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# INTERGENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

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JUNIOR AND SENIOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL  
DISABILITIES COMING TOGETHER TO SHARE THEIR  
SKILLS AND KNOW-HOW



# **“ BRINGING DIFFERENT GENERATIONS TOGETHER TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES “**

Each generation has to deal with its own obstacles, but also has its own know-how. So how can we bring different generations together so that knowledge and experience are shared ? Which tools and methodologies are best suited to this venture ? The Intergen project is being developed to look at HOW this can be achieved to link and empower junior and senior people with visual disabilities.

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## THE INTERGEN PROJECT

The project is designed and conducted by the European Blind Union (EBU), a non-governmental organisation with 25 years' experience in promoting the interests of blind and partially-sighted Europeans. Intergen is funded by the Education and Culture DG of the European Commission and involves six partners from the EBU network : the German Federation of the Blind and Partially Sighted (DBSV), the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted (UIC), the Italian Institute for Research, Training and Rehabilitation (IRIFOR), the Turkish Federation of the Blind, the Turkish Six Dots Foundation, as well as EBU.

## BRINGING JUNIOR AND SENIOR PEOPLE TOGETHER

The project runs over a two-year working period from late 2008 to late 2010. Workshops with junior and senior visually impaired participants and professional trainers will be held by each partner organisation in Germany, Italy and Turkey.

# “ WORKSHOPS OF DIVERSITY ”

Young participants will share their enthusiasm for new technologies by introducing their senior peers to devices such as mobile phones, emailing systems and specific accessible technologies. In turn, senior participants will pass on their independent skills by teaching younger people how to perform essential daily tasks such as cooking, ironing or gardening.

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## ● LEARNING... AND CREATING A MODEL

In addition to running creative workshops, the project ultimately aims to use the input from all participants to develop innovative workshop guidelines to encourage others to set their own intergenerational projects.

These practical model guidelines will be widely disseminated to youth, senior, disability and other community organisations, as well as to training and rehabilitation professionals.

## ● SHARING THE RESULTS ONLINE

The project website launches on 29 April 2009, to coincide with the first European Day of Intergenerational Solidarity and Active Ageing.

It will be gradually updated throughout the project. Upcoming features will include testimonials from junior and senior participants with their thoughts on intergenerational learning and being part of a European project. Media resources will be found in the virtual press room. Last but not least, the workshop guidelines will be made available to all on the website at the end of the project in 2010.

## • FURTHER INFORMATION •

For further information please visit  
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### ● ABOUT THE EUROPEAN BLIND UNION

The European Blind Union is a non-governmental, non profit-making European organisation founded in 1984. It is one of the six regional bodies of the World Blind Union, and it promotes the interests of blind people and people with low vision in Europe.

It currently operates within a network of 45 national members including organisations from all 27 European Union member states, candidate countries and other major countries in geographical Europe. The European Blind Union is also an active member of the European Disability Forum.

### ● ABOUT THE LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME

This project is funded by the European Commission through the Lifelong Learning Programme, which enables individuals to pursue stimulating learning opportunities across Europe at all stages of their lives.

