



### Peer Group Visits

The peer group visits represented one of the most important parts in the New Generation 50+ project. All partners used the last months to visit other partners on bilateral basis in order to get to know deeper insights in the work with people 50+ in adult education in other countries. The organised programmes for these partner visits show various activities such as the participation in trainings, meetings with trainers and students, meetings with representatives from other institutions such as the University of Third Age as well as visits to museums and exhibitions.

Furthermore, the bilateral visits were used for discussions on different topics related to the project's target group and contents. All partners considered this project phase as core element of the project with the great benefit of getting deeper insights in the actual work of partners in other countries. Most partners found activities, methods or projects that they are planning to implement in their own organisation work in their home countries. Even if the differences of situations and systems in some of the partner countries are vital, elements of good practices served as inspiration for different approaches and discussions. Every partner found parts that are worth trying to think of and maybe even implement in the own environment.



### Partners' impressions

#### IT – DE David Baroni and Susana Garza from EUROPASS Centro Studi Europeo in Germany

*"The most interesting course we observed is a course funded by public bodies - "Meta-cognitive Theory of Mind" held in the Heilbronn seat of Kolping Bildungswerk. The course addressed to elderly, is very useful in keeping people's brain and senses active. We think the course could entirely be transferred (after translation of the material form German into Italian) with very few if none changes. For this purpose we already got in contact with the course main instructor and offered her to visit us for some days for instructing our teachers."*



#### FI – AT Jenni Mäenpää from South Ostrobothnia Folk High School in Austria:

*"The peer visit was very useful despite the differences between our educational institutions. The educational and pedagogical goals are still quite the same (personal development, finding one's place in the labour market). It's also useful to learn from other educational institutions how they organize things and to be aware that there are many different ways to solve and arrange practices and that there is always a possibility to do better and improve practices already in use. In general, this visit was beneficial concerning developing our own educational practises in the future."*

#### PT – DE Olga Gaspar und Isaura Madeira from Centro de Formação de Professores do I.L.L. in Heilbronn and Stuttgart:

*"We went to visit the Adult Education Centre Heilbronn (Volkshochschule) and had a meeting with the director to exchange experiences. The director introduced to us the Institution and the policy of the training centre."*

#### AT-IT Martin Rath from SZF visited Lingua Più in Umbria:

*"During the visit we discussed about the school's cooperation with companies in the region, language training with senior citizens 50+, and different methodologies of learning. Especially the methodology of Maria Montessori and how Lingua Più adapted it for adult trainings was very interesting and might support us in developing training programmes."*





### **SE – DE** Ebba Träskelin from EB-One in Finland:

*"Meeting with people responsible for the validation programme and the "Third Age programme" Exchange of experiences about methodology. Very professionally run and interesting discussions. Important information for the immigrants in Sweden and for unemployed elderly without any formal evidence about their competences. Many similarities and also differences with the Swedish system."*

### **IT – PT** Roberta Marsili from Lingua Più visited the Portuguese partner

*"I took part to 3 classes and all students and teachers had an introduction about the Grundtvig project +50, the aim and the results obtained until this phase. Together with the 2 directors, Mr Joao Janicas, Mrs Maria Leonor de Castro Nunes, and the Portuguese partner I had informal meetings concerning about the training offers for the +50 people, comparing the Italian situation with the Portuguese one, resulted from the surveys. We also discussed about the best practises in each of our country."*



### **DE – AT** Ingrid Weiss from Kolping-Bildungszentrum Heilbronnat Schulungszentrum Fohnsdorf:



*"The peer visit was enriching for two reasons:*

*1. to get to know in practice the concept of modular training system (MAS) and to talk with trainers and course participants.*

*2. to meet the staff of SZF as a possible partner for further cooperation. This positive experience is based on the fact that the SZF is a training institution with similar*

*training offers. It is always good to get to know other training systems and concepts in order to critically question the own work."*

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***You can easily join our group and we are already looking  
forward to meeting you there!***

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