







## Discover Learning in Later Life in Europe



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## **Lifelong Learning for All**

- Since more than 10 years learning activities for adult learners are supported by European Union and European Commission.
- EU and EC support access and participation in Lifelong Learning for All.
- In order to cope with Europe's ageing population problem in 2000 the Grundtvig Programme was launched.
- Grundtvig aims to provide adults with ways to improve their knowledge and skills, keeping them mentally fit and potentially more employable.
- One of the specific aims of Grundtvig is to ensure that people on the margins
  of society have access to adult education, especially older people and those
  who left education without basic qualifications.
- At least 55% of the total funding for Grundtvig goes towards mobility and partnership activities.

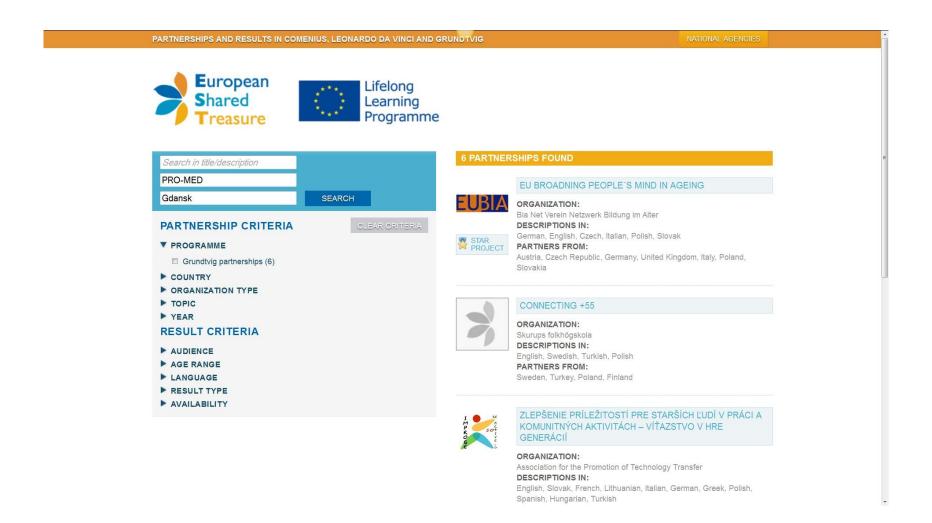
### Lifelong Learning — what is it all about

[2001 Communication of the European Commission]

"Lifelong learning means all learning activities undertaken throughout life with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and competences within a personal, civic, social and/or employmentrelated perspective".

- The Commission states that all learning opportunities and strategies should be equally applicable to older people, and that senior citizens, including older workers, should have opportunities to participate more actively in society and in the labour market.
- This includes the role they can play in intergenerational learning.
- One of the main messages was that traditional educational systems must be transformed to become much more open and flexible, so that learners can follow individual learning pathways, suitable to their needs and interests, and thus genuinely take advantage of opportunities throughout their lives.

## **European Shared Treasure (1)**



## **European Shared Treasure (2)**

Grundtvig Partnership 2009-2011
LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ACTIVE
CITIZENSHIP AND CAPACITY
BUILDING - LLLAB



AKTIF VATANDAŞLIK VE KAPASITENIN GELIŞTIRILMESI IÇIN YASAM BOYU ÖĞRENIM

#### ORGANIZATION:

**BOLU VALILIGI** 

#### DESCRIPTIONS IN:

English, Turkish, Polish, Slovak, Spanish

#### PARTNERS FROM:

Turkey, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom

Grundtvig Partnership 2011-2013
LEARNING INNOVATING STYLES &
ACTIVE CITIZENS - LISTEN



#### LEARNING INNOVATING STYLES & ACTIVE CITIZENS

#### ORGANIZATION:

Laerdansk Kolding

#### DESCRIPTIONS IN:

English

#### PARTNERS FROM:

Denmark, Poland, Romania, Germany, Italy

Grundtvig Partnership 2011-2013
LEARNING IN LATER LIFE –
EUROPE - LLLE



#### LEARNING IN LATER LIFE - EUROPE

#### ORGANIZATION:

International Council for Solidarity of NGOs (ICANO)

#### DESCRIPTIONS IN:

English

#### PARTNERS FROM:

Turkey, France, Spain, Poland

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## LLLab - LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING



### LLLab - what is all about

- The project aims to develop a culture of learning by promoting access to LLL, by increasing participation in adult education and by obtaining a rise in skill levels, better employability, social inclusion, active citizenship and personal development in the European population.
- The project partners:
  - Project coordinator: Bolu Valiliği Turkey
  - PRO-MED sp. z o.o. Poland,
  - Avalon, Iniciatives per a les associacions Spain,
  - Karpatská nadácia Slovensko- Carpathian Foundation Slovakia,
  - Inova Consultancy Itd/WiTEC United Kingdom.

### **LLLab** project's results

- As a concrete result of the project an innovative ICT-based educational content, services and practices were developed.
- The project enabled older people have an access to e-courses, e-workshops and social software and allowed participants better respond to the new challenges of the EU standards in a developing intercultural knowledgebased society.
- The following e-workshops were organised by PRO-MED sp. z o.o.:
  - e-Postcards
  - Easter in Poland
  - Nordic Walking
  - Mobiles for seniors
  - MindWellness
  - Desing your own e-workshop
  - Active Citizens
  - Lawyer advices

## **Grundtvig Award 2012 for LLLab**



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#### Lifelong Learning Programme

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## LISTEN - LEARNING INNOVATING STYLES & ACTIVE CITIZENS

• LISTEN Learning Partnership is focusing on teaching and learning methods.

 It provides teachers, trainers and learners with the opportunity to exchange experiences, practices and information regarding teaching and learning methods, to develop together new approaches which meet needs, to test and put into practice new pedagogical methods.

### **LISTEN** - Partnership

This partnership has members from 7 European countries:

- Denmark (Laerdansk)
- Poland (PRO-MED sp. z o.o.)
- Wales (Learn with ...)
- Romania (Grup Scolar Industrial Transporturi Cai)
- Germany (LOSOL)
- Italy (Galileo)
- Slovakia (Astra)

## LISTEN - adapting a favorite method or tool for learners

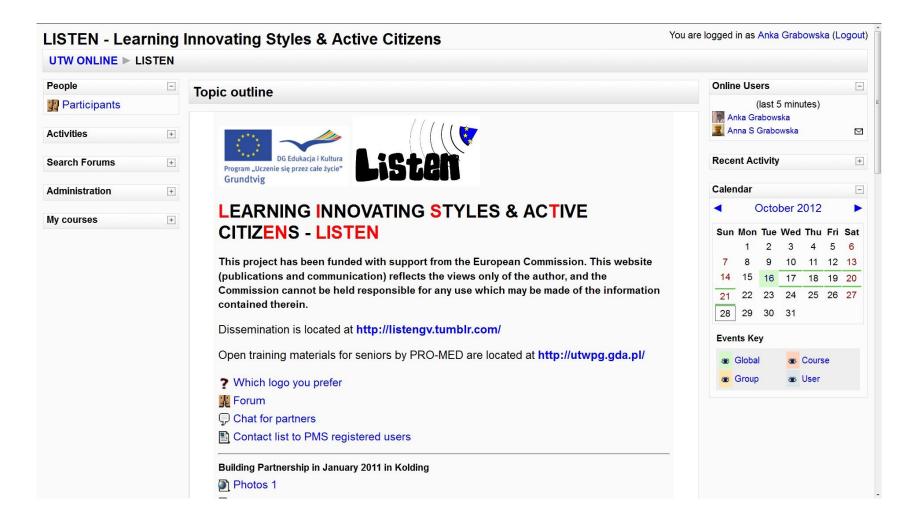
In case of PRO-MED sp. z o. o. up till now the following methods and tools were chosen for adaptation:

- Co-operative learning (Denmark)
- Evaluation method "Thinking hats" (Romania)
- Approach to helping dyslexic students (Wales)
- Story Cubes a storytelling game (Wales)
- DIALOGUE method for common thinking (Germany)

### **LISTEN** – Dissemination in Tumblr



### **LISTEN - PMS in Moodle**



## LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE — EUROPE (1)

- LLLE aims to investigate some areas that may have great importance for learning activities in later life, and in which many older people are engaged, such as handcrafts, culture, arts and music.
- During the project the participating organisations will share their experiences and know how in this field, having insights into practice in other countries and collecting good practices.

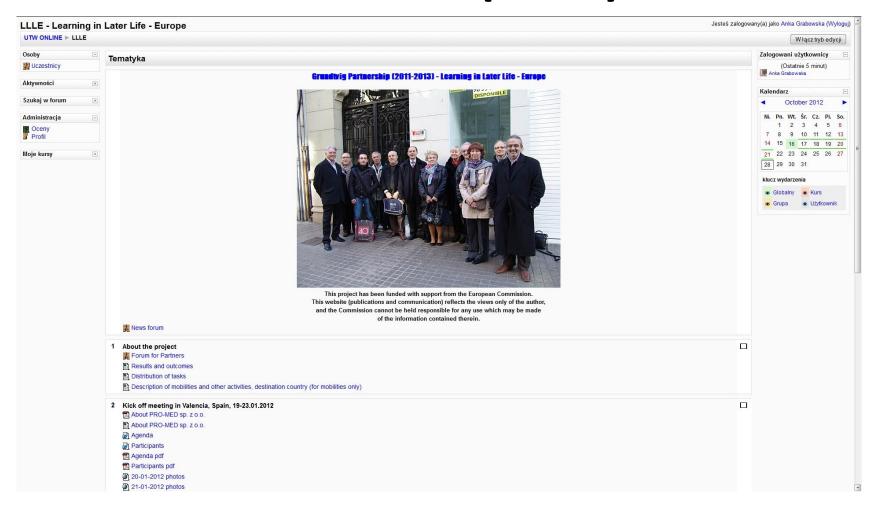
# LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE — EUROPE (2)

- The LLLE project enables older people and teachers from different countries, with different cultures and religions to meet and to share their experiences and knowledge.
- The approach to lifelong learning through practices like doing handicrafts, painting or singing for instance brings people together - overbearing cultural or language barriers.
- In this way the project improves exchanges between older people from different countries, with different cultures and religions, promote intergenerational activities, participation in the University of the Third Age, active citizenship and the spirit of European citizenship.
- The LLLE partnership consists of organisations and older people working together in order to establish and expand a network for life long learning in senior age focused on organisations and older people themselves in the field of handicrafts, culture, arts and music.

## LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE — EUROPE (HANDBOOK)



# LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE — EUROPE (PMS)



## LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE

## - EUROPE (MEETING IN GDANSK)

### Tuesday, 16.10.2012

- 18:00 Nordic Walking and dinner
- PL participants: Zbyszek Ch., Anna G., Wojtek G., Ela P., Lidka B., Wanda, Ela R., Lidka R., Basia W., Joanna, Jadwiga, Grażyna, Danka

### Wedensday, 17.10.2012

- 10:00 14:00 City Game and visit to City Culture Institute
- PL participants : Anna G., Lidka B., Wanda

### Thursday, 18.10.2012

- 13:00 14:00 Meeting in the Seniors' Club at Gdansk University of Technology
- PL participants: Anna G., Wojtek G., Ela P., p. Gizela, Lidka, Danka, Rysio
- 15:15 17:00 Meeting with computers in lab. 239
- PL participants : Anna G., Wojtek G., Ela P., Basia W., Lidia B., Wanda, Ela R., Lidka, Joanna, Jadwiga, Ludmiła, Paweł S., Grażyna, Zbyszek Ch., Rysio

### Piątek, 19.10.2012

- 12:00 14:00 Retired Teachers' Day and Spanisc Concert
- PL participants: Anna G., Wojtek G., Ela P., Lidia R., Danka, Zbyszek Ch., Rysio

### Saturday, 20.10.2012

- 10:00 14:00 City Game and visit to City Culture Institute (Metropolitanka project presentation)
- PL participants: Anna G., Ela P., Danka, Lidka B., Lidka R., Adam, Paweł S.
- 19:00 Pożegnalna kolacja i koncert Hiszpanów w restauracji
- PL participants: Anna G., Wojtek G., Ela P., Basia W., Lidka, Lidka B., Wanda, Ela R., Lidka R., Jadwiga, Paweł S., Basia W., Marzena K., Tomek K., Danka, Adam, Grażyna, Ela R., Rysio, Zibi, Malgosia

# LLLE - LEARNING IN LATER LIFE — EUROPE (CITY GAME)

### **MONUMENTS AND HISTORY OF GDANSK**

DATE:						
COUNTRY:						
NAME:						
No	Checkpoints	Do you know that	Task	Answer		
1	Solidarity Squere	In 1970, a number of shipyard workers were killed in clashes with the militarized police, known as ZOMO. Ten years later, Lech Walesa would lead the workers in a new series of demonstrations, fighting the forces of Soviet Communism in the name of Solidarity. In the centre of the Solidarity Square there is monument to the fallen workers.	What is the name of the big building under construction?			
2	Exhibition "Ways to Freedom"	The "Road to Freedom" exhibition presents Polish history in the period 1956-1989. <a href="http://www.ecs.gda.pl/Exhibition">http://www.ecs.gda.pl/Exhibition</a>	What is a price of individual ticket in zloty (PLN)?			
3	Grand Arsenal	Standing at the end of Piwna Street, this elegant building shows Flemish Renaissance influences.	When was it build?			

## ForAge - for the later-life learning – building on European experience

- The ForAge EU network is composed of a consortium of partners working together to establish a common platform for the sharing of ideas, research and practice in learning for older people.
- This central point of information will furnish support for the promotion and implementation of learning, advocacy and lobbying and will provide a comprehensive resource for all those engaged in later life learning.

## ForAge – Partnership (1)

- 1. University of Leicester, Leicester, UK
- 2. bia-net, Graz, Austria
- 3. Cyprus Adult Education Association, Cyprus
- 4. Finnish Adult Education Association, Helsinki, Finland
- 5. 50plus Hellas, Athens, Greece
- 6. Trebag Property & Management Ltd, Budapest, Hungary
- 7. Lunaria, Rome, Italy
- 8. The Elephant Learning in Diversity BV, Nederland
- 9. PRO-MED sp. z o. o., Gdansk, Poland
- 10. AidLearn, Lisbon, Portugal
- 11. IMBD, Brno, Czech Republic
- 12. EUROED Association, Bucharest, Romania
- Association for Education & Ageing AEA, UK
- 14. Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 15. MERIG, Graz, Austria
- 16. The Slovenian Third Age University, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 17. Cordoba University, Cordoba, Spain
- 18. Age Action Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

#### **Current Associate Partners:**

- 1. Workers Education Association, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2. The Age Platform Europe, Brussels Belgium
- 3. BAGSO, Bonn, Germany

## Why we are in ForAge? (1)

**Lunaria, Roma, Italy** "has been involved since ten years with international senior citizens volunteering exchanges and the advantages for Lunaria to be part in this multilateral network include: learning from the partners' experiences, sharing own projects' results, accessing innovative research and practises to improve advocacy for later-life active citizenship towards EU decision-makers."

**AidLearn, Lisbon, Portugal** "In the context of an ageing society young and old are more and more faced with new learning needs to cope with the changes of modern life and to keep social contacts.

This unique situation requires learning process focused on ageing as well as on intergenerational links. This is a complete new challenge to adult educators, teachers, trainers, facilitators, as well as to learners from all ages. And the ForAge EU network can support this process!"

**50plus Hellas, Athens, Greece** "50+Hellas is happy to have the opportunity through Forage to try and form a strong coalition with other agencies in Greece who are concerned with life long learning for older people."

**Cordoba University, Cordoba, Spain** "The Universidad de Córdoba (España) after years of teaching and researching experiences with older people (+50) has realized the important role of this people as intergenerational bridge between generations."

## Why we are in ForAge? (2)

**Association for Education & Ageing (AEA), UK** "The Association for Education is participating in the ForAge network because the objectives of the network - which include the development and dissemination of an international interactive database of knowledge, good practice and shared experience relating to learning in later life - match closely AEA's mission."

Age Action, Dublin, Ireland "has been nationally involved in Lifelong Learning for many years. During this time, we have learned that learning needs of older people are changing, their reasons for learning are more diverse than ever and we welcome to opportunity to more capably respond to those needs. Forage helps us in this way through the exchange of ideas and good practice. We look forward to gaining access to information of projects more easily using the Forage web-site when the wealth of knowledge and practice begins to build up."

Finnish Adult Education Association, Helsinki, Finland "By participating in the ForAge network, Finnish Adult Education Association FAEA, representing the network of 340 Finnish institutes offering a vast variety of learning opportunities for adults of all ages across the country, seeks to share experiences, expertise, effort, and learning in order to benefit its own networks and others involved in supporting and developing the possibilities for learning in later life."

## Why we are in ForAge? (3)

### The Slovenian Third Age University, Ljubljana, Slovenia

- To get an overview of organisations, formats, methods, activities related to older adult education in Europe. Presently there is a lack of information in this field;
- To exchange information and knowledge concerning studies in the field in Europe;
- To reach out to partners whose core activity is research and education related to later life and the new social roles of older people, which fit into the contemporary times;
- To get engaged in new research and geragogical/intergenerational activities;
- To get inspired.

### Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

- Comenius University in Bratislava, Centre for Continuing Education has been providing the study programs, seminars, excursion trips, exercises and additional activities for elderly people since 1990s.
- We offer 32 study programs for almost 2 000 students at our University of the Third Age.

## A Society for All Ages – Learning to Live and Learning for Life A conference organised by the Cyprus Adult Education Association 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October, Limassol, Cyprus

- This European conference was facilitated by the ForAge EU network, the European Association for Adult Education, the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus EU Presidency and the European Parliament Office in Cyprus.
- The conference programme focussed on ways in which the learning needs of older and ageing adults might be effectively promoted in the European context.
- Participants from 17 European countries received papers covering policy and practice for later life learning.
- Paradigms and perspectives were debated in workshops where experience from a wide range of agencies and individuals active in the education of older adults ensured in depth discussion.
- Delegates welcomed input from linked sectors that enabled consideration of transferable practice.

# Transferable practice <a href="http://www.sigold.net/">http://www.sigold.net/</a>



# Who to contact and how you can get involved in ForAge

- The ForAge EU network is composed of a consortium of partners working together to establish a common platform for the sharing of ideas, research and practice in learning for older people.
- Forage is looking for more associate members and representation from every European country.
- If you are interested in joining us please contact Jim Soulsby jim.soulsby@btinternet.com
- To register for regular information, access to website and database when developed and information about events please contact Jo Leadbetter | 172@leicester.ac.uk

## The Europe 2020 Strategy

- The Europe 2020 Strategy will be a successor to the Lisbon Strategy which has not achieved its ambitious goals.
- The new document for the horizon of 2020 is focused on a social market economy and define three important strands:
  - economic sustainability,
  - social sustainability,
  - environmental sustainability.
- But NONE of these will be achieved unless all countries and their representatives take into account the growing demographic gap, the increase in older people remaining in employment and the desire for retired older people want to live actively in society.



### Where we are

- http://magazinefactory.edu.fi/magazines/e\_senior/
- http://www.facebook.com/groups/221342244591943/
- http://utwpg.gda.pl/
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