

AgeinGreen



Newsletter #1

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“The one who plants trees,
knowing that he will never sit in
their shade, has at least
started to understand the
meaning of life.”
— Rabindranath Tagore

Coordinator



Partners



ABOUT THE PROJECT

What is AgeinGreen all about?

AgeinGreen is Erasmus+ project, supporting intergenerational learning and active participation of older people in the fight against climate change. In the next two years we will create and test an intergenerational climate change training program. The main objectives of AgeinGreen project are to face climate change from intergenerational perspective, to increase awareness and knowledge about climate change among older people and empower them to participate and contribute to society by bringing small changes in their lives and actively participate in local communities. The aim is also to improve relations between generations by fighting against climate change together.



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ABOUT PARTNERS

The project is coordinated by **Anton Trstenjak Institute of Gerontology and Intergenerational Relations (IAT)** which is a Slovenian national research, expert and end-user NGO working on national and international level.

The focus is on developing and carrying out social programmes for quality ageing and good relations for all generations.

<https://www.inst-antonatrstenjaka.si/eng/institut.asp>

The Spanish partner is **Gantalcalá La Rioja**, a NGO whose mission is to contribute to the development of a participatory, tolerant and supportive society, through education, transnational mobility, culture and social inclusion. <https://www.gantalcala.org/>

The Polish partner is **Mapa Pasji** from Krakow; the organization promotes regional culture and creates space for seniors by discovering local treasures using quests (an educational field game that combines elements of fun and learning, treasure exploration and the joy of discovery). <https://mapapasji.pl/>

The French partner **M3Cube** is a NGO from Paris which aims at bridging and shrinking the digital gap between generations by being a catalyst for actions and ideas promoting intercultural and intergenerational communication. <http://m3cube.asso.st/>

The Cyprus partner is the Center of active citizens for sustainable development (**CitizensACT**); it is a newly established NGO based in Nicosia, Cyprus. The aim of this NGO is to help vulnerable groups, promoting active citizenship among all citizens regardless of their age, gender, colour, religion, ethnicity, language or abilities. <https://citizens-act.org/>

Stay tuned for future publications!



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Mapa Pasji



PROJECT ACTIVITIES UP TO DATE

Project meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia

On 24 and 25 October 2023 Anton Trstenjak hosted a kick-off meeting in Ljubljana. Partners agreed on the implementation of the activities, management and reporting, promotion of the project etc., everything needed to make this two-year project run well.

This intergenerational project aims to raise awareness among older people about climate change and how they can contribute. As one of the chosen methods in this project is a treasure hunt, the partners also took part in a "green" treasure hunt tour, strolled the streets of Ljubljana looking for drinking fountains, underground rubbish containers, umbrella repair shops, BicikeLJ (bicycle sharing system) stations etc. This green tour turned out to be an excellent team-building activity and an opportunity to get to know Ljubljana and its green initiatives.

This meeting was a great introduction to the AgeinGreen project.



Green, how I desire you,
green.
Verde que te quiero verde
(F. G. Lorca)



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How do older people see environmental issues?

The first project activity was a survey: we asked older people from partners' countries how they see these issues and if they would be interested to learn about climate change. Over 450 older people participated, 55+ years old, from countryside, small towns and cities.

Respondents strongly agreed that the environment has deteriorated since their childhood and that climate change is a serious problem which is affecting their daily lives and everybody should contribute. The majority of them already sort rubbish, save water and electricity and are conscious about producing less waste and using green transport options. The important information in the survey is that older people participating in the survey expressed willingness to do more to fight climate change but would like to know how to do it, hence they are interested in the environmental training programs consisting of practical information.

We are happy with such a great response and shown interest in the topic and are looking forward to conducting focus groups to get additional feedback from older people.

2. The climate change is a serious problem of the world.

