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AGING WITH ACTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

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BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT AWAKE

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OUR MOTIVATION, OUR GOALS (I)

- Our organization was founded in July 2009. The project was important for our organization because it was the first time when we participated in the development of the international project's idea, completion of the project application as well as project implementation and its organization.

- Our goals were:
 - To improve their professional knowledge and obtain new experience in methodology of older people education;
 - To get know ways and methods how to motivate 50+ persons to study and continue developing themselves
 - How to use 50+ volunteering as a method of lifelong learning
 - To improve English, communicative skills
 - To create cooperation network

OUR MOTIVATION, OUR GOALS (I)

- During the project we met our goals completely.

Our organization:

- Gained very important experience in realization of international projects, in particular in the field of management and evaluation
- Expanded knowledge of the education systems in Europe
- Developed and enriched the teaching methods connected with the education and activation of seniors, which will contribute to the improvement of the quality of our work
- Improved our English competence
- Established international contacts etc.

CHALLENGES

- The project changed our life:
 - Motivated and encouraged to take further action especially at the international arena
 - Increased self-esteem and helped rid of complexes, above all to overcome psychological barriers to speak English

- Several original approaches in the field of the project management and evaluation have been deployed (thanks to the project coordinator experience and expertise in project management). Most important of them - how to organize a project to achieve the "tangible" results of the project and how to increase the project implementation quality:
 - Strict tasks and the allocation of responsibilities among the partners
 - Clear defined objectives
 - Structured work plan
 - Regular communication between coordinator and partners
 - Introduction of the evaluation system

- Used excellent solutions:
 - Each partner on every topic made a presentation on this topic summarizing the experience of their organization / town / country
 - After each meeting was written the report which was agreed by all partners. This helps to ensure the coherence of the planned and ongoing.

RESULTS

○ **The greatest value of the project:**

- An opportunity to gain new experiences
- To compare and discuss our achievements and problems with colleagues from other countries
- To learn about other cultures
- To meet people from other countries etc.

○ **The most visible results of the project:**

- The survey „Educational needs and expectations of people over 50 years old”
 - Developed the questionnaire – tool for the identifying the educational needs
 - Established database - excel file with survey results
 - Created new knowledge – research report
- Document „How to ...” about teaching methods for people 50+
- “Initiation in IT to adults 50+. Support of course” - Romanian educational program
- The use of ICT in education of 50+ people: best practices collection from every country
- Project Monitoring And Evaluation Instruments
- Vintere A., Kopeika E. (2013) Seniors' perspectives on the learning and using ICT: findings within the project AWAKE, <http://aict.itf.llu.lv/proceedings/2013> (there is a hope that it will be referenced by ISI Thomson Reuters Web of Knowledge and SCOPUS databasis)

- The project objectives have met completely.

IMPACT OF PROJECT IN OUR INSTITUTION AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

- The project raised our organization's status and credibility at the local and international arena.
- At the local arena
 - Project, its implementation, the experience and the results three times was presented at the national seminars organized by the National Agency as a good practice example:
 - 2012-10-26 „*Adult education projects' quality and intergenerational learning*”
 - 2012-11-28 „*Active ageing theme in the EU Lifelong Learning programme projects*”
 - 2013-05-28 „*Lifelong learning - challenges for the education system*”
- At the international arena
 - During the project implementation was established international contacts as well as personal contacts with colleagues from other countries.
 - Cooperation and contacts will be the basis for a new development projects in the future.