

Press release - for immediate release

The opening of the first information point for the Elderly

Maribor (Slovenia) – Inside the Open Source Center Slovenia (COKS), which operates under the leadership of company Agenda d.o.o. from Maribor, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, the very first information point for the elderly (ITS) in Slovenia was solemnly opened beginning of October in the Dom Danice Vogrinec in Maribor. COKS participated in the implementation of information support and thus produced a Web application and back system to regulate the content and networking among providers.

The mission of ITS is to achieve a higher quality of life of older people by providing high quality and easily accessible information on the content and services available to the elderly and which are enabled by the State, local community, companies, private and non-governmental organizations.

ITS provides users with up-to-date independent information about the offer and advice from various areas in order to increase social inclusion. These are primarily information in the fields of social, health, recreation, legal aid, culture and education.

ITS users will have informant as support for four hours a day. All question may be asked, which will be forwarded to the appropriate adviser, to respond no later than three days. Users can address questions orally, by telephone, fax, e-mail or classical mail. ITS services for end users are free of charge.

ITS is part of the pilot project called Gerontological center Maribor. Dom Danice Vogrinec has taken over initiative in 2006 for coordination of the project, supported financially by the Maribor municipality. COKS and consequently Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology has joined the project last year and is providing technical and operational assistance.

National strategy for the development of information society si2010 of older people is touching on issues of e-accessibility and e-inclusion. The following one is one of the priorities of the EU information society.

COKS (Open Source Center – Slovenia) is Slovene national supporter of development, use and knowledge of open source technologies and OS solutions. Development Support Center open source Slovenia offers users a centralized system of assistance and support services, and provides solutions for the needs of public and private sectors.

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