Postersession

Strengthening civil society in the Danube region for a joint Europe

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<u>Project DANECT: Danube-Networkers invite: Come</u> <u>together for connecting cultures – danect.eu</u>

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Objectives/focus of work

Created as reaction of the corona crisis, DANECT continuously brings people from all Danube countries and other European countries together by Zoom since 2020. In so called *Come together sessions* old and young people are meeting to share music pieces, poems and presentations performed by participants (video collection of all sessions available on danect.eu).

Inputs by lectures give the possibility to discuss themes of interest. Bridge language is English, consecutive translation by volunteers via Zoom's translator channels allows those who don't know English to understand it as well. In language circles (EN, F, IT) international exchange takes place. DANECT fosters encounters and exchange of ideas which can be deepened by using the online platform ViMA danube. An excellent method when there is no opportunity to meet in person.

Cooperation partner

Members of the educational network "Danube-Networkers": p.ex. University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", Ruse, Bulgaria; Association "Liga Scriitorilor" Filiala Timisoara Banat, Romania; CZV1 - Day Center for Seniors No.1, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; National Foundation for Humane Aging, Vrsac, Serbia; University of the Third Age, Slovenia and others.

Important findings/results/experiences

Experience during and after the coronavirus pandemic has shown that lively online communities can also be created if methodical rules are respected: good preparation, no anonymity - participants introduce themselves, good moderation and consecutive translation from English into other Danube languages (Romanian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Ukrainian)

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