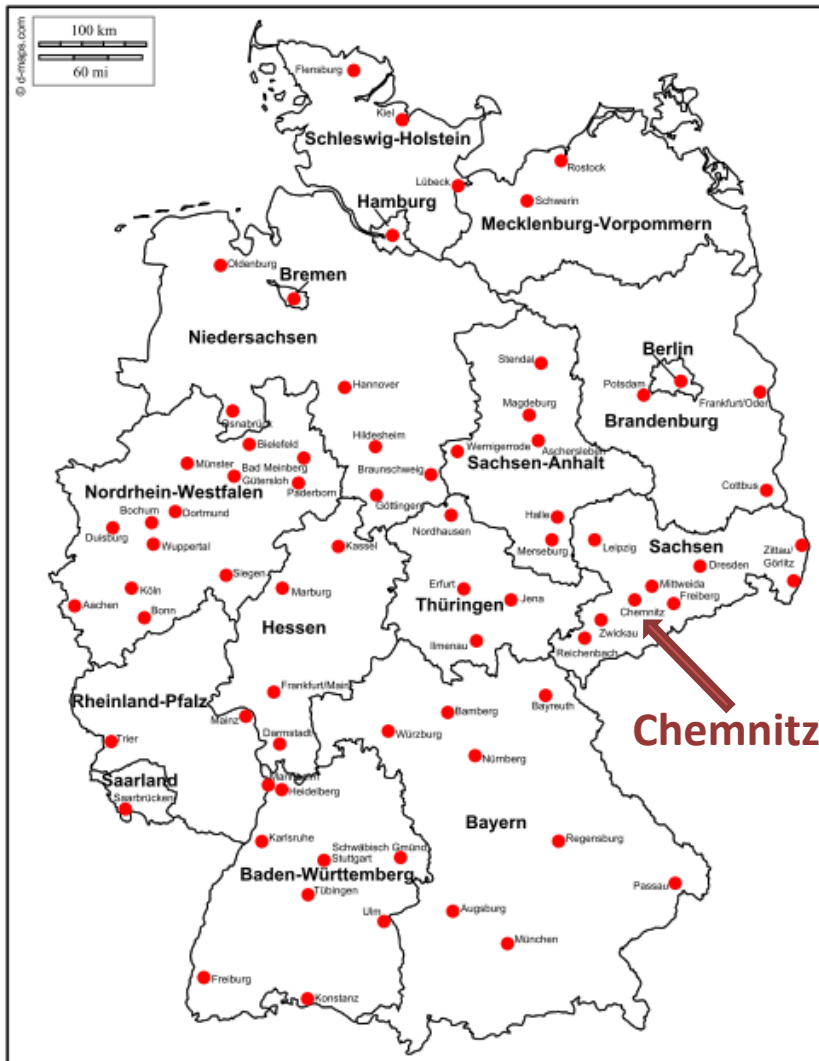
First day at Senior College
with 90 years



U3A Chemnitz

Education by lectures, courses and excursions

- 32 lectures of different topics for 700 listeners per year
- 20 courses (internet/PC, foreign languages, photo, video, smartphones) weekly per year
- 16 excursions national and international per year



University of Third Age (U3A) in Germany

- Germany: about 60 universities and colleges with education programs for elderly people (U3A)
- Poland: about 450 U3A
- Czech Republic: about 35 U3A
- Slovak Republic: about 15 U3A

German Network for Scientific Education for Elderly:



BAG WiWA
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft
Wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung
für Ältere (BAG WiWA)



History of Education for Elderly People at Universities and Colleges in Germany (Selection)

| University | Founded in | City-Population (2012) | Participants (2012) | Population: Participants |
|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Leipzig | 1979 | 530 000 | 1 100 | 1:480 |
| Dortmund | 1980 | 581 000 | 225 | 1:206 |
| Halle | 1980 | 230 000 | 450 | 1:510 |
| Frankfurt/Main | 1982 | 700 000 | 3 300 | 1:210 |
| Chemnitz | 1993 | 240 000 | 1 000 | 1:240 |
| Dresden | 1994 | 530 000 | 800 | 1:660 |

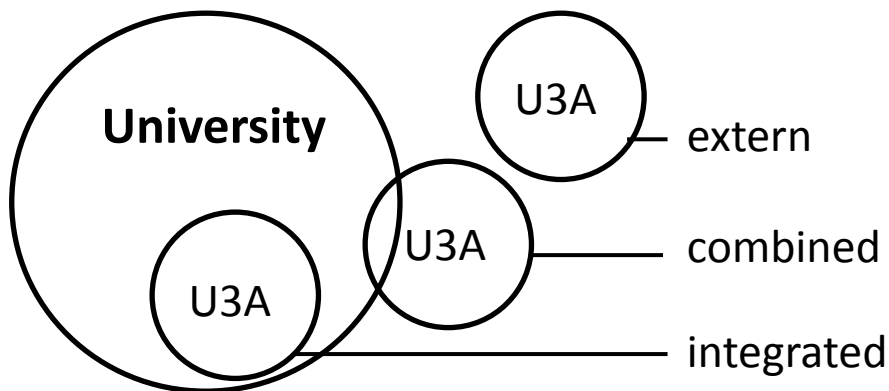
First U3A in Europe was founded at University Toulouse in France 1972



Trends: On the Way to the University for all Generations

- University of 3rd Age (U3A)
- Senior University
- Senior College

- Open University
- Generation University
- Generation College
- Citizen Academy





Social Cohesion Internet-Livestream and Video-Conference U3A Chemnitz



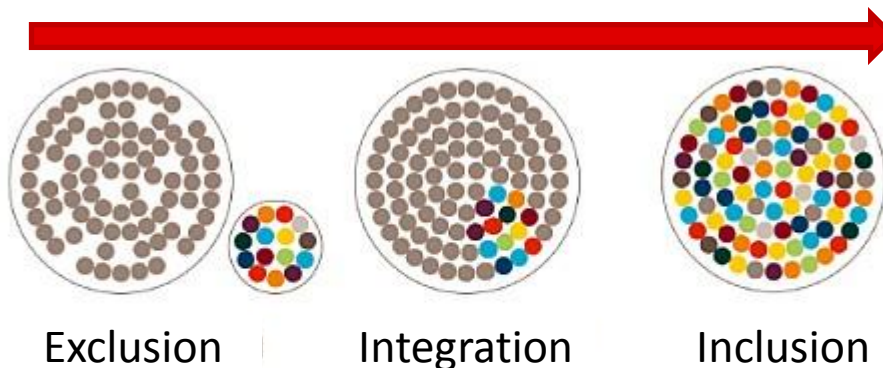
Livestream

Video Conference



Social Cohesion

Exclusion – Integration - Inclusion



- Elderly people
- Young people
- Handicaped people
- Migrants, refugees
- People with different religions
- Other people (female and male)

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Social Cohesion

Inclusion of People with Special Needs U3A Chemnitz



- Barrier-free access
- Assistance for wheelchair users and walking disabled people during lectures, seminars and excursions
- Hearing aids, also for blind people
- Sign language interpreters
- Easy language
- Image description
- Tour Guide Systems
- Induction loops for acoustic hearing aids
- Large-screen projection of the lectures
- Livestream for persons with reduced mobility and possibility for discussions with the lecturer via chat and telephone

Social Cohesion

Intergenerational Education with pupils and students

- Lectures, courses, excursions, meetings and projects
- Teaching PC/Internet- and Mobile-Courses
- Motivation for technique and industrial culture/heritage as a contribution to the development of required engineers
- Transfer of professional and life experiences
- Mutual aid and assistance



U3A - Computer course



University Science Truck



Experiments inside Science Truck

Social Cohesion - Intergenerational Education

Lectures at University of Technology Chemnitz



Children University with elderly people



University of Third Age

Social Cohesion - Intergenerational Education Courses and Seminars at U3A Chemnitz



U3A - Computer course with students



U3A - Project seminar with pupils



Trends: Intergenerational Education – Educational Excursions with Pupils and Students



Excursion: Research and Instruction Mine in
Freiberg



Excursion: Hydroelectric Power Stations in
Saxony

Trends: Intergenerational Education

- Mentoring Programm of the Senior College

Intention

- Seniors like to attend foreign students during their studies at the Chemnitz University of Technology to show them the regional culture and to support the communication, cooperation and support between old and young people on both sides

Benefits for participating mentors (seniors):

- Lifelong Learning: new knowledge about cultures and traditions of other countries
- Alternatly Learning about the other generation
- Communication in English and German



Benefits for participating foreign students:

- Lifelong Learning: new knowledge about regions, cultures and traditions in Germany
- Support of the language competences of German and English
- Social contacts between young students, elderly their families

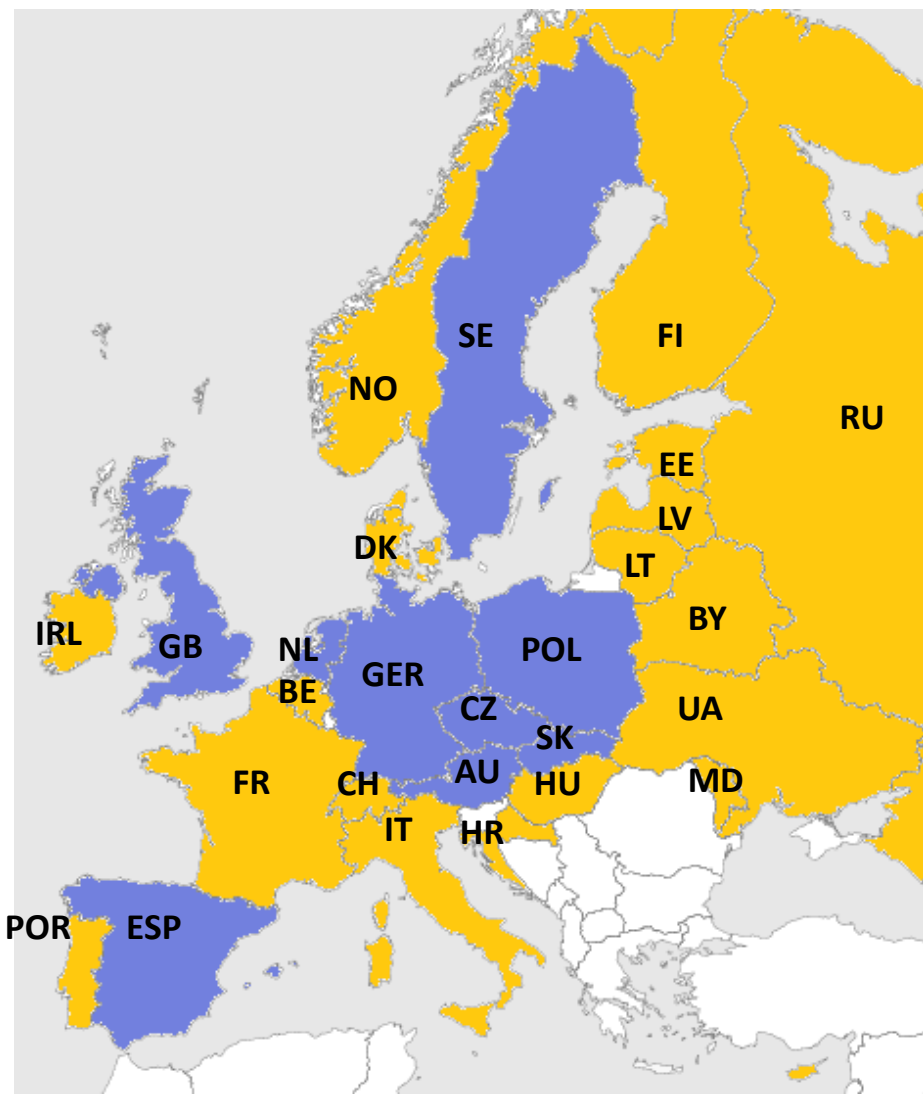
Trends: Intergenerational Education – Mentoring Programme of U3A Chemnitz



- 20 foreign students from:
 - India,
 - Armenia,
 - South-Korea,
 - Iran
- 10 seniors



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International Cooperation University of Third Age (U3A) in Europe



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European Federation
of Older Students in Universities



U3A-Members of EFOS



Other U3A in Europe





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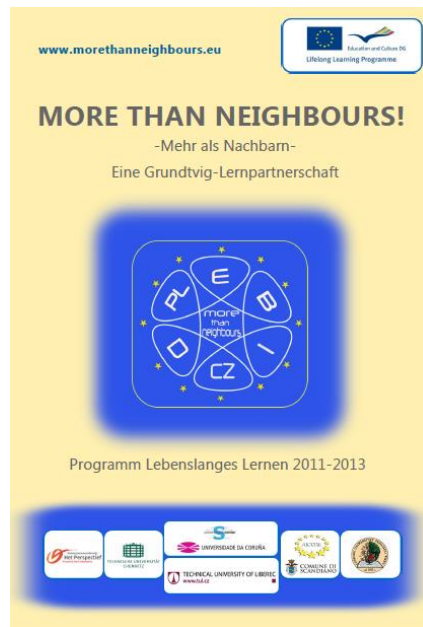
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International Cooperation Intergenerational Education – European Projects



The Old Saltroad Halle/Saale -
Praque



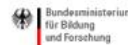
Erasmus +

Strategische Partnerschaft -
„Ältere bauen mit Jüngeren
Brücken für Europa“
EU- Projekt 2014 -2017

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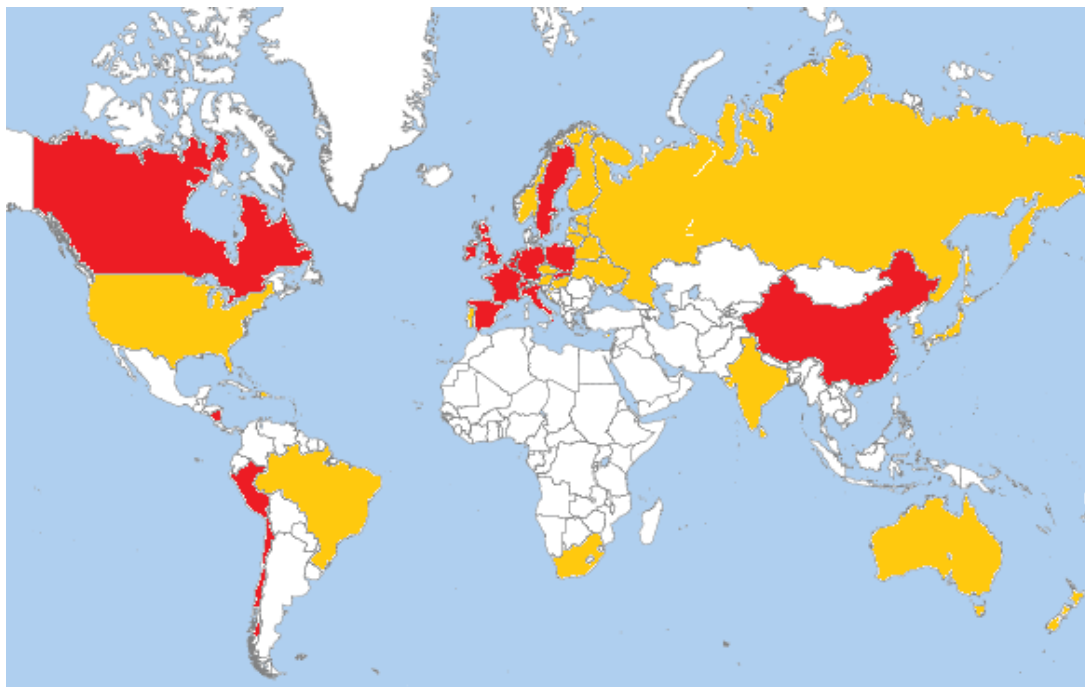
Erasmus+ Project Education Senior Network



- Project partner
- Cooperation partner

Next meeting
28.-30. Sept.2015
in Alicante

University of Third Age (U3A) worldwide



International Association
of Universities of the Third Age

International Networks for Scientific Education for Elderly:

 U3A-Members of AIUTA

Other U3A worldwide



International Cooperation - Experiences

- Cooperation with other U3A in Europe and worldwide
 - Exchange of information and experiences
 - Mutual visits
 - Conferences and seminars
- Participation in European Projects
 - Grundtvig → Erasmus+
- Membership of international organisations and networks
 - EFOS, AIUTA, WorldU3A, ...



International Cooperation - Recommendations

- Promotion and financial support for the international cooperation of U3A from the communities, governments, European Commission, UNESCO and foundations for conferences, networking, projects, statistics, mutual visits of staff members , further education
- Cooperation between participants of U3A worldwide via emails, facebook, letters, skype, teleconference to improve the language competence of the seniors the knowledge about the different homelands and promote personal visits
- Study travels for elderly and intergenerational with educational and cultural goals combined with social contacts worldwide





AIUTA - recommendations

- More time for discussion at AIUTA-conferences
- Political lobby for U3A by UNESCO and worldwide
- Funding AIUTA by UNO, UNESCO and other
- Common conference of AIUTA and EFOS to the topic

Intergenerational Education

„Elderly and younger people build
bridges for Europe and worldwide “

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