# Looking Forward to a Dynamic Third Age





## LESSONS LEARNED: AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

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#### MAIN GOAL AND ARGUMENTATION



to focus on the level of awareness about the possibilities and capabilities of society as a whole

especially social segment over-50s (as individuals)

to prepare for retirement and for the entry into the third age by means of lifelong learning

to offer strategies about how to stay active during this new stage of life





In general, welfare-society individuals in their fifties are normally free of their study debts and mortgages. They can expect to live 30-35 more years in most cases, and most of that time in reasonably good health.

The lifespan of retirement has frequently become a matter of decades. Research has shown that it is important to prepare well for these years, for them to be enjoyable. Around their middle age/in their fifties, people once again need to ask themselves this question "what do I want to be and do in my latter part of life?".

These individuals have education, knowledge, work and life experiences; thus, in this age of their lives, they are even much better prepared to make choices for their future than in their youth.







people of
this age are
recommended to
examine their
situation and
decide how they
want their life to
go on

whether they
want their
present activities
to continue on
the same tracks

or whether they should embark on a different path in life. This would be possible through education or retraining in better harmony with their desires and circumstances



### Awareness raising on the opportunities existing in the latter part of life is necessary for society as a whole.

It has to be directed towards the general public, as this becomes fundamental to promote a change in the perception about the value of the third age and to create social conscience about the benefits of active ageing through lifelong learning.

It would also be advisable for this campaign to involve the stakeholders directly implied in promoting education, social and labour policies.

It is crucial to stress the fact that the success of this campaign will depend on the level of impact that is achieved in the aforementioned sectors.

The campaign design must be carefully planned to involve these stakeholders.





Objective is to address the general public

Specific target group is the middle-aged population, and more precisely 50+

This group is especially sensitive, since they find themselves in a stage when they have to start getting ready for retirement and for the latter part of their lives.

Research shows that the best age for the preparation for retirement is when we are between 55 and 64 years old.



main challenges lies in

achieving social cohesion in a society where citizens are fully integrated regardless of their age or activity.

at an **intergenerational level**, in such a way that bridges between generations can be built.

ensuring that the different population segments understand the vital process of ageing as a stage of changes and opportunities, avoiding negative stereotypes and social exclusion processes.

Consequently, **intergenerational awareness actions** will turn out to be decisive for the objectives of the present campaign.

#### **MESSAGES**





The skills, knowledge and experiences of people in their later years are extremely important for society as a whole, and must be accessible and known.

People in their fifties and older should analyse and re-evaluate their situation with the aim of deciding what purpose they want to devote their energies to during this stage of their lives, whether it is a new path or a different career through studies or innovative activities.

People need to have the opportunity to be active and useful for themselves and the society in their latter part of life.

Modern society and ways of communications are such that a multitude of possibilities for active ageing are available.

It is urgent to facilitate the full and active integration of older adults in society, allowing them to set new goals, to re-discover themselves and to remain active throughout their lives. Fostering intergenerational awareness is a must if we want to contribute to social cohesion in an egalitarian society where age should not be a drawback and all segments of population contribute to well-being.

#### PROPOSAL FOR A TITLE



We propose a suggestive slogan or title that can raise the interest and attention of our addressees.



#### **ADDRESSEES**



**Stakeholders** that are directly implied in promoting education, social and labour policies

The segment population of 50+
people. This group includes people
who are still working, as well as
people near the age of retirement
who want to prepare for the next
stage of their life



Third-age citizens who want to set new goals or re-discover themselves

The **general public**, population from different generations, that we should make conscious of the advantages of active ageing through lifelong learning

#### SCHEDULE AND METHODOLOGY





#### MULTILEVEL CAMPAIGN

LOCAL LEVEL

REGIONAL LEVEL

**NATIONAL LEVEL** 

different needs existing in each region

different particularities of each country, which result from the various professions that prevail in the area in question

different patterns when it comes to spending free time, the levels of social integration, the resources available, the political structures, etc.

**NECESSARY DUE TO** 

#### SCHEDULE AND METHODOLOGY



### GENERAL PROPOSAL PROMOTIONAL MEETINGS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS – 1 YEAR

at least 1-3 actions at a local level



at least 1 action at a regional level



at least 1 action at a national level

campaign consisting in the publication of 12 monthly posts that will conform a virtual calendar, which will remind those interested of the main objectives and messages of this awareness campaign.

promotional material such as an informational flyer, an example of a presentation for the meetings. These complementary actions become crucial to achieve the desired impact and success with the campaign.

#### AWARENESS CAMPAIGN CONTENTS



### The national, regional and local campaign will have the following objectives:

to disseminate the means, resources, structure and messages of the campaign.

to show previous research results and materials

to raise awareness about the need to prepare for the third age

to show the effectiveness and usefulness of an awareness campaign for the above objectives

### CONTENTS TO BE DEVELOPED MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS



**FIRST PART** 

45-MINUTE-LONG
PRESENTATION
TO PRESENT THE MAIN
MESSAGES

MEETINGS

MAXIMUM DURATION

OF 120 MINUTES

OPEN DEBATE FOR QUESTIONS
FEEDBACK

**SECOND PART** 

FINAL EVALUATION
TEST







### CONTENTS TO BE DEVELOPED MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS



#### Introduction

Aims, field of action, materials and expected impact

#### Importance of preparation for retirement

(theoretical foundations, scientific evidence), methods and background from previous research.

#### Strategy

Motivation, professional support for self-assessment, and design of plans for personal development during the next stage of life after retirement

#### Resources

The 55+ Personal Development Academy, and the Warehouse of Opportunities

#### **Conclusions**

Key aspects to foster active ageing and social inclusion

### Bibliography and web resources

Presentation will be complemented with the distribution of the dissemination materials

### CONTENTS TO BE DEVELOPED DURING THE VIRTUAL SUPPORT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Consist of 12 posts, following the structure of a calendar

Each profile will include attractive photos to reflect the objectives of the campaign.

The profile should be short with 2-3 simple sentences, and can offer useful tips for other individuals in the same situation.

To cover the main tenets of the campaign from a personal and practical perspective

The format will be homogenous so that it can be used in any European country and adapted to the specific local needs existing in each case.

Each calendar page will have a QR code redirecting to a description of the whole campaign

Despite being available in different languages, the calendar will be the same for the whole Europe.

12 months, profiles of 12 real people who have rebuilt their lives after retirement

There will also be links to the Warehouse of Opportunities and to the 55+ Personal Development Academy.

### SELECTION OF DISSEMINATION MATERIAL CONTENTS





### AWARENESS ASSESSMENT PLAN AND EVALUATION OF IMPACT



To know the level of perception of the campaign messages

feedback purposes

FINAL ASSESSMENT

have served to spread the

awareness campaign

the level of involvement and response index by the stakeholders addressed

EXTERNAL EVALUATION

Standard questionnaire for assessment and analysing the means, resources and dissemination channels which

#### **IMPORTANT**

to collect evidence related to the Awareness Campaign (photographs, press releases, news items, programmes, web analytics, story files, etc.)

### FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



First steps before undertaking the campaign actions



to study the financial possibilities



taking into account that the resources and the time investment require specific staff and the support of expert consultants



The results of the pilot experience highlight the importance and necessity of such actions.

Both stakeholders and individual citizens have pointed this out.

Moreover, the proposed actions also require an important financial investment in advertising actions, travelling costs, implicit expenses, necessary resources, flyers, brochures, videos, ads on TV, the press and the radio, web-based support, etc.

#### FINAL CONCLUSIONS



Most of the addressees admitted their ignorance about these topics as well as their high interest in the need to know about lifelong learning and the myriad of new opportunities which are still open for the third age, especially, the possibility to rediscover themselves and choose different paths in their lives.

Most of the participants interested in the pilot experience have requested a higher degree of accessibility to the general public. Some of the suggestions have pointed out the need to disseminate the information mainly through radio, press, and TV, since this is the only way to reach the general public. Obviously, it has already been said, this implies a considerable additional cost.

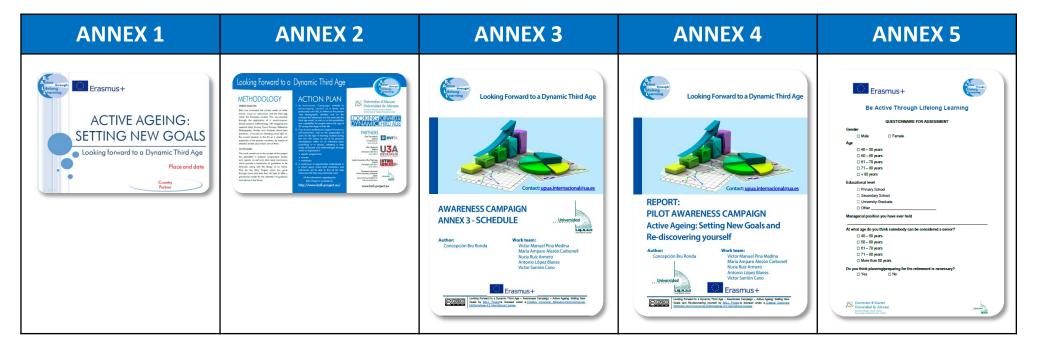
According to the evidence and feedback gathered, it becomes clear that the national, regional and local levels as well as the distribution channels used have proved to be very efficient for the purposes of this campaign.

The total success and strong impact goals can only be achieved if the awareness campaign reached all the addressees: policymakers, social agents, NGOs, associations, institutions, employers and individuals from different generations.

### ANNEXES DIFFERENT MATERIALS AND RESOURCES



- Annex 1 Presentation
- Annex 2 Flyer
- Annex 3 Awareness Campaign Schedule
- Annex 4 Pilot Campaign Report
- Annex 5 Questionnaire for the assessment of the Awareness Campaign



### LESSONS LEARNED:





### **AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

# for Thank you your Attention



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