

A message from Slovenia

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**When coding is not only for programmers, definitely not**



During the European Coding Week at Slovenian Third Age University took place an animation training for their students. Digital exclusion (of older people) leads to inner social divisions as well as weakening of social ties which does no good to anybody; not to digital natives born after 1990, nor does it do any good to older people who will always be migrants in the digital world. (Dušana Findeisen). There are no specific data on older people, but in the age category 15-74 in Slovenia (ranking the 17th among European countries as concern the digital index) there are approx. 43% of those who at least once a week use computer programmes on the basic level. Karina Sirk presented the results of the Silver Code project and it seems that the interest of older people for programming is high (more than 40% of respondents confirmed it). The participants in this introductory training in the field of coding confirmed it as well. They are interested in changing algorithms, they are experienced (skeletal muscles and programming). They are familiar with binary counting. Some know how to write an algorithm. They got enthusiastic about coding without computer: how to make a rode in a village where there is little money at the disposals of the municipality village In the Muddy Valley... This part of the training was conducted by Katja Koren Ošljak, ambassadrice of coding (Source: Karina Sirk). A week later the findings from this training were presented by the three teachers on the national radio, Slovenia 1.