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## Partner Search from Køge Municipality, Denmark – Køge Public library

Erasmus +, Grundtvig, KA2 Strategic partnerships for adult education

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Municipality:	<p>The Municipality of Køge is about 40 kilometres south of Copenhagen and has 57.000 inhabitants. Besides being an integrated part of the Greater Copenhagen Area, Køge is rapidly turning into a regional growth centre.</p> <p>KøgeBibliotekerne (The Køge Library) gives service to the entire municipality, centrally and decentrally. The library has a range of education activities within the library but also externally.</p> <p>One of the major expectations of the library development is connected to the area of learning, where the library will contribute by stimulating the digitalization strategy of the municipality.</p>
Project idea:	<p>Seniors/the elderly that are not used to working with IT, as well as difficulties with communication and information to these citizens, are a growing problem and a mutual challenge across Europe.</p> <p>In the Municipality of Køge there is an increasing focus on digitalisation in general and increasing digital self-service in particular. There are continuous national requirements in Denmark about digital management in the public sector and an expectation of citizens adapting to these requirements. Large target groups that are used to working with IT, adopt these requirements without any problems as they fit in well with their general digital behaviour and skills. However, other groups are more vulnerable.</p> <p>The target group of this project is the elderly/seniors (65+) characterized as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A group that would like to use IT but does not know how</li><li>• A group that is not in any way interested in IT</li></ul> <p>With this project, the library wishes to develop methods with partners to reach the 65+ target group which can be incorporated into the library's teaching offers. These methods could be directly targeted at the target group or indirectly to the target group's network, ie. family, friends or other volunteers.</p> <p>It is a part of the Danish model that teaching/training carried out by the public library is free. Which institutions carry out similar work in other countries? Are these institutions public or private and which challenges are there in other countries?</p> <p>The Køge Library already has some experience with using volunteers in different parts of the library's service, like for example teaching/training. We would like to expand our knowledge of using volunteers from other countries and increase the involvement of volunteers in teaching/training and dissemination of digital service and requirements.</p> <p>Partnership</p> <p>Can we together develop a method which exploits the network of the target group and which can be used in teaching/training?</p> <p>We are looking for valuable experience on how to reach a target group that is not used to IT and/or does not want to use IT, through teaching/training in IT and concrete digital skills in a world becoming more and more digital. The Køge Library has a lot of experience with teaching/training, pedagogy, use of IT,</p>



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	evaluation etc.
Partners	Local, regional and national institutions as well as other organisations from around Europe working with teaching IT and digital competencies to seniors/the elderly. Institutions, which as part of their public work use volunteers.
Key phrases:	Digitalisation, seniors, the elderly, IT, voluntary
Expected project duration	3 years