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# NEWSLETTER

## AGE-FRIENDLY TOOLKIT. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES.

The AGE FRIENDLY TOOLKIT project is funded by the Erasmus+ program (European Commission) for the period November 2022 to February 2025 and will be developed by 6 organizations in five European countries: THE SPANISH CONFEDERATION OF OLDER PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, CEOMA (ES); ANZIANI E NON-SOLO, ANS (IT), MENSAJEROS DE LA PAZ ASSOCIATION (ES); SOSU (DK); AFEDEMY. (NL); and the AGE PLATFORM EUROPE (BE).

**Longer life expectancy deserves celebration. However, demographic change puts pressure on our environments, forcing them to adapt. To successfully face current and future challenges in this field, new professional profiles and skills are needed.**

**To this goal, the AGE-FRIENDLY TOOLKIT project aims to define a training curriculum for a “Professional of reference for inclusive ageing in age-friendly cities” through an open and broad exchange of views among stakeholders on ageing. The project will develop a set of open educational resources proposed in the vocational education and training systems and remain freely available online.**

## WORK PACKAGES

According to the objectives described above, the partners will carry out the technical aspects of the project in the following two work packages and activities:

### WP2. PROPOSAL OF A TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR INCLUSIVE AGEING

WP2 is being developed from November 2022 to December 2023, aimed at proposing a training curriculum for a afore mentioned new training professional, through the following activities:

- Identifying a set of key competencies on cross-cutting issues for AFC.



- Defining learning outcomes of a new professional figure in AFC, by organising international workshops in different areas.
- Proposing a training curriculum for the new professional profile.
- Validate and disseminate the results in the participant countries.

### WP3. TOOLKIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES

The work package 3, is aimed at developing an educational toolkit for the development of age-friendly cities. WP3 will be carried out from November 2023 to February 2025 through the following activities:

- Development of training content according to the training CV developed in wp2.
- Creating a set of training materials: educational app and e-learning course.
- Testing the training toolkit with target groups.
- Disseminating the results at national and international levels.

Relevant stakeholders, experts and social organizations in participants countries are being involved in the project activities.

The target group of the AGE-FRIENDLY TOOLKIT project are:

- Employees at municipalities services.
- Public administrations/social services at regional and local level
- Seniors citizens' organizations,
- Teachers, trainers and students at VET and Adult education programs,
- VET providers and VET centres,
- Decision-makers in the field of VET.
- Companies of different sectors: building sector, ICT, hotel, commerce, etc.

For more information, please take a look at [our website](#)

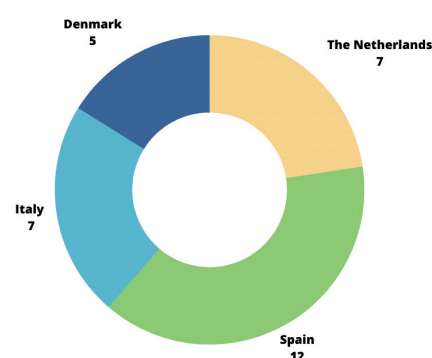


## PROJECT'S PRELIMINARY RESEARCH

In the first months of the project, from January to March 2023, partners interviewed experts from their countries and gained initial insights into the new professional profile by identifying the knowledge and skills required to perform successfully in age-friendly cities. Moreover, AFEdeMy performed a short desk study to gain insights into other related areas regarding necessary skills and knowledge in promoting age-friendly environments.

By involving 31 experts in the field of age-friendly environments, the partnership developed a basic document describing a set of cross-cutting issues for age-friendly cities, facilitating the exchange of opinions among stakeholders around the new professional figure "Reference Professional for inclusive ageing in age-friendly cities". The document builds on the eight domains of the WHO (World Health Organisation)'s age-friendly cities framework.

[Please click here to read the outcomes of this project phase in the different languages of the consortium.](#)





## FIRST TRANSNATIONAL MEETING

On 9-10 of March 2023, towards the end of the preliminary research phase, the AFC partnership met in Gouda (the Netherlands), for the first Transnational Meeting in presence. It was a great opportunity to discuss several topics, such as:

- Main results of the interviews and implications for the project
- Implementation of the dissemination and quality management plans of the project
- The next steps of the project, its upcoming international workshops.



## ONLINE MEETINGS

Partners also organize regular online meetings related to the different milestones and activities of the project.



# NEXT STEPS

In September, the AGE-FRIENDLY TOOLKIT project will host a series of thematic workshops to define and discuss the professional profile and training curriculum for professionals that want to develop and promote age-friendly environments.

Date	Theme
Tue 12 September 2023 11.00 - 13.00 CET <a href="#">Anziani E Non Solo</a>	Promoting and developing age-friendly environments: <b>social participation</b>
Tue 19 September 2023 11.00 - 13.00 CET <a href="#">SOSU</a>	Promoting and developing age-friendly environments; <b>community support, communication &amp; information</b>
Thu 21 September 2023 11.00 - 13.00 CET <a href="#">AFEdemy</a>	Promoting and developing age-friendly environments; <b>built environment</b>
Tuesday 26 September 2023 11.00 - 13.00 CET <a href="#">Mensajeros de la Paz</a>	Promoting and developing age-friendly environments; <b>social inclusion &amp; cooperation</b>
Friday 29 September 11.00 - 13.00 CET <a href="#">CEOMA</a>	Promoting and developing age-friendly environments; <b>civic participation &amp; employment.</b>

The workshops will aim to discuss the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes of a professional to develop and promote thematic areas related to age-friendly environments. In addition, we will discuss a first proposal for specific training activities for the respective thematic areas. You can find the results of previous activities on our website.

Are you an expert in the field of age-friendly environments? Join us!  
Please [click](#) or scan here for more information.



## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

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