Partner searching file
GRUNDTVIG Learning Partnerships 2013

Polish organization is searching for partners to the multilateral project under
Grundtvig programme - **Grundtvig Learning Partnership**.

Preliminary project title	Senior Friendship Web

Polish organisation ☐

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Type of organisation	cultural institution funded publicly by local authority
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The characteristics of the organisation (main areas of educational activities, who are adult learners, etc.)	Apart from the standard activity as a library, our institution focuses on education of elderly people in the field of the use of ICT. Because of their incompetence in computers they are often vulnerable to social exclusion. Through structured courses we teach seniors how to use internet and computer technologies in communication. We also encourage them to form groups of friends for mutual support and use the Internet as a medium of everyday communication. Owing to modern means such as: e-mail, chat, VOIP technologies and video conferencing, people can more easily learn one from another. Moreover, such contacts help them to establish genuine social relationships among coevals, flourish their interests and hobbies. What is equally important internet communication allows elder people to stay in touch with members of their families living abroad, or other distant places.

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Summary of the project

Aims, objectives, general approach	Through activities while working on the project, we would like to establish international network of active elderly people, who want to share their interests and hobbies, local traditions and attractions, etc. via the Internet communication. This can be accomplished by use of Google+ as the main platform for communication, including its features such as: stream of actualities (texts, photos and videos), and video conferencing (hangout). Communication will be held both in public and private mode. To overcome linguistic barriers the Google translator will be used in a great extent. The idea is to teach seniors how to use internet communication through practical activities and let them present their interests to others. Task based learning will motivate them to engage emotionally into collective working. Equally important is to establish ties between the staff of organisations taking part in the project and exchanging knowledge and experience.
Activities (number and aims of partners' meetings, main	The project as a whole will be carried out in three phases. During the first one the staff of organisations taking part in the project will establish platform on Google +, test it, and elaborate the best procedures for everyday cooperation. This will be done via internet communications and

national activities between partner meetings)	through direct meetings. The second phase will apply to engagement of participants in international communication. At this stage adult learners will become familiar with established means and procedures. They will introduce themselves to the participants from other countries and present their interests and places. The third phase, the most productive one, will include such elements as: collective video productions, literary pieces creating and presentation, intensive cooperation in posting many various post on the Google+. The list of achievements will mostly depend on participant's own initiative and creativity. The role of the staff will be mainly that of guiding and counseling. Visits of participants in their respective countries and direct contacts will play crucial role in the success of the project, too.					
Expected outcomes (results, effects, products, also such as reports, websites, etc.)	The sense of living in the United Europe, sharing common ideas and interests, is an element of great importance, both for the adult learners and the staff of organisations jointly running the project. Our ultimate goal is to establish genuine friendly relationships which, owing to acquired competency in usage of modern technologies, will last long after the project is finished. As for material outcomes, the website, purposely dedicated to the project, will be launched. In addition, the Google+ platform will become permanent medium for communication between learners. On these sites the achievements and works of the learners will be published. (texts, photos and videos). The videos will also be available on Youtube. Also, soon after the project is completed, the series of specially designed events presenting achievements of the learners to the local authorities and communities will be held.					
Group of adult learners at which the project is targeted	Elderly people, at the age of 50 and more, willing to come over their incompetence in ICT, to avoid social exclusion and make friends abroad.					
Working language of the project	English					
Duration	2 years (August 2013 – July 2015)					
Role in the project	coordinator	**V**		partner	**V**	

Potential partners

Types of organisations, countries, etc.	Although libraries are most welcomed, we invite organisations of all kind from any country eligible to receive grants from the Grundtvig Programme. Bolesławiec, the town we live in and want you to cooperate with, is populated by interesting people, to a large degree repatriates from Croatia, Bosnia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Ukraine and France. It is also well renown centre of traditional pottery. We kindly ask you to visit our website - available in 21 European languages: http://www.mbp.boleslawiec.pl/ to let you learn more about us and our doings.