

SIMBIOZA

BETWEEN GENERATIONS

FACT SHEET

The Simbioza project: One of the most popular **Slovenian volunteer projects** with the primary focus to introduce the elderly community the much-needed basic computer skills. In 2011 the project brought together more than **2500 young volunteers** who introduced **5700 elders** the basic computer skills. The project was a success and therefore repeated in 2012, achieving outstanding results once again.

This year, in October 2013, the project will be carried out for the **third time** aiming at even larger numbers of participants with new inspiring challenges and experiences ahead.

Mission: Simbioza aims at **improving the quality of life and well-being** of our target groups – the elderly as well as the underprivileged youth – by providing unique employment, networking and mutual learning opportunities.

Core activities and objectives:

- promote **lifelong learning** and in this regard enable the **elderly community** to acquire the much needed basic computer skills, so to improve the **e-literacy** of the target population;
- raising awareness and reaffirm faith and importance in **volunteering** and **solidarity** among the **younger generations**;
- and, by such means, make an important contribution towards improving the **intergenerational dialogue**.

International: Having in mind the coherent and indispensable know-how, the structure and a wide pallet of experiences, the next challenge stands in **internationalizing** this project. In this regard, we are firmly convinced that the Simbioza model can be applied in different socio-political and cultural contexts, having even wider implications.

In principle, the aim is to bring this established platform abroad in terms of transferring our know-how and therefore establishing a kind of **franchise**. In this regard, we are actively looking for competent, interested and motivated **youth organizations**, to which this know-how would be transferred so to successfully and effectively implement this project in their country of origin.

Get involved: We strongly encourage youth organizations, interested in contributing significantly to the social well-being of a wider international society, to step in touch with us so to be able to join our efforts and start making **significant social progress!**

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