

## NEWSLETTER #2

DIGIT-GERA PROJECT NUMBER: 2021-1-PL01-KA220-ADU-000026148  
BUILDING A DIGITAL AGE-FRIENDLY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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### **First Project Result: *Building a digital age-friendly community***

The first objective of the project DIGIT-GERA was to make available an **analysis of geragogy methodologies** for senior learners for an active digital citizenship. Indeed, the publication “*Building a digital age-friendly community*” that we are handing over to the readers is intended to familiarize them with the concept of geragogy and the geragogical approach to organizing the educational environment. The publication is addressed to all people working for the elderly.

As explained in our first newsletter, the main subject of interest through geragogy is supporting the development of the elderly by providing tools in the physical, mental, social, cultural and spiritual context.

The publication provides tips such as educational programmes to enhance the competences of seniors as digital citizens, but also examples of good practice in dealing with digital and soft skills in senior education and **the use of geragogy methodology to create aged-friendly training programs.**

By providing tips to educators, we ensure the creation of an **age-friendly digital educational community**, which is essential if we want to make sure that seniors can fully use digital technologies to learn, develop and extend the time of independent living. Through the implementation of appropriate policies, readiness to use digital tools and resources, the availability of digital devices and the provision of appropriate training, we can create age-friendly digital learning communities that foster positive, collaborative learning for seniors.

Feel free to visit DIGIT-GERA website or click here: <https://digitgera.eu/geragogy-report/>

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## Training organized in Galatone, Italy, from 17 to 21 April 2023

In April, the DIGIT-GERA consortium spent a few days in Galatone, home of our Italian partner, Ipso Facto.

- On our first day of training, partners talked about **geragogical methodologies and approaches**: all partners, under the supervision of PCKK as coordinator as well as E-Seniors as leader of Project Result 2, discussed the last steps of the creation of the modules for the **e-learning platform**. It was also the opportunity to speak about the ways seniors' learners are able to learn and what to take into account when designing programs for senior people.
- On the second day, the topic of discussion was the following: Digital Active Citizenship among seniors with the use of the Digital Framework for Citizens to develop training courses and how to recognize digital skills gained through non-formal education.
- On the next day, partners exchanged about soft skills and cybersecurity for the digital society, but also how to pay extra attention to hoaxes and fake news on the Internet.
- During the last day, partners discussed the future e-learning platform and other topics such as dissemination activities and upcoming tasks and deadlines.

Even though the weather wasn't always on our side, we were lucky enough to manage some time in order to visit this amazing Italian region, thanks to our great hosts!

→The training allowed us to work efficiently together, to brainstorm and prepare our next steps.

(Adding more content and pictures?)

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## Status of the second project results and creation of the platform

As the main objective of Project Result 2, the **creation of an online course** in DIGIT-GERA methodology will enhance the following skills of teachers and trainers under the **DigCompEdu (Digital Competence Framework for Educators)** framework: 3.1. Teaching; 3.3. Collaborative learning; 5.1. Accessibility and inclusion; for a B2 level.

E-Seniors is the leader of this result and all partners were in charge of creating some modules, which are the following:

1. Introduction (ESE)
2. Improving digital skills among senior learners (ESE)

3. Expanding the minds of elderly persons: new horizon (Ipso Facto)
4. Enhancing their mental health in a post-pandemic environment (UFGVJ)
5. The European Digital Competence Framework for citizens as a tool to foster digital skills in senior citizens. Cybersecurity (Método)
6. Self-awareness: raising older learners' conscientiousness of their role in the society (UGFVJ)
7. Tools to lead adult learners from reflection and learning to action. Active digital citizenship (PCKK)
8. Enhance their physical condition (Misericordia)
9. Critical Geragogy: transforming the conditions that promote the disempowerment of older people (Misericordia)
10. Digital age-friendly learning community (DAFLC): practical space to upload practical exercises and connect with other teachers and trainers (PCKK + all)

The modules are almost ready, few readjustments are needed since some of them need the final structure or some graphic contents in order to make them more understandable for the readers.

The DIGIT-GERA consortium will create **an e-learning platform**, under Método supervision, which will include the **digital age-friendly learning community (DAFLC)** that will be populated by participants on the online course with assignments from the training modules. In total, 200 people will participate in the online learning course during the project and 250 more during the sustainability phase. All participants on the online course will receive a diploma of completion that will contain specific references to the **DigCompEdu (DigCompEdu (Digital Competence Framework for Educators))** and the level achieved by participants (the course is expected to have a B2 level).

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## Next steps

Since the modules for Project Result 2 are almost ready in English, our next task will be to **translate them to national languages** to make them available for everyone on our online platform.

After summer and implementation of the modules in the e-learning platform created by Método, partners will start their **piloting sessions**, for which 5 testers per organization are needed.



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