

Inter-Generati on Di al ogue

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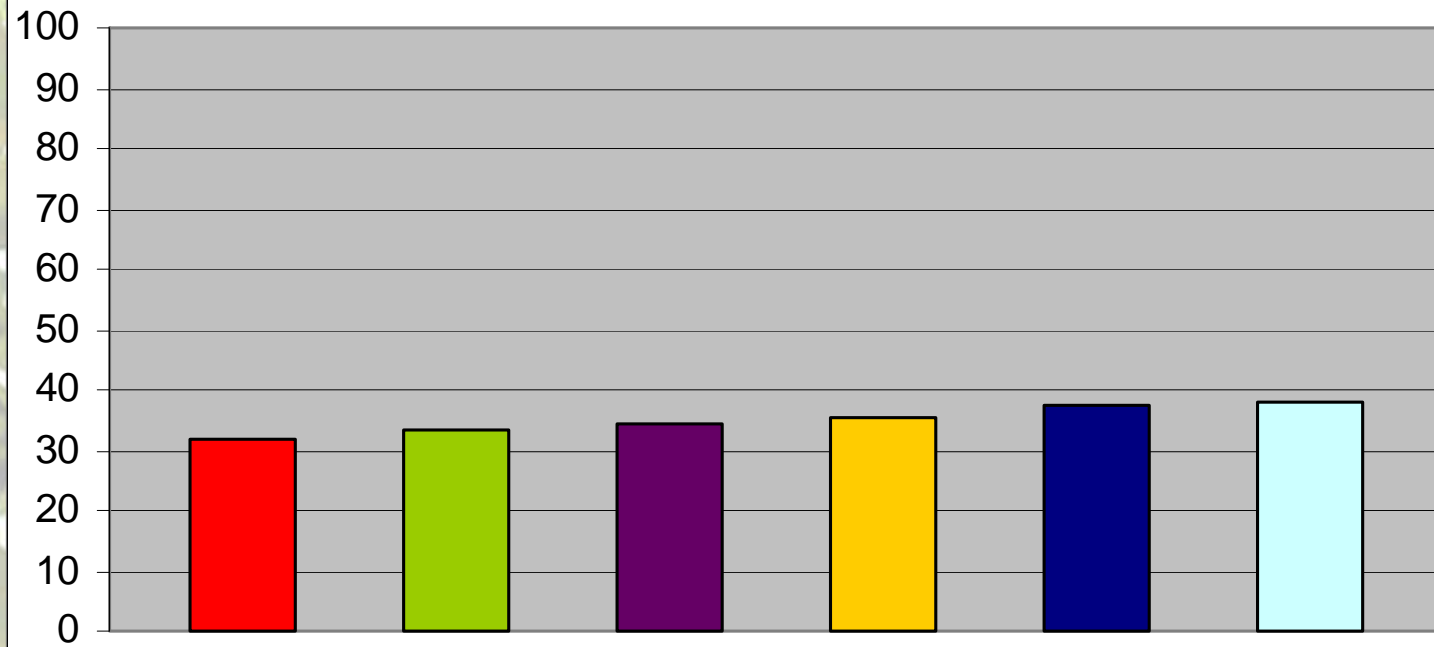
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## INHABITANTS 50+ IN PERCENT



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**Spain**

**France**

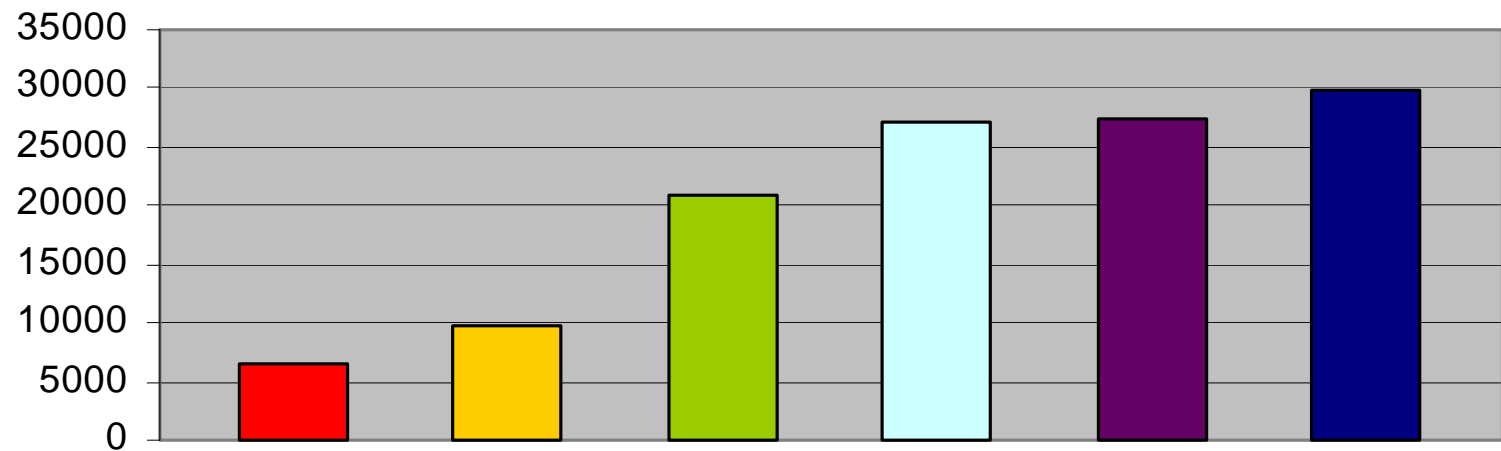
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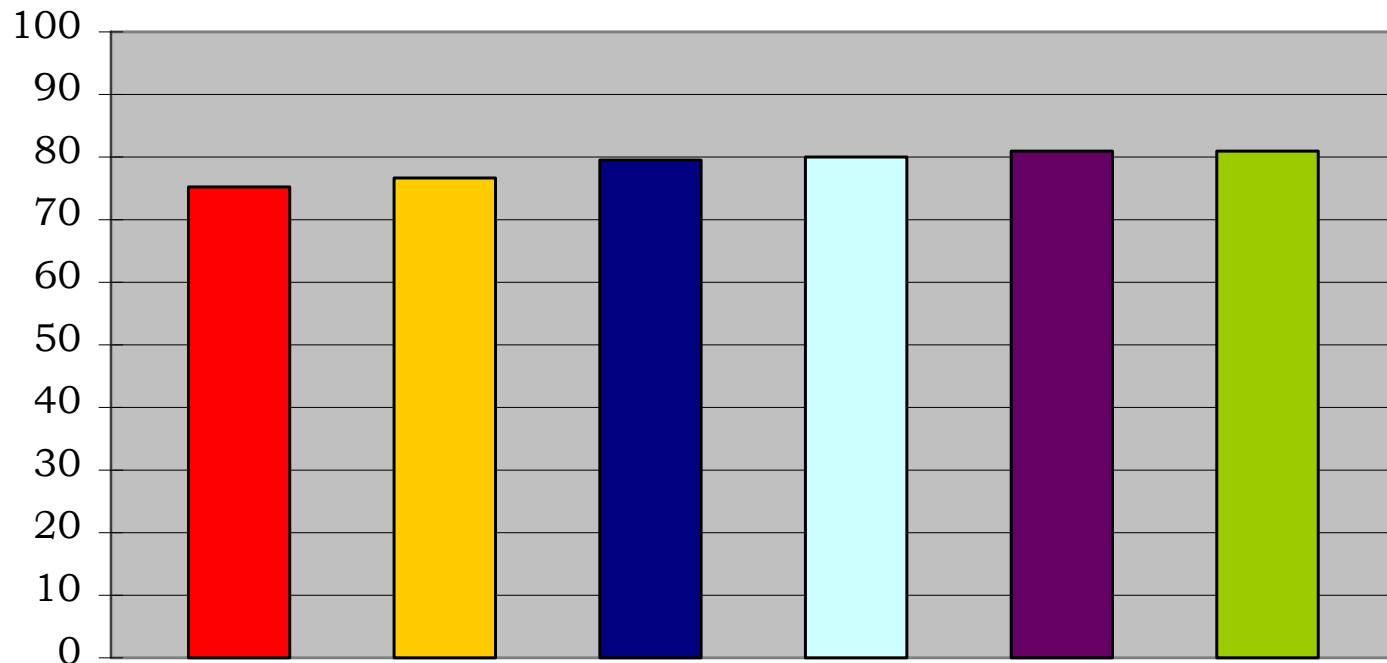


## GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT PER CAPITA



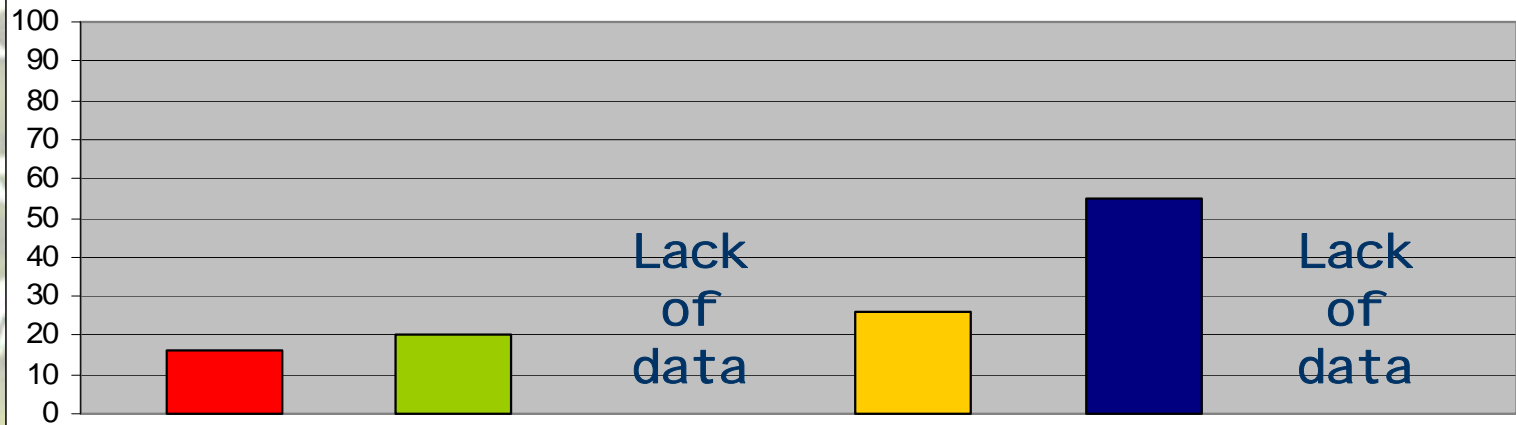
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## AVERAGE LENGHT OF LIFE



**Poland Czech Rep. Finland Germany France Spain**

### INTERNET USAGE IN THE LAST YEAR - Men



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**Spain**

**France**

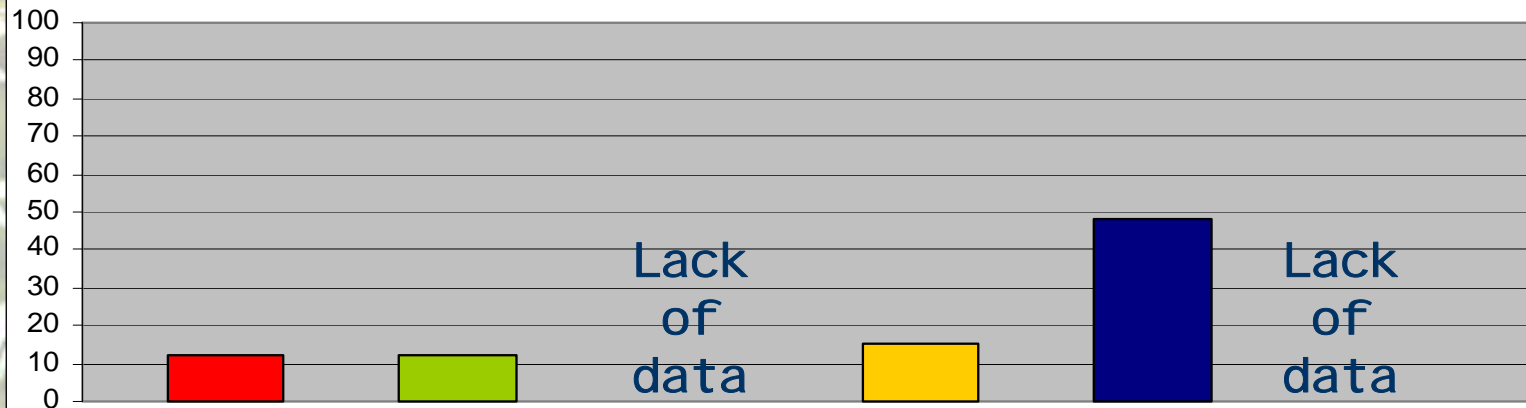
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### INTERNET USAGE IN THE LAST YEAR - Women



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**Spain**

**France**

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**Germany**

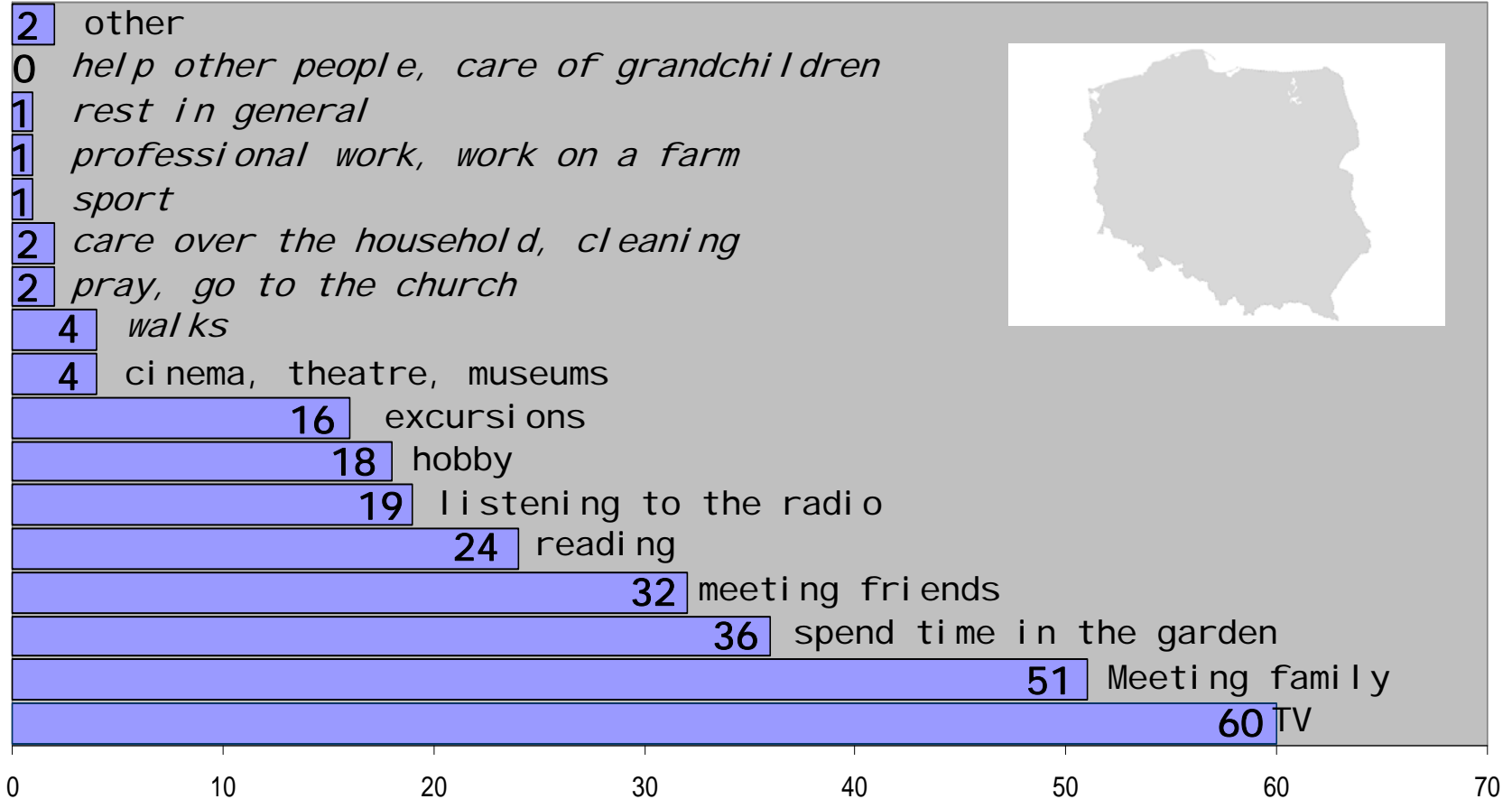
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**Currently the generation of the after-WW2 demographic high starts its regular (F=60, M=65) and early (55) retirements, what means a substantial influx of non-employed but still active people.**

**Due to the socio-political reasons (political transformation, immigration from PL) traditional model of multi-generational family disintegrates.**

**Consequently, the amount of educated, often single, seniors increases; they needs overpass TV watching and care of their grandchildren.**

What do you preferably do in your free time ?



**Data in %.**

**Answers in italic have not been read to the respondents or have been added to the cafeteria on the basis of answers „other”**

**Results do not sum to 100% - respondents might have give more than 1 answer.**



# Inter-generation Dialogue

- Does not have an institutionalised character (no general public debate apart from school)

- Dialogue cannot be imposed

**But:**

**31% of seniors (60 –80)**

**19% of juniors (15 –30) believe that elderly people should be in authority, advice how to live.**

**Is it much or little?**

Main obstacles  
in inter-generati on  
contacts are:

- Lack of time amongst young
- Reciprocal conviction, that different generations have no subjects to talk about in common
- Conviction on the lack of possibilities to communicate succesfully
- Language

# Role of the new technologies in inter-generati on di al oque

**Declarations on the ways of spending time together by grandparents and grandchildren:**

**•CONVERSATIONS:**

**65 % grandparents  
81 % grandchildren**

**•ASSISTANCE IN USE OF COMPUTER, MOBILE PHONE:**

**4% grandparents  
8 % grandchildren**



# School of @ctive Senior – S@S

**POLISH-GERMAN ASSOCIATION in KRAKOW**  
*(coordinator)*  
**REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY in KRAKOW**

## THE IDEA:

- The ICT methods, that form the heart of the Programme, are **not the purpose** for themselves, but **means for** self-developement
- All activities for seniors are organized and supervised by **junior employees** of the Regional Public Library and universities in Cracow
- Senior is **not a passive** recipient of trainings, but is active in participating all proposed actions; **thinks creative** how to spend his/her spare time and makes use of Library's resources.

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## NATI ONAL-LEVEL PROJECTS

## I NTERNATI ONAL PROJECTS

➤ **SCHOOL of @CTIVE SENIOR:  
EDUCATION FOR CULTURE**

*financially supported by Malopolska  
Region Authorities*

➤ **SCHOOL of @CTIVE SENIOR :  
SENIOR CATCHING IN THE NET**

*financially supported by Citizen  
Initiatives Fund*

➤ **Students to Senior Citizens:  
ICT and Inter-Generation  
Communication**

*financially supported by European  
Commitee (LLP Grundtvig)*

[www.eseniors.eu](http://www.eseniors.eu)

Conference meeting: **Paris X. 2008**

➤ **SEVIR - Senior Volunteers in Interest  
Representation**

*financially supported by European  
Commitee (Socrates Grundtvig 1)*

[www.sevir.de](http://www.sevir.de)

Conference meeting: **Verona X. 2008**



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- **Approx. 500 seniors took part in various free activities (courses, workshops, seminars, lectures) organized by the Regional Public Library in Cracow w (in the period May 2007 - September 2008).**
- **Junior employees of the Regional Public Library in Cracow participated in various international programs.**
- **Cooperation with various NGO's, universities and institutions in Poland and abroad was initiated.**



## BEST PRACTICES

- **Computer education offered to seniors by younger people**
- **Combining of seniors' knowledge and youngsters' enthusiasm in realisation of projects**
- **Self-organisation of seniors around the motto „Elderliness is beautiful!!”**
- **Strengthening of seniors' conviction, that they constitute a substantial consumer and electoral group**
- **Organisation of a joint action (with junior partners) with a strong social message (work, family, ecology, culture etc.)**
- **Transmition of traditions**



**IT CAN ALL BE DONE ALSO  
THANKS TO THE PC!**

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*Thank you for your attention!*

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