

In December 2020, this new Erasmus+ project kick-started, with an **international partnership involving 4 countries working on Design for All applied to age-friendly housing**. DESIRE will provide professionals in the building industry and home furnishings sector with the **tools and skills to apply Design4All methods as an integral part of the design process**, with the aim to create or adapt age friendly housing as a solution for the wellbeing, comfort and autonomy of the older adults or dependents at home.

## PARTNERS

- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava – Slovakia | COORDINATOR
- Institute of Ethnology Slovak Academy of Sciences - Slovakia
- CETEM - Spain
- SHINE 2Europe - Portugal
- InnoRenew CoE - Slovenia

## WHY IS THE DESIRE PROJECT SO RELEVANT?

Europe is ageing. Eurostat population projections foresee that the number of people over 65 is expected to grow up to 28.50% by 2050. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the physical and social environment are key determinants of whether people can remain healthy, independent and autonomous long into their old age. Therefore, housing is an important determinant for active and healthy ageing. However, a large part of the housing stock in the EU has not been designed to accommodate the needs of older people.

**This is a great opportunity for the building and home furnishings sectors. What is needed is to enforce innovative actions at training level to overcome skills mismatches and promote new design guidelines focused on older adults' needs.**

## WHAT ARE OUR MAIN OBJECTIVES?

- Define the conceptual framework of the DESIRE training course and overcome skills mismatches on D4All at VET and labour market level.
- Develop an innovative training course on D4All to meet the emotional, cognitive and social needs of older adults while driving new opportunities in the habitat sector.
- Raise awareness about D4All and age-friendly housing in habitat professionals and general society as a key determinant of active and healthy ageing.
- Foster interactions and knowledge exchange in the design process between cross-cutting links such as Science, Social Sciences and Arts (Design, Habitat) to develop competitive and innovative products and services.

## WHAT WILL WE DO?

1. A comprehensive guide of the training and employment skill gaps in D4All and the needs of older adults that must be addressed.
2. An innovative curriculum and the development of the DESIRE training content.
3. The setting up of the DESIRE Content Repository Platform

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**Our website will be launched very soon!!**