



European Year for **Active Ageing**
and **Solidarity between Generations** 2012



The Knowledge Volunteers



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The Knowledge Volunteers (TKV) promotes the acquisition of digital competences among elderly people at risk of social exclusion as well as intergenerational relations that benefit the education of young people. Voluntary participation of youth and the elderly provides a learning opportunity for both generations, allowing them to improve their self-esteem while reducing the risk of social isolation among older people.

TKV conducts dedicated pilot training courses in various European countries (see here the [list of partners](#)) with the involvement of elderly people in voluntary activities. The beneficiaries are schools and elderly centres, young volunteers, teachers, elderly volunteers, and local citizens at large.

The project develops and brings to EU level a didactical ICT learning methodology especially for the elderly, which has been defined and successfully applied at local level by Fondazione Mondo Digitale (FMD). This methodology is enriched with the application of the peer-to-peer course approach carried out by older experienced volunteers to new older students. The didactical intergenerational approach is based on the active role of young students, who act as individual teachers or tutors to the elderly participants. A didactical toolkit has been set up and can be downloaded free.

The FMD commitment within the European Year for Active Ageing includes:

- The creation of a memorandum on the priorities of the Italian and European Digital Agenda between FMD and major enterprises and local authorities in the field of ICT and/or education. This will lead to the diffusion of computers and digital skills to the elderly population, addressing the problem of social isolation.
- Develop partnerships and collaboration with relevant stakeholders in order to raise awareness on the role of e-skills for social inclusion and development, as well as to promote events, research, studies and activities to enhance digital and 21st century skills among seniors, strengthening their participation in society.

Promoter:	Digital World Foundation Fondazione Mondo Digitale (FMD) works for an inclusive knowledge society by blending innovation, education and inclusion. Its mission is to promote social learning, social innovation and e-inclusion, with special attention to categories at risk of social exclusion.
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