

Current Projects

Fit 4 Democracy

With the project „Fit for Participation – Strengthening Democracy in Europe“, we offer young people and older adults the opportunity to reflect on civic participation, democratic engagement, and take action together. Explore innovative ways to enhance media literacy, critical thinking, and the fight against disinformation—all while building a peaceful, united European community. Within the project, there are different group projects, which will be further developed in a process-oriented manner. Learn more about the project:

<https://fit4democracy.eu/>



Actionbound – Sustainability Goals (SDGs) in my City

In this interactive educational project, German language learning pupils of the 11 classes in Odessa and Sofia and German pupils from Ulm formed local groups and worked on international level together online supported by older adults. Language was German. Each group developed an “Actionbound” (digital scavenger hunt) about their city. The content focuses on places in each city that are related in some way to selected SDGs. Each station was documented by the students with photos and text and provided with a task or puzzle for the participants in the Bound. In parallel, there was a monthly international Zoom meeting where participants discussed their work, the selected locations, and SDGs. An analogue meeting and a qualification training in using digital tools and AI took place in July in Ulm. Now monthly presentations about themes of interest are offered by the pupils and discussed by a wider audience of old and young people in German language. <https://fit4democracy.eu/sdgs/>



DANECT- Danube-Networkers connected by culture

People of all ages, but especially seniors, from the Danube region and beyond come together online by Zoom in “Come Together-Sessions”, active participatory sessions from “friends for friends” about culture, music, poetry and other topics of interest. You want to join our sessions or make your own contribution? Visit us on: danect.eu
Current Projects: lleu.net info@ileu.net Institute for virtual and face-to-face learning in adult education Ulm



ELEVATE - Interreg Project

ILEU e.V. is a project partner in the international project ELEVATE. The project aims to promote cooperation between the public, civil society, and private sectors to create an inclusive governance model in the Danube region. It brings together 17 project partners and 13 associated strategic partners from Danube Region and is coordinated by Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia



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UUC- Ukraine-Ulm connected: Digital tandems Young and Old

Pupils at Lyceum No. 90 in Odessa, Ukraine, who are learning German as first foreign language, form digital language tandems by Zoom meetings with German senior citizens in order to practise their language skills– needed especially now that face-to-face encounters with German-speaking people in Odessa are hardly possible due to the war. Through this project, the pupils gain information and personal insights into life in Germany, while the German senior citizens learn about Ukraine from the perspective of the pupils. Open topics based on the questions and interests of the pupils. Introduction, support and advice provided by ILEU e.V.



ViMA danube

ViMA danube is our multifunctional online platform, that gives interested people of all ages from the Danube region and beyond the opportunity to make contacts with similarly interested people across national borders. The platform is available in English and 13 other languages. People can actively collaborate through a search & offer function, by digital thematic interest groups or be active in a digital discussion forum. Easy to use, no costs.: <https://vima-danube.eu/>



Partner meetings of the „Danube-Networkers“ in the frame of the International Danube Festivals Ulm/Neu-Ulm

As part of the International Danube Festival Ulm/Neu-Ulm which takes place all two years since the founding of the educationa Network Danube-Networkers“ 2008 a three-day partner meeting of the international education network Danube-Networkers and other Danube stakeholders is organised by ILEU e.V., in cooperation with DANET e.V.. More than 120 participants from all Danube countries. Working groups and discovery tours on Thursday, international conference with experts and workshops on Friday and a cultural event on the Danube stage on Saturday. Poster session, exhibitions, public events. Active members of the Danube-Networkers education network and guests from other EUSDR networks are invited. to meet and to cooperate. The thematic focus in 2024 was „Strengthening Civil Society in the Danube Region for a joint Europe„. Question how European values can be secured and further developed in various areas of society through a combination of digital cooperation and analogue meetings, strengthening the sense of togetherness in and shared responsibility for Europe.

Focus on the 9th meeting in 2026 will be „Democracy needs all“.

<https://donaufest.tastes-of-danube.eu/>



Completed Projects

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Danube countries who contribute to the preservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage. At the same time, the project sought to build bridges to the younger generation, who contributed their own ideas on the subject of cultural heritage. Through intergenerational cooperation and exchanges between groups from different Danube countries, encounters with traditions, customs and values were shaped in a new way and the common home of 'Europe. Unity in Diversity' was made tangible. The use of new media contributed to the visualisation and equally strengthened the media literacy of the participants. A photo competition and mini-projects were announced to activate many people from all Danube countries, of all ages, ethnicities and social classes. Training courses on photography and filming short video clips were held, as well as competitions. The results were presented at public events. There were also international partnership meetings and opportunities for exchange as well as an exhibition as part of the Danube Festival in Ulm/Neu-Ulm in 2022. An interactive website and a book document the results.
<https://codanec.eu/>



VIVES@BW

stands for 'Virtuell verbunden – Seniorinnen & Senioren in Baden-Württemberg' (Virtually Connected – Senior Citizens in Baden-Württemberg). It was a digital project launched during the coronavirus pandemic with the aim of enabling older (and younger) adults to exchange ideas on topics of interest to them via an online video platform. There was something for every taste and interest: listening to lectures, exchanging ideas about travel, literature, art, scientific or technical questions, and much more. The speakers were often senior citizens themselves, who talked about their interests and experiences, past and future. In addition, numerous working groups were offered, such as 'Singing together from the living room', film and literature discussions, 'Cooking together' and language conversation groups on various topics.
<https://vives-bw.de>



Competitions

Several competitions in the frame of ongoing project, e.g. in „My cultural heritage“, „Advent calandary“, „The Green in my Town“, „Traces of Europe in my Town“, „Democracy2Go“



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DENTA – Discovering European Neighbours in the Third Age

In the European project 'Discovering European Neighbours in the Third Age' (DENTA), senior learners from eight organisations in six countries discovered 'European neighbours in the third age' through interviews, videos and background information – and all this during the coronavirus pandemic! The results presented on the project website [denta-europe.eu](http://www.denta-europe.eu) consist of more than 120 interviews in English and the respective national language with photos and more than 24 case study videos. The development of a historical 'timeline' and a collection of socio-economic data help to understand the interviews in the context of the different historical and socio-political conditions of this generation in the various countries. All interviews were analysed and compared – for example, with regard to the activities and interests of the interviewees. Each partner organisation supported a group of 8-10 volunteer learners. The groups received training in interview techniques, creative writing, photo and video editing, desktop research, translation, use of new media and video conferencing, etc. Those responsible and the participants worked closely together both locally and internationally, exchanging information on the current status of the results via video conferencing and other digital tools and discussing the next steps.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, four of the six planned face-to-face partner meetings could not take place. This made the final face-to-face meeting in Vannes all the more enjoyable.

<http://www.denta-europe.eu/>



Danube Excursions

The aim of the learning game "The Wanted Danube", existing in English and 5 Danube languages, is to convey information and impressions from the Danubian nations through pictures and information, as well as to encourage joint discussions about these countries. The game consists of several levels:

1. Memory game,
2. Discussion and information game,
3. Research and presentation

<https://www.danube-excursions.eu>



Living Intangible Culture (In-Cult)

The educational project "Living Intangible Culture" (In-Cult) seeks to build bridges between adult education organizations and learners from (South-) east (Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia) and (South-) west (Germany, Spain, Italy) of Europe through the uniting power of the shared European intangible cultural heritage.

<https://in-cult-game.eu/>



Educational international Network „ Danube-Networkers“



The informal Network Danube-Networkers was founded in 2008 at the Center for Lifelong Learning and Civic Education (ZAWiW) at Ulm University and is since 2013 coordinated by ILEU e.V. Goal is overcoming the mental barriers between the Western and Eastern European neighbours, especially the Danube region, promoting awareness for a peaceful and united Europe . Key topics are learning in the third age, social participation and intergenerational dialogue across borders.

More than 100 civil society institutions, universities, schools and municipalities from all Danube countries and other parts of Europe have participated to this day in projects or specific short-term activities (Campaigns) to this day.

Coordination and implementation of projects by ILEU e.V. in cooperation with the international Association „Danube-Networkers for Europe“ (DANET) eV, founded in 2014)

DANET e.V.



The Association Danube-Networkers for Europe (DANET) e.V. is a non-profit umbrella organization founded in 2014. It brings together educational institutions and experts across Europe to promote learning, research, and intercultural exchange. Rooted in the Danube-Networkers initiative (active since 2008), DANET develops projects along the Danube and beyond that focus on:

- Lifelong learning and education in later life
- Social participation and community engagement
- Dialogue and cooperation between generations
- Cross-cultural exchange in Europe, especially in the Danube Region

Through local, regional, and transnational activities, DANET supports the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and contributes to European policies on education, social development, and intergenerational dialogue.