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High spirits for old people

Both civil and professional organizations urge the possibility of choice and keeping the self-sufficiency all over Europe.

People's average age increases- it is typical all over the world nowadays. Fact, that old people would like to live cheerfully and healthy in their 70-80, moreover 90 years. Professionals and civilians urge the possibility of choice and keeping the self-sufficiency in all Europe. It is the essence of the Bologna Project, what has been unknown yet.

According to an international research aged people are very attached to their usual circumstances, so their important desire is to live their own homes as long as possible.

The Italian project is looking for the chances and makes models by an EU survey in six partner countries.

Győr and the elderly support system have been chosen in Hungary. The duration of the programme is 30 months, and experts work out residence models considering international recommendations and viewpoints. The aim of these models is the maintenance of the self-sufficiency, assuring the possibility of choice, improvement of the life-quality and independence.

Head of the Health and Welfare Department in the Mayor's Office in Győr, Páternosztér Piroska mentioned five concrete models: e.g. to perform the apartment for old people, the Home Emergency Signal System, which is operating very well. They make models about the Short-Term Care Facility for old people, as well as two Long-Term Residences and its infrastructure, with their advantages and disadvantages.

Working up the informations continues now, the most important thing is, that experts of the social sphere think of the welfare questions connected with old people in the same view.

The participants of the project probably come to Győr for a study visit in 2006.

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Across Europe specialist and civilians alike insist the maintenance of self-care and the opportunity to choose. This is what Bologna-project is about.

According to an international research the elderly are extremely attached to their habitual circumstances, and they desire to live in their own homes for as long as possible. Italian researchers are modeling and researching these possibilities with the help of surveys in six different countries in the European Union. From Hungary the Elderly Support Services and the City of Győr have been chosen.

Piroska Páternoszter, Supervisor of the Health and Welfare Department in the Mayor's Office, Győr, mentioned five models, e.g. apartment complexes for the elderly, and the very successful Home Emergency Signal System. A Short-Term Care Facility and two Long-Term Residences were also modeled, along with their advantages and disadvantages.

Recently we have changed the name of our institution from United Social Institute to United Healthcare and Social Institute.

With that in mind, we prepared our professional program, which includes recollections, modern researches with renowned lecturers, such as Professor Iván, who is one of our greatest professors in the field of caring for the elderly. Zsuzsa Ferge, who for decades dealt with poverty, equal opportunities, with the elderly and the youth alike, and also with many different things in the field of welfare. We have also invited lecturers, who are actively involved in elderly support, e.g. Piroska Páternoszter, in behalf of the Health and Welfare Department, Győr, who introduced the "Welhops" welfare housing policies for senior citizens project, which promotes a better housing and living conditions for senior citizens.