

## Final Conference

The Digitol project is already counting 22 months of wonderful learning and interaction experiences. Heading to its end, preparations for the project's final conference have already begun. The expectations of the DIGITOL staff and the team of volunteers are certainly high, as well as the will to participate. The spirit built during the 2nd International academy is still alive and the group cohesiveness is stronger than ever.

Once again, the plans we were making have changed and our flexibility and adaptability are once again challenged. The dates were booked and the suitcases ready for Brussels. However, with the latest anti-pandemic measures a face-to-face meeting is no longer possible, so now the expectations are more focused on the content and the interactivity during the conference.

We are hoping that the final conference would be another great opportunity to meet, discuss, and reflect about the project, on what has been achieved, where things could be improved, and importantly what initiatives could be taken in order to continue the work of spreading digital skills among both older and younger adults. As the time passes, the outputs of the DIGITOL project seem more and more important and useful. All that knowledge is used on a daily basis and it is highly appreciated by everyone involved in the process. As digital skills are crucial in our societies today in order to be successful at work, to stay connected with peers and to get access to important services such as health services, finances etc, continuing the work of the DIGITOL project will be important to us.

Additionally, we are looking forward to receiving feedback regarding the pilot actions in each country. It would be great to know, what they achieved, hear about the lessons learned and to get more ideas on what can be done to raise awareness on the topic of fake news and digitalisation.

We will be happy to see high profile speakers from big tech companies and representatives from the Commission that could share their views with our participants and give us insights regarding their actions to support digitalisation and to prevent the spreading of fake news. DIGITOL staff members are working to make the best out of this event and look forward to seeing their efforts pay off. For us it will be an important opportunity for networking, sharing project's results, dissemination and upscaling.

It will be the best way to conclude this wonderful project!

You are invited to **DIGITOL final conference on Tuesday 11th January 2022 09:00 to 13:00** to learn about the project's findings and some useful tools to fight misinformation and fake news using an intergenerational approach.

**DIGITOL** is a European project funded by the Erasmus+ program to combat hate speech and misinformation with digital literacy and intergenerational contacts between more naturally proficient users (younger Europeans) and less digitally-literate users (older Europeans). To achieve the above, DIGITOL have used intergenerational educational practices (digital academy and training program) and engaged older adults in non-formal education and co-created training opportunities.

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**Location:**

**Brussels + online**

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## Pilot Actions

### ITALY

Sunday November 7, the "Interactive Walk between Web and Nature" took place at the park of the city of Monza. It was a sunny and colorful autumn morning, and nearly 50 nature lovers and people interested in learning more about DIGITOL gathered to take part in the Walk. During the Walk, there was a first stop, where a psychologist expert on New Media had a speech on the risks and opportunities of the Web. The overview of the risks and opportunities of using social networks and the Internet in everyday life has certainly raised the interest of participants and nourished discussions that continued throughout the morning and the walk. The second stop was meant to enjoy four short theatre plays staged by a group of volunteers from the DIGITOL project. Each short play warned the audience about the risks of surfing online and showed them how to identify fake news to avoid helping to spread it further. It was a really successful and inspiring event for everyone!

For the participants because they had the opportunity to experience the park in a different way and to take time to reflect while having fun on current issues that affect everyone, such as the spread of fake news.

For the DIGITOL Team in charge of the planning and implementation of this action, because they enjoyed the full potential of an intergenerational group work and their efforts were rewarded by the fun and interested reactions of the participants!

Here below a couple of pictures of the event.



The implementation of the other two pilot actions is still ongoing:

- The Blog "Digitol News" has been published on 19 November 2021, and also launched on Facebook. Stay tuned for further updates (<https://digitolnews.eu/>)

- The Festival "Digitally Aware? You become" will take place on December 4, 2021 at Villa Longoni in Desio (MB). Registration for the whole day of the Festival or just half day are already open, please hurry, places are limited!

For more information and registration, visit CCB's website at this link: <https://comunitamonzabrianza.it/news/festival-della-comunicazione-digitale/>

### BULGARIA

After the first big event organized in September 2021, we realized how big is the demand for talking and educating all age group at topics of the Fake news, Disinformation, Human rights, Net etiquette and Media literacy in general. We received invitation from 2 upper secondary schools to present these topics to their students. It boosted the involvement of the senior participants even further and last 2 months were busy with preparation for further dissemination of the project. Additional promotional materials were prepared in order to make the events more fun and engaging. Additional online meetings take place to plan and develop the sessions.

So far, there are 6 visits to schools planned, which will take place in different Bulgarian cities and where our seniors will talk about the importance of being aware, informed and sensitive to the DIGITOL topics.

The visits are planned to take place in December 2021 and January 2022.

### GERMANY

DIGITOL pilot projects have started. Several Meetings have been set as part of the Pilot Project "DIGITOL - digital café", in cooperation with our local partners from the NGO WISA - wir sind angekommen e.V. and the Senior Citizens Office (Seniorenarbeit) of the City of Dietzenbach. The Digitol Café is an interactive and participative workshop on the use of digital devices and apps - Participants learn from others, teach their skills and exchange their knowledge with each other. People can bring their own devices and will be able to get help and guidance concerning their questions or issues with using the devices.

The café is an informal and relaxed place for intergenerational learning around the topic of digitalisation. In a cosy atmosphere, young speakers share their knowledge about social media, smartphones, tablets and more. Participants can also bring their own devices - if available. In this way, it is possible for the Young Ambassadors to address questions and to offer practical help and support with concrete solutions to individual problems.

Six events will take place at the Senior Citizens' Centre at Siedlerstraße 66, in 62128 Dietzenbach, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The events are free of charge.

Dates and topics:

- 23.11. The biggest website in the world - Facebook
- 30.11. The most popular social networking apps - Instagram
- 08.12. Google knowledge
- 15.12. Addictive apps - TikTok
- 22.12. Messaging App - WhatsApp, FB Messenger, Viber and Co.
- 04.01. Photo and video app, Snapchat

For registration, contact Mrs. Wolf by telephone (06074 - 48 34 90) or email: [kirsten.wolf@dietzenbach.de](mailto:kirsten.wolf@dietzenbach.de).

Further Events are organised and coordinated by the NGO WISA - wir sind angekommen e.V.

•Rodgau, 27.11.2021, from 11 am - 1 pm, Topic: Whatsapp, Location: Sozialzentrum Rodgau Nieder-Roden, Puiseauxplatz. 3, 63110 Rodgau

•Rodgau 03.12.2021, 19-21 hrs Evening Café, Topic: Internet, mobile phone, laptop, iPad use, Place: Bürgerhaus Rodgau Dudenhofen, Georg-August-Zinn-Straße 1, 63110 Rodgau

•Dietzenbach 11.12.2021 from 1 to 4 p.m., Topic: Internet, mobile phone, laptop, iPad use, Location: Dietzenbacher Capitol, Europapl. 3, 63128 Dietzenbach

Registration via [events@wisa-ev.de](mailto:events@wisa-ev.de) or by phone and WhatsApp on 0176 825 64319.

One Event organised by WISA e.V. has already taken place on the 14.11.21 from 2-6pm. Around 8 older adults and a similar number of young people attended the event that was organized by our Young Ambassador Mahmoud Haji, together with his colleague Sadek Amiri. It was a great learning opportunity for the older adults and a great chance for our Young Ambassadors to share their knowledge with a wider audience.

### GREECE

After months of preparations, the DIGITOL Festival was finally a reality! On Sunday November 14, at Technopolis, a lively hight-tech venue of the city of Athens, older adults, Young Ambassadors and experts on fake news and mis-information and stakeholders were given the opportunity to participate in workshops and attend speeches as speakers and spectators; they had the chance to learn more about fake news, discuss about prejudice and stereotypes and find ways to protect themselves from internet scams and fraud.

Due to Covid-19 related restrictions, the number of attendees was limited to less than originally hoped for. However, short videos and recordings from the workshops and speeches will be available on our website <https://www.50plus.gr/> for further dissemination.



Our next pilot action is planned for December 5th, titled "Human library: the case of Themistocles". Professional guide Mrs. Artemis Skoumbourdi will take us on a journey through time, walking through the Ancient Forum of Athens, what was once the center of public life where Democracy was born. Hate speech, ostracism and the assumption of superiority are not as new as we think...