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**NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear readers,

Log into our third Newsletter. Read the messages from Silver Code project partners and about the developments in the Silver Code project itself.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

**3rd transnational project meeting was held in Milan, Italy on November 13th-14th, 2017**

The project partners met in Milan for a transnational meeting devoted to finalising the training materials.

We are happy to share the final overview of the training course! The course will consist of 5 modules:

**Module 1** will be an introduction to basic digital skills (like getting familiar with hardware, using the browser or a text editor).

**Module 2** will introduce you to basic web programming, with languages like HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Here, you will also create your own little web app!

**Module 3** will provide you with important elements of computational thinking, introducing you to transversal skills. You will learn how to analyse issues and solve problems through digital skills.

**Module 4** will go even deeper into the basics of computer programming – introducing you to more programming languages.

**Module 5** – Coding everyday – will show you lots of examples of coding in everyday services. You will be surprised about your new level of understanding of a lot of these!



Now, are you interested in taking part in this exciting training course and community? [Contact us](#) for reserving your seat!

## MESSAGES FROM PARTNERS

### A MESSAGE FROM SLOVENIA



During the European Coding Week at Slovenian Third Age University took place an animation training for their students. Digital exclusion (of older people) leads to inner social divisions as well as weakening of social ties which does no good to anybody; not to digital natives born after 1990, nor does it do any good to older people who will always be migrants in the digital world. (Dušana Findeisen).

There are no specific data on older people, but in the age category 15-74 in Slovenia (ranking the 17th among European countries as concern the digital index) there are approx. 43% of those who at least once a week use computer programmes on the basic level. Karina Sirk presented the results of the Silver Code project and it seems that the interest of older people for programming is high (more than 40% of respondents confirmed it). The participants in this introductory training in the field of coding

confirmed it as well. They are interested in changing algorithms, they are experienced (skeletal muscles and programming). They are familiar with binary counting. Some know how to compose an algorithm. They got enthusiastic about coding without computer: how to make a rode in a village where there is little money at the disposals of the municipality village In the Muddy Valley... This part of the training was conducted by Katja Koren Ošljak, ambassadrice of coding (Source: Karina Sirk). A week later the findings from this training were presented by the three teachers on the national radio, Slovenia 1.

### A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRIA

The 1st Festival for Digital Poetry Vienna featuring Vienna Code Poetry Slam 2017 was held on the 20. November 2017 at 19:30 in the Kontaktraum, TU Vienna.

#### What is code poetry?

Code Poetry is whatever you want it to be, as long as it has something to do with programming languages. From poems which make use of the structure and key words of programming languages, to odes in C++, from spoken word performances concerning programming to lyrics in machine language, everything up to and including executable scripts, that make your laptop sound like W.B. Yeats — that and much more can be Code Poetry. We want you to explore where human language and computer language can meet, mingle and make something new happen!

The event was organized by Cornelia Travnicek, Sabrina Burtscher, Gabriel Grill und Edith Sarau. You can find more info under <https://codepoetry.at>

### A MESSAGE FROM BULGARIA

What is KEEP50+? This is an Erasmus+ project aiming in exchanging ideas, methodologies and ways for boosting the entrepreneurship among people over 50 years old. In the framework of Adult Learners Week in Vilnius, Lithuania and during an international Keep50+ Barcamp, the idea of Silver Code project was promoted, as a tool for self-development and way to realize their own entrepreneurship ideas.



### A MESSAGE FROM ITALY

Silver Code has been presented at the ME held in Vedano al Lambro (MB) on the importance of the coding for everyday life between families and adults in Europe, under the European funded project "Educode - Fostering Coding Education in Europe", last 21st October 2017.

The day has been devoted to the implementation of specific workshops involving families, children, adults and grandparents. So this event has been also an intergenerational bridge.

### A MESSAGE FROM POLAND

Silver Code was present at II Gerontology Days! The Gerontology Days (this year 16-18 October) is a regional event organized for the exchange of knowledge and good practices, searching for new solutions aimed at counteracting the exclusion

of older people and improving their quality of life.

It is a space of meeting and open discussion of authorities in the field of gerontological and geriatric knowledge with practitioners, students and seniors. During the Gerontology Days met representatives of local government units, higher education institutions, non-governmental organizations, companies and institutions which sought answers to the questions posed by the aging of Polish society.

### A MESSAGE FROM PORTUGAL

Let's meet in Coimbra in May?



### Ageing Congress

27-29 May 2018, Coimbra, Portugal

International event aimed at being a reference in the debate about ageing issues, such as:

*Ageing and new technologies*

*Neuropsychology: dementia and its effects on the elderly*

*The silencing of old age: from social erasure to recognised aging. A reading of the clinical-discursive categories about old age*

*The mindfulness in ageing: a silent promising revolution*

AidLearn will promote during the Conference a [Silver-Code Workshop](#), where our project will be presented and demonstrated some of the exercises of the training material.

Interested?

For further information and registration see the [website](#) of the Conference.

### A MESSAGE FROM ROMANIA

In 7-8 July 2017, the 5th International Conference “Education, Reflection, Development” took place in Cluj-Napoca. The ERD Conference was dedicated to the advancement of theories and practices in education. The conference aimed to promote collaboration between academics and professionals from the field of education, to provide opportunities for academics and professionals from various educational fields and with cross-disciplinary interests, to bridge the knowledge gaps in their areas of interest and to share the results of various evidence-based researches in education.

In the framework of this conference we presented the Romanian SILVER-CODE survey highlighting the potential of ICT use in seniors’ education and a number of potential strategies that can be efficiently used. An innovative perspective addressed in the article was the development of digital curriculum in adult education, organized and implemented in contexts of collaborative learning.

In 8-9 September 2017, the NOVAMOOC International Conference “New Trends and Perspectives in Open Education “, took place in Timisoara. Among topics of interest, we could mention open education, open pedagogy, tools and technologies supporting open education, platforms for MOOC hosting, strategies/models for MOOCs: video/content creation, facilitation, assessment, student motivation, quality assurance, certification and accreditation, open badges, MOOCs and flipped classrooms/blended learning.

We took this opportunity to present the project idea and objectives, giving arguments for why teach elders to learn and highlighting the basic digital skills to be developed.

Flower Watering JavaScript application was presented as part of the course which will start this autumn and also other examples with pieces of code were presented.





## THE PARTNERSHIP

The Coordinating organisation is the [Znanie Association](#), (Bulgaria)

Partners – [Eurocrea Merchant](#) (Italy); [Slovenian Third Age University UTŽO](#) (Slovenia), [Die Berater](#) (Austria), [AidLearn](#) (Portugal); [University of Polytechnics in Timisoara](#) (Romania); [University of Wroclaw – The University of the Third Age](#) (Poland)



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