

Fourth Newsletter

DEAR READERS,

The Timeless project is steadily coming to an end and lately, there have been interesting project developments. You are kindly invited to read about them in this 4th Timeless project newsletter.



TIMELESS MEETING IN LJUBLJANA

A ping-pong of ideas, hesitations, approval... All during the Timeless meeting in Ljubljana

Following the transnational meeting in Riga, Slovenian Third Age University was the next to host the project partners in Ljubljana. The organisers of the transnational meeting could realise how impacted they had been by the COVID pandemic. Before the pandemic, routine automated organisational processes turned into an endeavour requiring sharp concentration, inventive time management, and a lot of thinking about the different cultures and partners' preferences.

The organisers discovered that many restaurants in Ljubljana had closed down or were not opened throughout the day, opening hours they had known by heart had changed and the price for renting a small lecture room rose up to 400€ per hour. All while Slovenian U3A students were coming back and needed the U3A building and lecturing rooms. Luckily House of Europe helped the organisers of the meeting by providing premises free of charge - thanks so much!



However, the working atmosphere at the project meeting was so good and the participants were so happy to meet again, that any difficulties were overcome. Once again the project partners became convinced that common creative processes - a ping-pong of ideas, hesitations, and approvals - are only possible with social presence and online meetings are hardly good enough for transmitting the information. Digital technology should not be considered to be superior to in-person connection!

It is still a secret why - in relation to what the partners experienced working together in Ljubljana - Reiner Maria Rilke's novel *The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge* came to mind. Rilke describes the many different, also painful, life experiences a poet needs before giving birth to a line, just one line of a poem.

But, it is a big but, the Timeless project partners were versatile and together they gave way to the "Dictionary of Art and Culture" containing concepts, words, sentences and examples of the cultural heritage across partners' countries.

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The digital book "Hidden Culture" will reveal:

Türkiye:

- Tarhana soup. Once a soup for poor people, it now heals body and soul;
- Kilim weaving- traditional weaving of rugs is an expression of life and soul;
- Zeybek are dancing on the ambers.

Spain:

- El Tio de Nadal- belongs to Catalonia, "shits" candies around Christmas;
- Saint Jord, the legend of Saint George and the dragon;
- La festa de la Castanyada.

Slovenia:

- Pohorje Omelette. A Slovenian sweet dish;
- Pen club in Ljubljana - a place of relationships of now older intellectuals;
- We have been friends since I was a child (the PST circular path around Ljubljana).

Bulgaria:

- Saint Jordan's Day, celebrated in Bulgaria;
- Rose Festival;
- Nestinari - fire dancing.

Belgium:

- The Intangible heritage of whistled language - transnational heritage;
- Landscape as intangible heritage;
- Beer culture in Belgium.

Latvia:

- Zolite, the Latvian game of cards;
- Puzzles and their handling - puzzles decorating rooms in Latvia;
- The Livonian cultural space.

PLANNING THE MULTIPLIER EVENTS ACROSS EUROPE

The Timeless project, targeting both adult educators and older learners, has come a long way. Items of the intangible cultural heritage were selected by older learners themselves. The knowledge that Timeless is imparting to older learners, adult educators and the general audience is important.

Having this in mind, the partners are organising multiplier events scheduled as follows:

- Ljubljana: 23rd of May, at 11.00 in Mladinska knjiga book store, Slovenska c. 27,
- Usak: 24th of May, at 9:15 in Uşak University Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Congres Hall, Room T6.
- Riga: 18th of May, at 11.00 at NVO Nams, Ieriķu iela 43A.
- Sofia: 19th of May, at 09&30 in Metropolitan Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Reus: 20th of May, Centre Civic Llevant, Pl. Horts del Canonges, 1.

If you can, join us! Everyone is welcome.

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