

**THE EVS PROGRAMME IN VIENNA  
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**Building bridges – How organisations working within the Youth in Action program can promote intergenerational learning**



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**2012 was the European year of active aging and intergenerational dialogue.**

Therefore **Grenzenlos – intercultural exchanges** planned and organized a 5,5 day international training course about **how to support intergenerational learning** especially in the context of the Youth in Action program.

### Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the training was to

- **create a place to exchange experiences**
- **exchange the challenges among organizations who work or would like to support intergenerational learning projects**
- **to support organizations in the development and implementation of intergenerational projects and how these projects can support other projects in the frame of Youth in Action projects**
- **exchange methods and experiences among organisations**
- **get new inputs**

for organizations involved in activities within the Youth in Action program.

We were discussing existing projects and came up with new ideas. For instance how organisations can create "side-projects" like Senior-Buddies or language tandems between EVS volunteers and local senior volunteers etc in order to support intergenerational dialogue. We also discovered other EU-funding possibilities which can support intergenerational learning such as Grundtvig, Comenius, Leonard, Europe for citizen etc.

All participants were asked to do some researches in their home countries before the training course. We shared the gained knowledge among each other: What kind of intergenerational projects do you run within your organisations? What kind of intergenerational projects do you know in your environment and in your country? The shared examples were the great starting point of getting inspired and of developing own and new intergenerational learning possibilities.

We invited also **Guestspeakers** for having more and concrete project inputs

- Kerstin Klepsch ÖJAB Österreichische Jungarbeiterbewegung [www.ojab.at](http://www.ojab.at) introduced the intergenerational shared flat project where people of all generations share one house together.
- Isabel Wesener National agency Lifelong learning Austria Grundtvig Program officer([www.oead.at](http://www.oead.at)) introduced the Grundtvig program

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