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MAE Project: Training Storytelling Trainers



*This is the first thematic newsletter of the "Memories Across Europe" Project!
Read and learn more about the MAE training activities.*

The MAE Project

The Memories Across Europe project aims to realize educational activities for adults and elderly people using the autobiographical and storytelling methodology, thus focusing on:

- contributing to a common and positive construction of the European identity;
- stimulating intergenerational dialogue and solidarity;
- promoting the mobility of adults and elderly people across Europe;
- encouraging active aging and the empowerment of aged people.

Through the "Memories Across Europe" project we want to contribute to the new Erasmus Plus program, with the priority "Participation in democratic life": "The Programme addresses the citizens' limited participation in its democratic processes and their lack of knowledge about the European Union, and tries to help them overcome the difficulties in actively engaging and participating in their communities or the Union's political and social life."

Within the MAE project, two major events took place to train trainers and volunteers.

The first one took place in Berlin (25-27 June 2022),



and the second one – in Pieve Santo Stefano (14-19 September 2022)



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Berlin Training

The MAE Training event, held in Berlin, from 22 to 26 June 2022, was aimed at the trainers of the partner organizations, to share project objectives and methodologies, and prepare local workshops.

The participants learned how to work with several methodologies – autobiographical methodologies through photography, collage, and video – and how to prepare remote storytelling activities.



Pieve Santo Stefano Training

The Training event in Pieve Santo Stefano, City of Diary, offered the learners the unique opportunity to participate in the prestigious Pieve Santo Stefano Award – Diari in Piazza that happens annually in Pieve in September. The city is home to the partner Archivio Diaristico Nazionale.

With the tool of storytelling and through the sharing of stories, MAE project aims to contribute to the construction of a new Europe, based on participation, international dialogue, and solidarity.

That is why it was so important the place and timing of the second meeting happening during the week of the Pieve Saverio Tutino Prize, its 38th edition, dedicated to Peace Seekers and to the repudiation of war and the commitment to respect human rights.

The learners from the partner countries were involved in various training activities (video, collage, and others). They had the chance to learn from other participants who attended the Pieve Santo Stefano Award event, personally conducted many interviews, and heard many stories.



If you wish to learn more, check the website of MAE project: <https://memoriesacrosseurope.eu/>