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In today's society it became usual for women to get older than 80 years. Which turning-points and challenges did they have to master in their lives? Which professional, social and other activities did they take up and how do they perceive their ageing?

These questions were asked by groups of women in seven European countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Lithuania and Czech Republic, reflecting at the same time on their own life experiences. After 86 interviews were conducted with women aged 70+ in the project partners' countries, selected life stories were compared on an international basis. The outcomes provide valuable insight into the lives of older women in Europe and their aging process and serve as a source of inspiration for the participants themselves and for others.

The life stories of selected inspiring women from the different countries are documented in English and in the respective national language by different media: the interviews on the project website, exemplary life stories on a DVD and finally in a book.



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