



Lifelong Learning Programme



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EDUCATION INNOVATIONS
TRANSFER CENTRE**

INFORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION OF 50+ PEOPLE



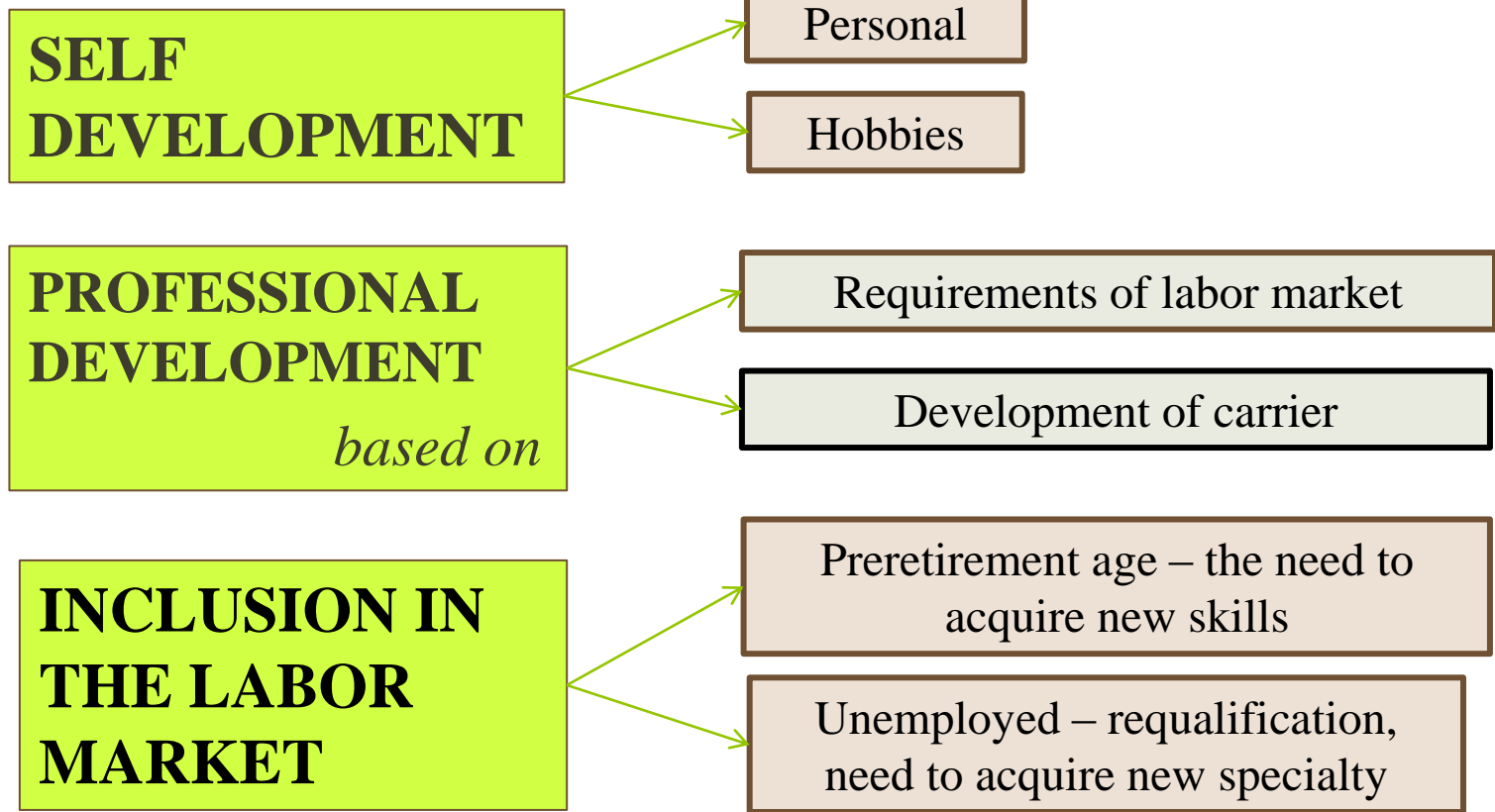
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LATVIA

People in **Latvia** (maybe in Lithuania, Poland and Romania) aged 50+ is the generation that were educated and started the development of their carriers in „communism” i.e. in conditions of socialism

- One can name common characteristics:
 - **Lack of initiative**; think that everything must be provided by state or something else;
 - Hold the opinion that it is good to work in the same organization **for a long time**;
 - **Not ready for changes ...**
- Thus providing education and requalification possibilities for this generation is one of the priorities reflected in few normative documents.

Those who need to be educated aged 50+ in Latvia can be divided into three groups based on their education aims:



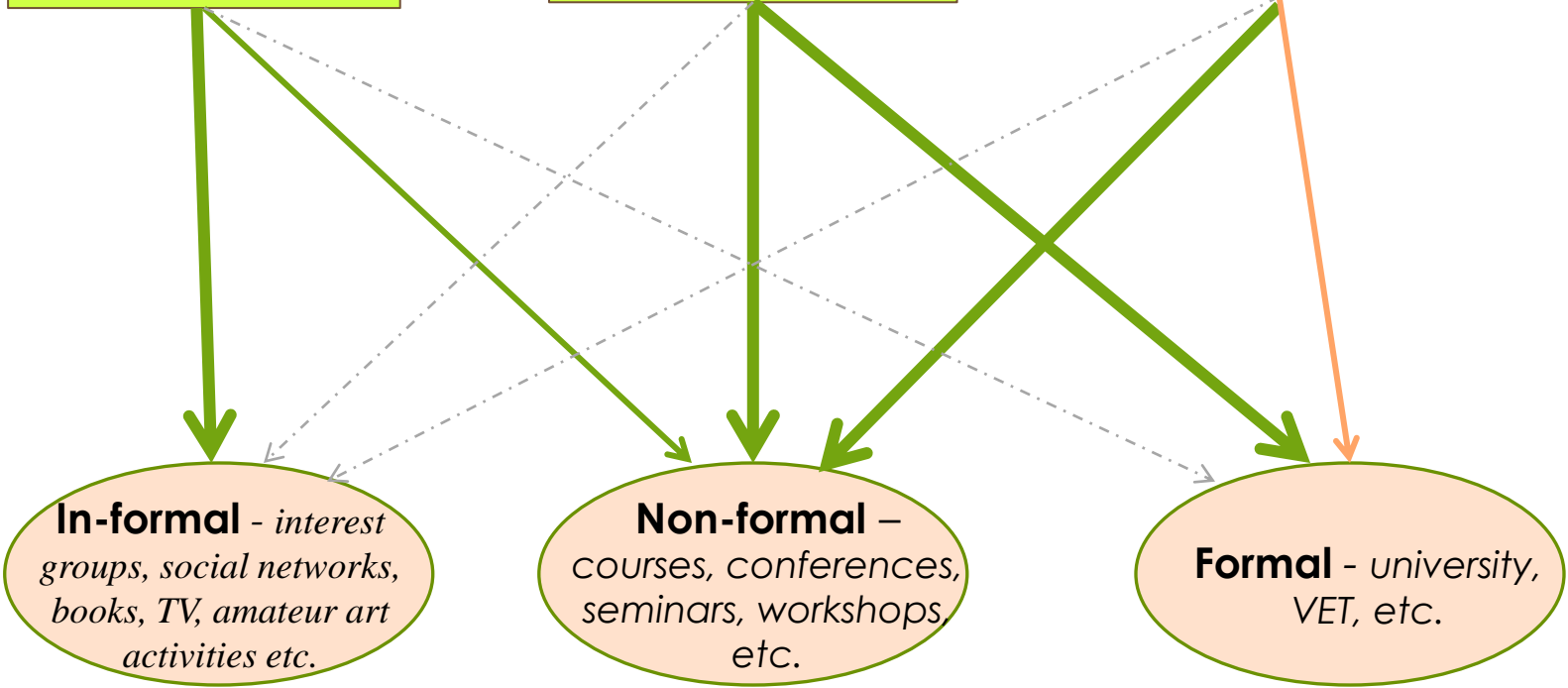
All three groups of people who need to be educated require **language** knowledge, **ICT** and communication skills

- These skills can be obtained in three ways
 - some people age 50+ continue to study in higher education **institutions**
 - attend **courses** (seminars, conferences etc.)
 - **self-taught** or joining interest groups (intramural or virtual)

An educational form

- **Formal education** - a system that includes primary, secondary and higher education levels, the programs is certified by a state recognized educational or professional qualification
- **Non-formal education** - organized outside the formal education and to demand adequate educational activity (certificate)
- **In-formal** - self-taught, everyday learning (family, workplace etc.)

Learning purpose - living a happy and fulfilled life



Non-formal learning opportunities in Jelgava

- **Foreign languages** (English, German, Russian, French and Latvian)
- **Computer application** (Corel Draw Graphics, Adobe Photoshop, Basic Computer design, Basic Photo design, Development of home pages; Online technologies and digital skills in education process in schools)
- **Business competencies** (Commercial science and administration, Secretarial and office work; Labor safety and fire security)
- **Professional competencies for teaching staff** (4 courses)
- **Other competencies** (For employees in tourism industry, Addiction prevention, For medical staff, For employees of law enforcement institution)
- **Engineering competencies** – metal workings
- **For yourself, home and family business** (Basic floristic, Painting on silk and glass, Sewing shop, Film making, Decorating textiles, Photo art)

Unemployed seniors get reductions of tuition fees:

Senior programs – 50%-70%

Other programs 25%

Senior programs in Jelgava

- „**LIFE STARTS AT 60**” – a cycle of gnostic and practical seminars with professional psychologists, cosmetologists, nutrition scientists, physiotherapists
- Seniors are offered to attend special **English** and **computer classes**. Those, who have accomplished these courses, can join **English club** or **computer fan club**
- Creative studio „**Seniors for Jelgava**” – offer seniors a possibility to be socially active, promoting their membership in city's life and events

Seniors in Jelgava can take part in different **amateur performance groups**

- Choirs
- dancing clubs of middle-aged and seniors, modern dance
- folklore group „Dimzēns”
- decorative art Studio „Dardedze”
- national painting studio,
- drama club etc.

EDUCATION INNOVATION TRANSFER CENTRE educational needs characteristic

- Association unites mostly educational staff
– teachers, university lecturers, scientists
etc.
- Most of association members are age
50+.

Thus members of association have burning questions

- **Professional completion** – the need to obtain new education technologies and methods, e-studies etc.
 - Some members of association continue **formal** process of education – study for masters or doctorate degrees.
 - More members use **non-formal** education possibilities – take part in professional completion courses for pedagogues, use university didactics or
 - **EU lifelong learning** program's possibilities – Study visits, Grundtvig workshops / **in-service training** courses
 - **In-formal** learning - partnership
- **English competence** obtained both in non-formal (classes/courses) and in-formal way (self-taught)

Thank you for attention!

