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## **BOX OF OUR MEMORIES PROJECT WEBSITE LAUNCH: PROMOTING THE ROLE OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES IN SUPPORTING REMINISCENCE ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA**

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*BooM project partnership is glad to launch the new project website: [www.boxofourmemories.eu](http://www.boxofourmemories.eu)*

Through the web platform we will share all the steps and outputs of the 30 months pan-European Erasmus+ project, funded by the Polish national agency, aiming at enhancing the availability of reminiscence-based, digital, informal adult education interventions for seniors.



According to the World Health Organization, around 50 million people have dementia worldwide, and there are nearly 10 million new cases every year. It is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people, and it has a physical, psychological, social, and economic impact, not only on people with dementia, but also on their carers, families and society at large.

The project will focus on reminiscence therapy, which is the use of life histories – written, oral, or both – to improve psychological well-being, especially with older persons with dementia. BooM will design digital reminiscence therapy interventions for older people, and it will do that by working closely with museums and archives as particularly suitable environments where implementing such interventions. We will also expect an impact in raising the awareness on making cities accessible to people with dementia, as well as in strengthening the family caregivers' and educators' skills on how to treat dementia.

To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the partnership will design and deliver:

1. A methodology handbook, including a process guide and Implementation Strategy for decision-makers



2. An innovative formal Continuous Professional Development (CPD) training courses for adult educators
3. An online informal adult education toolkit for carers, family members, volunteers
4. The Box of our Memories Platform and App



**THE WEB-PLATFORM WILL FEATURE NEWS, BLOGS, PROJECT FINDINGS AND UPDATES, SUCH AS REPORTS, POLICY BRIEFS AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION, E.G. EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, WORKSHOPS AND FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING SESSIONS.**

BooM involves a group of 7 partners, coming from 7 different countries (Poland, Italy, UK, Sweden; Greece, Croatia, Austria):

1. COLLEGIUM BALTICUM: one of the main research centre in northern Poland in the field of implementing international projects related to health. (PL)
2. ANZIANI E NON SOLO: NGO with extensive expertise in project management, and a specific focus in the topic of support to active ageing. It has been involved in several projects aiming to support older adults, including older persons with dementia. (IT)
3. GRYD: company that brings a wealth of experience in using technology platforms and media in innovative ways, with more focus on the user, and applying methods of non-formal learning. (UK)
4. ELDERBERRY: company experienced with traditional methods for educational material as with eLearning and eCulture. It undertakes curriculum development and strategic studies, authoring, testing, editing and publishing within school, youth, adult, teacher and VET education, often with socio-cultural and urban implications. (SE)
5. SYMPLEXIS: non-for-profit organisation, aiming at elevating social cohesion, serving the modern needs of populations at risk of social exclusion and promoting human rights. (GR)
6. MUSEUM OF SLAVONIA: national museum, the largest general museum and one of the oldest museums in the Republic of Croatia. It is covering the areas of history, ethnology, natural science, numismatic and art history in Eastern part of Croatia. (HR)
7. DORNBIERN ARCHIVES: as a part of the city administration, the Archive is connected to the social department. It collects not only administrative records but also photographs, interviews, diaries, letters and other documents from companies, clubs and private persons, to fulfil its mission as a memory of the city and its people. (AT)

## NOTES TO EDITORS

- To find out more about the BooM Programme and to get involved in the activities please follow the link [www.boxofourmemories.eu](http://www.boxofourmemories.eu)
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