

e-Protect 7th Newsletter

Short Joint Staff Training in Athens, Greece

The e-Protect transnational training event has provoked the establishment of a transnational community of practice of like-minded education professionals who will support the further development of the project's educational resources to develop the digital skills of the elderly.



3-day Staff Training in Athens

The e-Protect project consortium along with the associated pool of adult trainers met in Athens between 23-25 of May 2022 for the Joint Staff Training in Athens!

The main objective of the training is to coach and inform adult educators about the methodology of the e-Protect Competency Scale, the e-Protect curricula, and the Train-the-trainer Toolkit so as to be able to deliver relevant training in their countries. The training has been proved very useful

and provided a clear understanding on the utility and usefulness of digital skills, internet skills, and cybersecurity to the elderly.

Topicalities and sessions

During the first day, the pool of trainers met at KMOP facilities, which hosted the event in Athens. The participants soon created bonds and relationships as a result of the energizer activity. Then, CARDET set the goals and expectations of the training in

accordance with the participants, creating a common ground to work and collaborate. CARDET initiated a conversation to raise awareness on the need of digital skills for the elderly, accompanied with some interesting statistics on cybercrime and online security. The aims of the project were also clarified explaining the process of the Competency Scale development. After this session, KMOP explained the rationale of the e-Protect curricula which aims to provide complete educational resources to adult trainers displaying the basics of Internet Safety. Then, e-Seniors opened up on conversation about the basic characteristics of the end target group, the elderly (65+). The sessions include a valuable activity on developing a PERSONA to better understand the target group. Last, The Rural Hub closed the first day with a session on how to train older adults involving available teaching methods and practices.

Study visit at People Behind

The second day was exploited by doing a study visit the headquarters of [People Behind](#). People Behind is a non-profit organization that aims to keep people 65+ active. Specifically, People Behind works towards a society for all ages, following the EU directions goals for Healthy and Active Aging. The moto of the organization is “A world where no one is left behind”. The organization also runs the [University of Third Age](#). The idea for the creation of the 1st University for Third Age in Greece arose after research and exchange of best practices with the Universities for Third Age of Cyprus, London and Malaga. The face-to-face operation started in February 2020, gathering over 400 applications from people 65+. The first 3 workshops were History, Philosophy and Drama, with 120

beneficiaries. Just after Covid-19 “arrived” in Greece, People Behind carried out pilot digital activities, to explore the beneficiaries’ correspondence in case of total digital shift. Following their feedback, by September 2020 the e-learning platform of the University for Third Age was developed and via this platform the program continues until today.

Learn through play

The training ended with a pleasant note by playing the Happy Onlife online game developed. Happy Onlife is a game and a toolkit for children and adults, aimed at raising awareness of the risks and opportunities of internet and promoting the best online practices, which has been developed by the Joint Research Center. JRC researchers conceived and developed the Happy Onlife product as a peer and media edutainment toolkit promoting safe and responsible uses of ICT among adults. Happy Onlife opens a path to empower teachers and trainers in actively guiding users to become smarter, responsible, and respectful when using digital technologies and help them understand opportunities, skills, risks and consequences behind the decisions they make online.



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The Rural Hub

www.theruralhub.ie

The Rural Hub is an association that specializes in community development and local initiatives to support the social inclusion of disadvantaged rural youth, migrant communities and isolated older residents, by providing a wide range of training and capacity development programmes.



KMOP

www.kmop.gr

KMOP is a non-profit organization aiming to drive solution-oriented, knowledge-based interventions that are crucial to foster resilience and make the world a better place to live. KMOP's main areas of expertise include social welfare and health, employability and human rights protection, scientific research and development of know-how in social policy and social protection issues.



eSeniors

www.eseniors.eu

E-Seniors is a non-profit non-governmental organization that aims at fighting e-exclusion by offering ICT training to seniors (people aged 55 and over). It strives to bridge the digital gap between generations, foster seniors' social participation, and propose activities encouraging seniors to spend actively their free time.



SVEB

www.alice.ch

SVEB is the Swiss national umbrella organization for adult education and operates as a professional association and pressure group. It also manages the national training-of-trainers system and is responsible for eduQua, the national quality label for adult learning providers.