

A Message from Slovenia

Education of older people addresses up to three decades of human life

Promoting Third Age Education in the 50+ P3AE is a, ERASMUS+ KA2 project project co-founded by European Union and coordinated by LatConsul, RIGA. By and large older adult education seems to be less developed in the Nordic European countries: Sweden, Norway, Finland, the Baltic countries etc. The EUROSTAT researchers' finding was that "in this area the North of Europe should be learning from the South of Europe". Nevertheless the P3AE project opens the doors to equal exchange for all partners. In a true project, exchange is the most important act. It is never too early to learn from each other.

The main objective of this Erasmus+ KA2 project is to develop quality courses/educational programmes for older people and deliver them through an online platform developed in the frame of this project.

The end users of these courses/educational programmes are learners aged 50+ who would like to better understand their position in society, discover their European identity and individual ways of active ageing or would like to continue improving their language skills for better communicating and remaining integrated in society.

The two-year project will provide an array of blended courses/educational programmes. Using new technologies, older learners will be able to study at their own pace. They will have access to quality older adult education allowing them to keep up with the development of new technologies while improving their knowledge, language and communication skills as well as their confidence.

Inspirational specialised courses/educational programmes taking into account older learners' needs, experience and aspirations will encourage older learners to either validate their experientially acquired knowledge or to acquire/ construct new knowledge in tune with contemporary social developments and needs. Moreover, they will improve their foreign language skills for travelling, meeting new people, places.

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