



Research and good practices

In the past months the NewGen50+ partners carried out a small research in order to get an overview of already existing trainer offers for the specific target group. Thereby the focus of the partners was in the own local and regional area.

The aim of this research was to collect these specific training offers in order to compare them with the results of the survey implemented in the beginning of the project. Of course there are different detail results in the individual countries but some general findings could be identified as follows:

- There are not many courses specifically for the target group people 50+. Either the courses are in particular for retired people or generally open for all ages but chosen mostly by older people.
- No courses specifically offered for people 50+ who are still on the labour market.
- No courses for immigrants.
- No financial contribution from municipalities to participate in the courses.
- Lack of advertisements for course offers.

If we keep in mind the topics that the target groups are mainly interested to learn according to the survey in the beginning of the project – ICT, Languages: EN, Arts and culture – the offer matches the requests quite well in some countries e.g. Italy. Most countries found some gaps in their offers and requests and some are related to the main target group of the partner institutions for example in Portugal the focus was given to training offers for teachers 50+ and strong differences between need and offer have been shown.



After the research on training offers a checklist was developed with different aspects to fulfill in order to be a good practice example in the training field for the target group. Also in this work phase the results vary in the individual countries but in general the partners agreed that the checklist is a useful instrument and can be a good tool for further use. It is flexible in order to be adapted according to individual needs and can be combined with already existing instruments such as evaluation questionnaires.

The German partner already presented an evaluation questionnaire that was developed with the checklist and the statements of course participants. It was agreed that the questionnaire will be sent to all partners for individual use. Furthermore, partners who use other questionnaires will also provide their forms. The exchange of questionnaires and the checklist will build a perfect basis for adapting the tool according to the individual needs of the partners in their countries.

In general the project partnership identified the most difficulties in the definition of the target group “people 50+”. The problem of an existing target group - people between 45-60 years - was shown.



People in this age group are part of the definition senior citizens but according to the results of the project so far this group has different needs as people 60+. Most representatives of this difficult target group is still working and not retired and they would need different trainings related to the working field compared to a more general training offer for already retired people. It includes the training topics, the contents and also the time schedules and financial frameworks of the training offers.

Peer group visits

The next project activities are concentrating on bilateral visits between the project partners – so called peer group visits. Each partner will visit another partner in order to enable in depth discussions on the topic and to learn from each other. This project phase builds the main part of the project activities and will last almost till the end of the project period. Thereby enough time is provided to the partners to carry out even more than only one of these visits. In the final project meeting in June 2011 in Stockholm (Sweden) the partners will report on their experience.

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We would be pleased to hear from you!