

Dear all,

Summer is in full swing, and we can enjoy the sunny days! We are looking back happily to the start of summer in Vienna at our Summer Academy. In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about our past activities and the events that await us!

We wish you a lovely summer and a pleasant reading.

An Hermans

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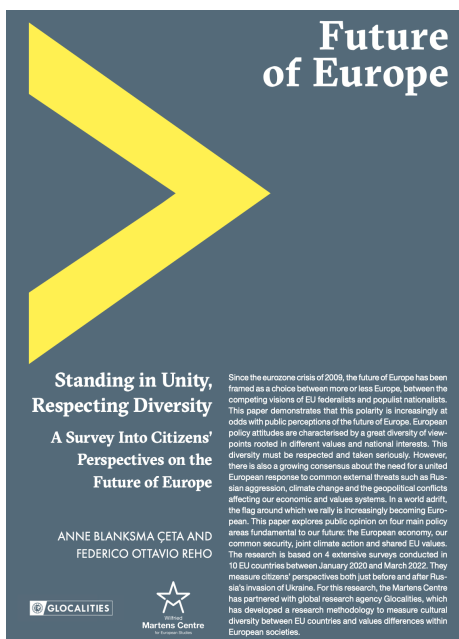
Summer Academy 2022

“Generations master the future of a changing Europe together” was the theme of the 2022 Summer Academy. After three years, nearly 60 people from all over Europe met at the Politische Akademie in



Vienna. The programme included meetings on the administration and management of the Association, and throughout the day a list of expert speakers shared their knowledge and experiences. It was a joyful ‘reunion’ to learn, discuss, be involved, and stand up for a sustainable society in solidarity with the younger generations. You can find the full report about the Summer Academy on our [website](#).

“Standing in Unity, Respecting Diversity”



During our Summer Academy, Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies Brussels presented a new study [Standing in Unity, Respecting Diversity](#).

This new document examines public opinion on four key policy areas that are fundamental to our future: the European economy, our common security, joint action on climate change and shared EU values.

The digital Era? Also my era!

Media and Information Literacy: a key to ensure seniors' rights to participate in the digital era



Some months ago, An Hermans, was invited by the Council of Europe to compile an informative brochure about digital literacy within the senior generation. It has now been presented in the Council of Europe's Ministerial Committee on Information on 28 June. At that occasion she met the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mrs. Marija Pejčinović Burić More information on the Council of Europe's Ministerial Committee (28 June 2022) and also on the UNECE Ministerial Conference in Rome (15-17 June 2022) that An Hermans attended commissioned by the Council of Europe as Expert for Media and Information Literacy and Seniors, is available on our [website](#).



If you want to use the text in your organisation, you can find the brochure here:

In English: [The digital era? Also my era! - Media and information literacy: a key to ensure seniors' rights to participate in the digital era](#)

In French: [L'ère du numérique? C'est aussi mon époque! - L'éducation aux médias et à l'information: une clé pour garantir le droit des personnes âgées à participer à l'ère numérique](#)

In German: [Das Digitale Zeitalter? AUCH Ich Gehöre Dazu! Medien- und Informationskompetenz: der Schlüssel zur Gewährleistung der Rechte Älterer auf Teilhabe im digitalen Zeitalter](#)

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	<p>09.00-09.45 a.m.</p> <p>09.45-10.15 a.m.</p> <p>10.15-11.15 a.m.</p> <p>11.15-11.45 a.m.</p> <p>11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.</p>	<p>Conference opening, organiser speeches Janusz Marszałek, Chairman of the Board of the Polish Seniors' Union. European Seniors' Union member; Wiesława Borczyk, Chairperson of the Board of the National Federation of Third Age University Associations; Professor An Hermans, Ph.D., President of the European Seniors' Union (ESU); Professor Jacek Popiel, Ph.D. Hab., Rector of the Jagiellonian University</p> <p>Keynote speech: Looking ahead to European and global challenges, Professor Steven Van Hecke, Ph.D., Catholic University of Leuven, scientific and research staff member at the Leibniz Institute for European History in Mainz, (Belgium) (to be arranged with Professor Steven Van Hecke, Ph.D.)</p> <p><u>Discussion panel:</u> Issues of Healthcare and General Senior Care – Situation in European Union Member States during the COVID-19 Pandemic Moderator: Anna Okońska-Walkowicz, Ph.D., Plenipotentiary of the Mayor of the City of Cracow for Senior Citizen Policy, Polish Society of Gerontology member. Panel speakers: Georg Männik, Vice-President of the European Seniors' Union, President of the Seniors' Association of <i>Isamaa</i>, founder of the Social Security Council and social security system in Estonia; Professor Barbara Gryglewska, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University Medical College, Director of the Post-Graduate Medical Centre of the Medical College, Clinic of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Chair of Internal Medicine and Gerontology; Professor Beata Tobiasz-Adamczyk, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University Medical College, Institute of Sociology in Medicine, Chair of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine: specialist in sociology in medicine and sociology of ageing; Janusz Marszałek, Chairman of the Polish Seniors' Union, European Seniors' Union member.</p> <p>Coffee break</p> <p><u>Discussion panel:</u> State-of-the-art Technologies in the Context of Senior Citizen's Needs Moderator: Jolanta Perek-Białas, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University professor, Institute of Sociology. Head of the Centre for Evaluation and Analysis of Public Policies at the Jagiellonian University. Co-operates with the Institute of Statistics and Demography of the Warsaw School of Economics. Co-operates with national and international institutions, including UNECE and OECD. Panel speakers: Professor An Hermans, Ph.D., Council of Europe expert for media, information and senior citizens. President of the European Seniors' Union (Belgium): <i>"Digital Era? Also My Era"</i> Wioletta Wilimska, Director of the Regional Social Policy Centre, Cracow: <i>"Digital Innovation for Senior Citizens"</i> Daniel Jachimowicz, Plenipotentiary of the Board of the Third Age University Federation, President of the European Institute of</p>
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		Civic Development: <i>“Good Practices – the Polish Senior Citizens’ Portal”</i>
12.45-01.30 p.m.		<p>Presentations: <i>“Physical Activity of Senior Citizens – Good Practices”</i>. Leena Jääskeläinen, Vice-President of the European Seniors’ Union, Board Member of Kansallinen Senioriliitto (Finland);</p> <p>Krystyna Męcik, President of Third Age University Łazy. Organiser of the International Sports Olympics <i>“Third Age to the Start Line”</i> of Third Age Universities and Seniors’ Organisations, Silesian Stadium, Chorzów;</p> <p>Marek Szarawarski, Third Age University Rabka-Zdrój. Organiser of the National Seniors’ Olympics in the Podhale Region, Rabka-Zdrój.</p>
01.30-02.15 p.m.		Lunch
02.15-03.15 p.m.		<p><u>Discussion panel:</u></p> <p>Education for Senior Citizens – Lifelong Learning: Challenges Faced by Seniors’ Organisations and their Leaders</p> <p>Moderator: Ewa Piłat, Director of the Jagiellonian Third Age University, social issues politician, journalist.</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <p>Heinz K. Becker, Vice-President of the European Seniors’ Union, Member of the Board of the CEDEFOP Agency – European Parliament delegate, Member of the Board of the Robert Schuman Foundation;</p> <p>Zofia Szarota, Ph.D., WSB University professor (Dąbrowa Górnicza), pedagogue, gerontologist;</p> <p>Lidmila Nemcova, Vice-President of the European Seniors’ Union, President of the Czech Christian Seniors’ Association, co-founder of the European Anti-Poverty Network, Deputy Chairperson of the Czech Seniors’ Council;</p> <p>Dorota Gierszewski, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University professor, Institute of Pedagogics</p>
03.15-03.30 p.m.		<p>Third Age Universities’ Collaboration with Ukraine</p> <p>Wiesława Borczyk, Chairperson of the Board of the National Federation of Third Age University Associations.</p>
03.30-04.00 p.m.		<p>Discussion: Problems and challenges of senior policy - proposals for solutions</p> <p>Moderators: Wiesława Borczyk and Janusz Marszałek (discussion participants – representatives of the ESU, representatives of the Ombudsman’s Office; Polish Association of Old-Age and Disability Pensioners and Disabled Persons; Polish Institute of Silver Economy; others – to be confirmed)</p>
04.00 p.m.		Conference summary: An Hermans, Wiesława Borczyk
04.15 p.m.		Conference closes
05.00 p.m.		Visit to the <i>“Underground Cracow”</i> Museum; ESU delegates – 32 persons
07.00 p.m.		Gala dinner, <i>“Hawelka”</i> Restaurant, Main Market Square (ESU members)

DATE	TIME	AGENDA
DAY 3 September 25 th 2022 [Sunday]	08.00-11.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.	Tour of Cracow attractions: St. Mary's Basilica (Mass attendance – optional), Royal route, Wawel Hill and Castle. Meeting with Jagiellonian Third Age University (U3V) students. Departure of European Seniors' Union delegates.

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