







EU-Project "Senior`s Learning in the Digital Society" (SeLiD) "Seniorenlernen in der Digitalen Gesellschaft"

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## Use of digital technologies by older people

Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany Professorship Gerontopsychology and Cognition as well as Senior College Prof. Dr. Georg Jahn Prof. Dr. Roland Schöne SeLiD-Project group "Generation Team Technology"

> in Cooperation with Emporia GmbH Linz (Austria) KOMSA Hartmannsdorf /Chemnitz Seniorenbeirat der Stadt Chemnitz Blinden- und Sehbehindertenverband Sachsen e.V.



# Current situation in education for older people since the beginning of the corona pandemic in March 2020 at Chemnitz University of Technology

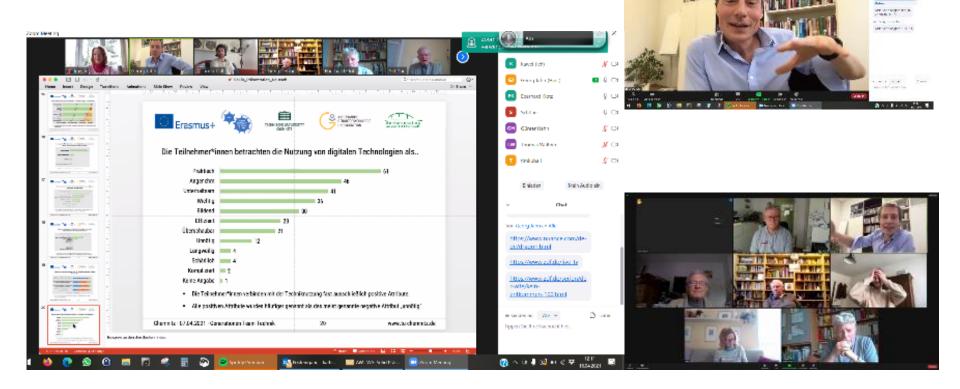
- Almost all face-to-face events at the Seniorenkolleg at Chemnitz University of Technology with around 1000 participants have been suspended so far, all teaching rooms at the university are closed
- Digital lecture series with digital live lectures or as video on demand (recording) will take place
- 3 working groups (AG) of research-based learning work in rooms outside the university with 8-12 members per group, communication in the working groups is currently taking place digitally via online meetings
- Working group "Political Education"
  - Discussion of current socio-political issues from the municipality (e.g. local public transport), state and federal government (e.g. elections)
- **AG "WIRFINDER"** in cooperation with companies
  - Product developments to make everyday life easier, especially for older people (e.g. turntables for refrigerators)



- Tapping into the potential of technology for older people
- Cooperation with companies Komsa AG Chemnitz and emporia GmbH Linz, advice on production and optimization of digital technology and software as well as educational offers for older people
- Conducting smartphone courses (trial course, beginner course, advanced course and smartphone regulars' table) – face-to-face events are currently not possible due to Corona
- Development of a 4-part online lecture series "Interactive Science" as a video conference (zoom) and subsequent discussion with the speaker (Moderation: Prof. Roland Schöne)
- Collection of digital information material (e.g. YouTube posts) for self-help for PC and smartphone users (also with a regional reference) in evaluation of the survey on the current needs of beginners and advanced users. Development of strategies for searching the Internet



Online meetings of the SeLiD project group





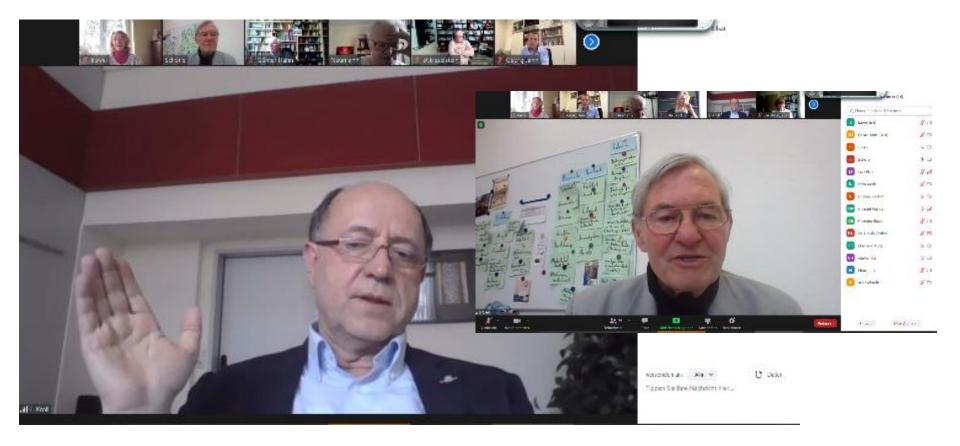
4-part Online lecture series "Science interactive" (Video conference Zoom) followed by discussion with the speaker (moderation: Prof. Roland Schöne)

1st + 2nd lecture: Prof. Lothar Abicht: "2030 - How many people can the future take?" (Part I 13/04/2021 and Part II 20/04/2021)





3rd lecture: Prof. Lothar Kroll: "Future technical developments" (04/05/2021)





4th lecture: Prof. Vera Meyer on the topic "Innovative applications of fungi in nature, technology, construction and art" (06/15/2021)





- Participation of members of the project group in the online training for course leaders and multipliers at the cooperation partner emporia GmbH Linz
  - Gaining insights for planning and conducting new courses, important exchange with other multipliers





- Video conference with cooperation partner Emporia GmbH Linz to design Emporia's new homepage, smartphone manufacturer is interested in our experiences
  - Achieve user-friendliness for the target group of older people
  - Include experience from courses
  - Looking for new ideas for the best possible use by older people
  - Contribute findings from surveys on the use of digital technologies

