



Press Release 1 - “Seniors in Arts” – An Erasmus Plus KA2 for Adult Education

A new Erasmus+ funded project has been launched to exchange best practices among training activities based on expressive arts for seniors, in order to create a common background to help educators and social operators with seniors. The result will be the achievement of key competences for educators that will be a combination of knowledge, skills and tools appropriate to support seniors in developing new skills and opportunities to promote their social inclusion.

Seniors in Arts is led by the Italy-based NGO Sinergia s.c.s. and consists of Buharkent Halk Eğitimi Merkezi Turkey, Foundation Pro Scientia Publica Poland, Associacao Animam Vinemtem Association Portugal and Roes Cooperativa Koin.S.EP. Greece.

During the first project meeting hosted in Bitonto, Italy by the coordinating organization, partners checked the status of the work on the Guideline for motivation and participation of senior learners in artistic workshops.

Theatre, Music, dance, and creative writing are the arts selected to develop workshops aimed at providing opportunities for learning activities at local and transnational level for senior learners, as to get connected and to exchange ideas and experiences in an European community of aged citizens. In this way we will support the awareness of European identity and the development of the sense of belonging to a transnational community among adult citizens in Europe.

In September the Portuguese partner will host the training for the staff involved in the local activities that will be organized in each country with at least 20 seniors.

During the project we will also have the opportunity to let some of learners to participate in a blended mobility in Greece, in October next year.

The phenomenon of singularization and social isolation of elderly in Europe is constantly increasing. The data collected on the population of the over 65s, describe the context in which the pandemic has spread, which strongly risks increasing isolation and worsening the quality of their life; the European community is called to an intervention which need to be as widespread as possible, starting from the bottom and from the concrete local realities in 5 countries, but according to a global strategy to respond to a widespread emergency.

To find out more about the Seniors in arts project and to get involved in the activities, follow the link <http://seniorsinarts.org/> and visit our Facebook page @seniorsinarts

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