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Title: The Knowledge Volunteers

Description: The Knowledge Volunteers project addresses a major challenge facing Europe's goal of becoming an Innovation Union, namely, the e-inclusion and active/healthy ageing of a growing population of over 60s. The project aims to (a) promote digital competence among older people through inter-generational and peer-to-peer learning relations with young people and between older people; (b) encourage the active participation of older and young people in society through voluntary activities, thus enhancing self-esteem, identity and social relations; (c) improve the production, testing, and dissemination of innovative curricula, methodologies and modules for adult learners; (d) create a network of "Knowledge Volunteers" of all ages; (e) develop a knowledge-based, social-networking Internet environment for sustainable social innovation on e-inclusion and active and healthy ageing. The project will develop, customize, translate, implement and evaluate a digital literacy didactical kit made up of handbooks, guides and evaluation tools at four levels: (1) the ABC of the ICT, (2) social networking, (3) e-government services and (4) Domestic Technology.

Pilot/testing programmes will be implemented in 5 countries to validate and improve the methodological/didactical kit. In parallel, 4 in-depth case studies of the innovative methodological and didactical aspects of the project will be conducted, in order to deepen knowledge codification and strengthen the educational foundations of the programme. Key to the project's success is the network of "Knowledge Volunteers", involving elderly and young people in activities fully consonant with the main objectives of the European Year of Volunteering (2011). The project's dissemination/exploitation activities make use of the multilingual didactic kit, dissemination materials (website, brochure, video, newsletter) and Internet social innovation environment, to enlarge the project's stakeholder network and making it sustainable beyond its end.

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