

**Second transnational newsheet  
of European project SMARTE  
(Strengths for Mastering Ageing by Realising Tools in Europe)**

Age shouldn't determine the rate of activation. Research of the BAS-studies (Belgian Ageing Studies) of Verté et al. (2011) shows that still a significant share of the older people have a meaningful social network, are active in informal care, do voluntary-work and are involved in activities concerning culture.

Thus older people can be active and meaningful for our society and "Active Ageing" can become a reality. Therefore a consortium of 8 partners and 5 countries developed the European project SMARTE, which realises innovative learning areas for older people in 5 countries based on a Senior Learning Model and combined in a European Tool-kit of "Active Ageing".

**Next step in "Active Ageing": Towards a new Senior Learning Model**

In order to attract and involve older people in learning processes or better said in programs of lifelong learning the learning environment should be tailor made according to the needs of older people. Therefore learning conditions for older people need to be explored and barriers should be reduced. The consortium of SMARTE developed a new Senior Learning Model, which can be used in setting up a learning area for older people. This innovative model has been used in the 5 local learning areas for older people, which are realised in the project SMARTE and will be the basic learning model for the European Tool-kit of Active Ageing, which will be online in Spring 2013. The Senior Learning Model of SMARTE has been published on the website: [www.active-ageing.info](http://www.active-ageing.info) (under SMARTE project / Tool-kit).

**These results has been produced by the consortium of 8 partners and 5 countries, to be mentioned:**

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