





# Senior education in Slovakia and at the Technical University in Zvolen

# Senior education in Slovakia

Organizations that provide some senior's activities

- Universities of the Third Age,
- Academy of the Third Age,
- Retirement clubs,
- Daily centres.

The most popular and complex are U3A's (..in my opinion..)

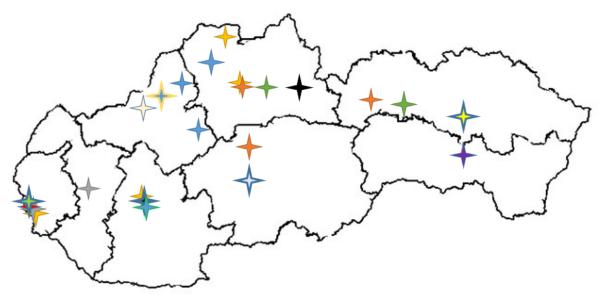
1 st UTA in Slovakia - Comenius University - October 1990
Association of the Universities of the Third Age in SVK December 1994

# **ASUTV**

- 18 members (Universities)
- Location: Zilina
- president: Mrs. Lucia Hrebenarova
- (from University of Zilina)
- The last president: Mrs. Nadezda Hrapkova
- (from Comenius University of Bratislava) -
- President of European Federation of Older Students in Universities (EFOS)
  - General Secretary of International Association of Universities of Third Age (AIUTA)



## Location U3A in Slovakia



UTV AOSLM (LM) →
UTV PANEUROUNI (BA) →
UTV TUKE (KE) →
UTV UNIPO (PO) →
UTV UNIAG (NR) →

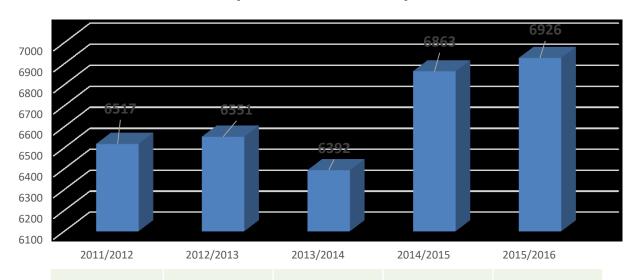
UTV TNUNI (TN) →
UTV TUZVO (ZV) →
UTV UKF (NR) →
UTV DTI (DV) →
UTV STUBA (BA) →

UTV TRUNI (TT, BA) →
UTV UNIZA (ZA, PD, PB) →
UTV KURK (RK, LE) →
UTV UNIBA (BA, MT, NR, NO) →
UTV UMB (BB, MT, PP) →

(source: own research)

# Number of students (2012-2016)

Number of U3A students in SVK (source: ASUTV)



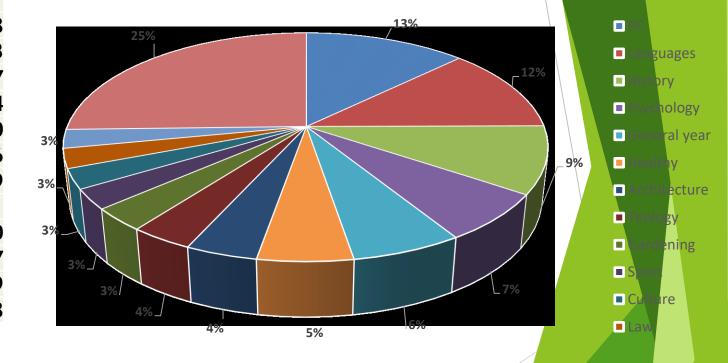
2011/2012 2012/2013 2013/2014 2014/2015 2015/2016 6517 6551 6392 6863 6926

Women and Men in %	
Women	85 %
Men	15 %

# Most popular study programs

Total number of	
students	7153
PC	914
Languages	867
History	678
Psychology	483
General year	447
Healthy	384
Architecture	290
Teology	256
Gardening	229
Sport	201
Culture	200
Law	197
Work shops	189
Others	1818

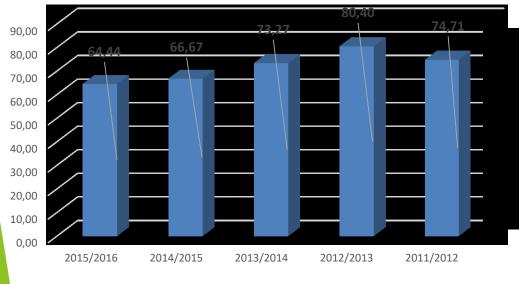
# Most popular study programs - 31.10.2015 (source: ASUTV)



## Selected statistical data

Percentage of internal lectors (source: ASUTV)

Facebook at U3As in SVK (source: ASUTV)



Average salary of lector per hour in 2015/2016:

11,44 Eur/45 min

(source: members of ASUTV)



# U3A TU in Zvolen - the most innovative U3A in SVK

- 1993 established
- 480 students (Jan 2017)
- 18 study programs
- 1 full time employee







# New innovative tools

#### 1 / Promotion

<u>Facebook</u> - increased activity and maximum use of their potential (all info about UTA management, students life),

YouTube (lectors video, activities video),

Web site (FAQ, References, Articles, Photo gallery, the opinion of our students,

Interviews, Videos, Calendar of activities)

#### 2 / Enrol to study

Web form, telephone, electronic-mail

#### 3 / Economy

Lector salary by number of students in one group, national and international projects,

4 / Feedback via computer questionnaires, Student Card



### New and best activities

#### 1 / Seniors to Seniors - new

Amateur student teacher gives lectures to U3A students He (She) gives his/her rich work experience

#### 2 / Virtual U3A - new

Cooperation with Czech University of Life Science from Prague Recorded lectures via computer, tests and final theses via computer

#### 3 / International women's day

Culture program and "Disco" for seniors students.

#### 4 / Sport Olympic Games for U3A students

Sport, Culture and Events for senior students

2016 - 130 U3A students from Poland,

Czech republic, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia,

Turkey, Slovakia

University of the Third Age Technical University in Zvolen, Slovakia





# International projects

2013-2017 Tempus - Centre for the Third Age Education

(develop and exchange of experience to RUS, UKR, AZE)

http://www.tuzvo.sk/tempus-2014-2016/en/

2015-2017 Erasmus plus - Digitally innovative - unique ones

(develop senior education via new methods)

http://www.tuzvo.sk/digitally.innovative/en/

2013-2015 Grundtvig - My passion, happiness - add to favorites

(exchange best practice and increase seniors mobilities)

http://www.tuzvo.sk/my-passion-happiness/

2011-2013 Grundtvig - Seniors in the Knowledge Society

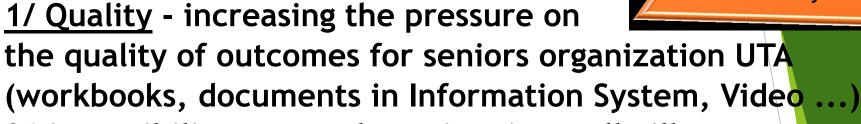
(use ICT tools for seniors education)

http://www.tuzvo.sk/seniorsks/



# **General priority**

General priority for the development of UTA in Zvolen



Availability

**Economy** 

2/ Accessibility - to study seniors in small villages

(Virtual universities, distance learning, IS ...)

3/ Economy - not to increase financial pressure for seniors (fees, transport, excursions)



... and seniors will be smile...

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