



European Conference

Active Aging and Intergenerational Dialogue a Challenge for the Danube countries in a Common Europe

8th – 10th July 2012, Ulm

**Workshop 3.
Activating methods in seniors' education**



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- Needs different didactics than in school
- Learning is an active, constructive and interactive process
- Is closely associated with social, cultural, local and economical conditions



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Methods are interactive tools

They provide rules and guidelines for the learner to follow the process step by step and to eventually reach the predetermined goal

It is necessary that the learners have a

- principal interest in new challenges and the
- desire to continue education in a project-team
- It helps to inspire them with an interesting project

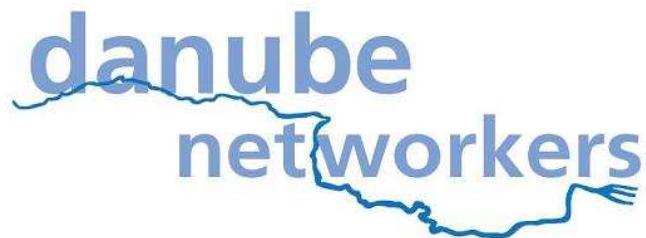


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Experiences

with our Danube-Networkers project, Grundtvig
partnership





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Preparations

- First of all we had to find active members for our teams
- The theme „Danube“ was helpful, because nearly all the participants were in close contact with this river
- We searched in Third Age groups, in skill courses for writers, etc ...



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Preparations

Now we had a group of seniors with **different skills**.

Some, who had **once participated in EU- LLL projects** and some, who **had no idea how to write for the web** or who needed help with **new media in general**.

This is the **challenge for group-coordinators** to lead all of them to the project- goals.

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Realisation/ Outcomes

Group-coordinators should **only give the framework** for the different steps of realization.



Learners begin in a **self-terminated process** with fulfilling their tasks.



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Outcomes

Learning experiences were gained in various fields

- **By engaging oneself and writing about specific topic - in this case the Danube**
- **By learning and expending IT skills**
- **By personal intercultural face to face encounters during the meetings**
- **The senior learners in the Northern and the Eastern Danube regions had to cope with different basic conditions**



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- **The elderly rediscovered their potential of skills** with methods of creative writing, poems, interviews and a search for undiscovered natural monuments
- **Senior citizens** from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia **built an intercultural network along the Danube River** by common activities. The **Danube River** was and still is the connecting panel for all people in the Danube region.

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Creating a working group – Danubenetworkers Bulgaria



Bobby



Dimitar



Albena



Detelina



Katya



Rubinka



Tanya



Elka



Varbinka

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Interviews, time-witness work, songs
Danube - bridges



“Placid White Danube Is
Excited

The placid white Danube is
excited
And splashing merrily,
For the Radetzky is proudly
sailing,
On its golden waves.... “



„Erinnerung

Wie schön waren meine
Tage
Am Donaufer, als ich
als Kind spielte,
hinter den Booten und
dem Kai, unter den
Weiden –
wo am besten ich mich
von den anderen
Kindern verstecken
sollte?“



Hristo Botev

Tzveti Andreeva

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Belogradchik rocks



Protected place Kalimok- Brashlen



Lake Srebarna (Siver lake)

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Creating a working group – Danubenetworkers Vienna



Our team write about special points of interest of the Danube

e.g. „The cemetery of no names“



e.g. „The Riviera at the Danube“

e.g. „Legend about the devil who formed the Danube loop“

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We interviewed many people whose life is directly connected with the Danube river :



„Fishing on the Iron Curtain“

„The Painting Ferryman“

„The Survivor of the Danube-ferryboat“

„Two female captains on the Danube“

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our Danube-Networkers project, Grundtvig partnership, awarded with a quality certificate





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Thank you for the attention!



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