

## Senior Trainees on Coding

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Dear readers,

Take a look at our fifth and last Newsletter, and read the messages from Silver Code project partners to discover the final results and activities of the project. Also included are descriptions of multiplier events, held in project partners' countries.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

### The 5th transnational project meeting was held in Vienna, September 24-25, 2018

The meeting in Vienna was the last one of our project. We particularly discussed the weak points of the process in creating all the project materials. The project partners focused on the last stage of the project, as everyone wished to fulfil all the project requirements.

The application form was carefully checked, and problems relating to the final report were discussed.

The conclusion of the project is good time for evaluation, reflection and final conclusions, as well as a summary of impressions.

Everybody was satisfied, although some of the learners were expecting something different regarding the learning content. For some of them the course seemed to be very intensive and challenging, while others described it as too easy.

The final impressions were very positive and everyone agreed that the project was a real success. It was highly scored by our learners and we hope the online course will be useful as a learning material for teachers working in all adult education, not only with seniors.

The learning content, arranged in modules, could be used as a whole independent course in the basics of programming but it could also be taught only partially. We hope that the

choice will depend on the needs of students. Part of the meeting was focused on the multiplier events in each country.



*Intensive debates during the 5th transnational meeting in Vienna ☺*

## MESSAGES FROM PARTNERS

### A MESSAGE FROM SLOVENIA

#### Well Attended Multiplying Silver Code Event In Slovenia

Slovenian U3A has recently made a new step in the development of the Silver Code Project organising a multiplying event for the project stakeholders, journalists and, of course, the participants in the Silver Code Pilot Course. A real community of Silver Code participants had been created due to constant and individualised communication on the established Internet Silver Code platform. Dušana Findeisen delivered a short input lecture describing the steps and

achievements of the project. She underlined that the project had been based on two topics, namely old age and dismantling old age stereotypes and on the topic of coding. Following the lecture, Urška Majaron invited the participants to take part in a "coding" quiz. Stanislav Tomšič, one of the participants in the pilot course introduced the audience to its results and the application developed during the course. Much to our "surprise" the participants suggested that coding should be introduced as an educational and training activity on an annual basis. More: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXirqu9aiwk&t=3s>



### A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRIA

The Silver Code Multiplier Event in Austria took place on 21 June 2018 in Krems, Austria. More than 30 participants discussed the contents of the Silver Code Training and the participants shared their experience. The topics of programming and technology in old age were also intensively discussed .



### A MESSAGE FROM BULGARIA

The first multiplier event of the Silver Code project took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2018, attended by 16 people.

Among the attendees were trainees from the pilot stage, and people who felt intrigued by the project idea and its learning platform. The event was organized in very cozy atmosphere, where participants could share their experiences. At the beginning there was a presentation of the project – the concept, the aims, and the results. The platform and the forum created during the project were introduced in detail as a follow-up activity after the f2f sessions. The main activity for the multiplier event was the World Café, where everybody could discuss common topics such as: Where coding could have a presence in our daily life?; What did they take from the pilot training? and In what area did they see a need for improvement in our high tech society?



### A MESSAGE FROM ITALY

The Multiplier event for Silver Code Project held in

Milan, Italy, on 19<sup>th</sup> September (from 15 to 19) was a success.

Over 40 people participated and experienced a challenging activity in how to program and implement a game to enjoy together, by using also basic of Scratch 3.0 to set up both software and hardware section of the game “Dance dance revolution”.

Elderly people and their grandchildren had fun together in learning, testing and dancing, and also by cooperating and challenging each other.

They were glad to take part in the last session of the pilot stage (launched previously by their own trainers of a computer science basic course) and also to have been led by trainers specialized in coding



## A MESSAGE FROM POLAND

The Polish conference concerning the project was held on 11<sup>th</sup> of September. The event was a part of an international scientific conference “Education Culture and Society”, which has been organized since 2010. In the morning the Polish participants had the opportunity to take part in a series of lectures and workshops, led by the coordinator of the project and instructors. In the afternoon the participants of the conference were able to read about the project goals and concept during the poster session. More than 60 people from various organizations interested in the program took part in the Polish part of the conference. 40 participants from 32 different scientific centers participated in the international conference.



## A MESSAGE FROM PORTUGAL

On September 21, 2018, AidLearn held the Silver-Code Conference – Portugal, with the support of UNISBEN (Intergenerational University of Benfica), where the pilot stage had also taken place.

The President of UNISBEN, Dr. Carlos Consiglieri, welcomed the participants, and Maria Helena Antunes gave a contextual speech highlighting the relevance of digital literacy and Silver-Code for active ageing. The event continued with the pilot-stage participants (educator and learners), stressing the learning experience and the best aspects achieved, as well as some recommendations for improvement.



## A MESSAGE FROM ROMANIA

The multiplication event was held by Politehnica University Timisoara on 27 July 2018. We started with a presentation by the national project manager (associate professor Ciprian Bogdan Chirilă, PhD) in which he presented a project description and objectives, project partners and

states, project activities and the Romanian team. We also discussed the pilot training event which included most of the multiplication event's participants. After this short intro, we offered participation diploma to the seniors who attended both the pilot training and this multiplication event.

The other members of the implementation team (Alexandru Strungă, PhD and Cătălin Martin, PhD) also presented their experiences on the project so far, particularly the feedback they received on the pilot training activities. The Cultural Association 'Constantin Brâncuși' members also organized a small cultural activity which included several recitations of poetry and popular music interpretations.

TT The quality of the training materials and the overall experience was assessed as excellent and the seniors also expressed their interest to participate in other similar initiatives and project. Seniors talked about how to disseminate the information further and develop their digital skills in the future.



## See you in other projects



## THE PARTNERSHIP

The **Coordinating** organisation is the [Znanie Association](#), (Bulgaria)

**Partners** – [Eurocrea Merchand](#) (Italy); [Slovenian Third Age University UTŽO](#) (Slovenia), [Die Berater](#) (Austria), [AidLearn](#) (Portugal); [University of Polytechnics in Timisoara](#) (Romania); [University of Wroclaw – The University of the Third Age](#) (Poland)



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