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## eLSe - eLearning for Seniors

eLSe is a European project which focuses on increasing the social participation and empowerment of European seniors, enabling them to feel included in the knowledge and information society, with a special focus on reducing the isolation of vulnerable seniors.

eLSe aims at developing and testing an eLearning environment specifically directed towards and pedagogically adapted to the needs of older learners who have no or almost no experience of using computers, in order to enable them to make use of virtual information, communications and eLearning opportunities in an autonomous and self-directed way.

The target group consists of European senior citizens who are interested in and able to acquire competences in ICT and other subjects, with special emphasis on those who are isolated, either geographically or through domestic circumstances.

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## eLSe - the Project

### Objectives

In the three-year lifespan of the eLSe project an eLearning / blended learning environment that is coherent, tailored and pedagogically adapted to the needs of elderly

learners will be developed, tested and evaluated.

High priority will be given to the sustainability of the project outcomes after its three-year lifespan. The educational process to be developed and tested will, therefore, be flexible and adaptable, thus enabling organisations dealing with ICT training for seniors to take over the approach in its entirety or in part. An implementation handbook will be produced in order to maximise the support available to these organisations in the process of adopting the concept and the learning materials.

### Main activities

Design, set-up and evaluation of a tailored eLearning system for the elderly, including the technical environment, along with organisational and support structures;  
Development of six web-based content modules;  
Pre-testing and pilot testing;  
Testing of a model implementation strategy.

### Main outputs

Coherent, tailored and sustainable eLearning/blended learning environment;  
Adapted open source learning environment including authoring and assessment functions;  
eLearning Courses in four languages English, German, Swedish and Spanish  
Implementation handbook in four languages - English, German, Swedish and Spanish.

## Courses

In line with the multinational aspect of the project, the eLearning courses for senior citizens will be implemented in four different countries Germany, UK, Spain and Sweden.

### Organisation

The courses will include a two-day one-to-one introduction, followed by a three-month eLearning course.

Throughout the course the learners will be closely assisted by a specially trained tutor and by the eLSe-team comprising tutors as well as content and technical experts.

### Content

The eLearning courses will focus on the following aspects:  
Computer basics and mouse control  
Windows  
Browser  
Handling the learning platform  
Communication and information searches on the Internet  
Open learning offers on the Internet and eLearning strategies

The pilot phase of the eLearning courses will start in the summer of 2006.

If you would like information about the start of the courses, please contact us at [info@el-se.org](mailto:info@el-se.org)