PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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Elderly care is a growing industry. This is triggered by changing demographics and its social and cultural transformation. An analysis of pre-working age and post-working age population over the last 20 years makes it clear that UE society is ageing fast. Forecasts suggest that the trend will stay strong in the years to come. For this reason, there is an extensive debate on the ageing of societies and dynamic demographic changes in the world. This is why state policy designed to improve the quality of life of older people comes to the fore. Aim of the project "ICT -Innovative Caregivers 'Training" is to develop a new model and promote the idea of learning by using new and innovative ICT technology. For this purpose on 4 September 2015 in Sale Aragonite, via ai Boschetti 10, 6929 Manno-Lugano, Switzerland, in the hours 08.45-13.15 the Final Public Conference will be organized on which will be presented the ICT model developed in the project. Free to participate in the conference are workers and employers, trade unions and employers' associations, local governments and nongovernmental organizations and labor market institutions.

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Testing model

The testing of ICT training model in Switzerland has been very successful, the number both concerning of participation (21 caregivers and 6 resource persons) and results in term of learning and motivation. On 13 May 2015 the final session have been performed, together with granting with certificates. The participants testing had a positive input also for networking, since with also the support of the platform has been possible to strengthen relations among all the team (participants, teachers. resources). The PBL as pedagogical approach has been a good choice, since its practical approach allowed to fortes motivation and participation in finding solutions and learning new hints and concepts to be merged in participants' daily activities.

It' important to underscore that the learning biographies of participants, showed an incredible richness and variety of informal learning opportunities engendered by migration and by hard personal life trajectories; as well is necessary to raise the relevance of emotional and relational drivers, in motivating the participation and activating learning and the need to rethinking at tools and spaces of social learning in terms of mobile technologies.

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Did you know?

Poland fits in with the broad demographic trends, typically observed in the majority of the countries of the Old Continent. Between 2012 and 2035 Poland's 60 plus population is expected to grow significantly despite overall population shrinking by more than two million in the time. Poland's same average expectancy will increase systematically and move from 81.1 years in 2012 to 81.9 years in 2017 for women (a change of about 10 months of life). For men life expectancy will increase even more, i.e. by more than 1 year and 2 months from 72.6 years in 2012 to 73.8 years in 2017. Longer projected life expectancy means longer life in good health. As consequence, average life expectancy in



bad health should remain unchanged. As Polish people become better-off, their life styles resemble those of western societies with many of their pensioners moving to homes for the elderly. Poland's social model is clearly changing and the traditional multigenerational family is becoming a thing of the past. In addition, hundreds of thousands of people, most of them young, have migrated to Western Europe in recent years leaving their parents without any care. This is a key socio-demographic aspect of care services, especially because migrants from Poland have relatively high incomes and can afford to pay for their parents' in old age.

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