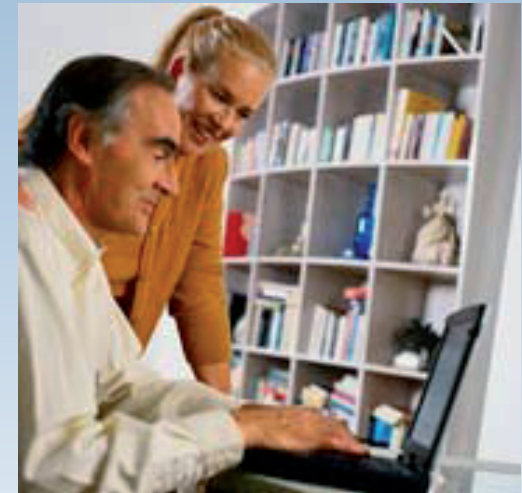


# Virtual Meeting Place Introduction

## SUBPROJECT: NETWORKS

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In the OLE1 sub project “Networks” we clearly defined some of the wishes from elderly people and their view of social networking and how to regenerate and further develop these.

Our societies need to further develop meeting places where people can meet without a formal invitation and to participate in activities of chosen interest.

These meeting places can also virtual.

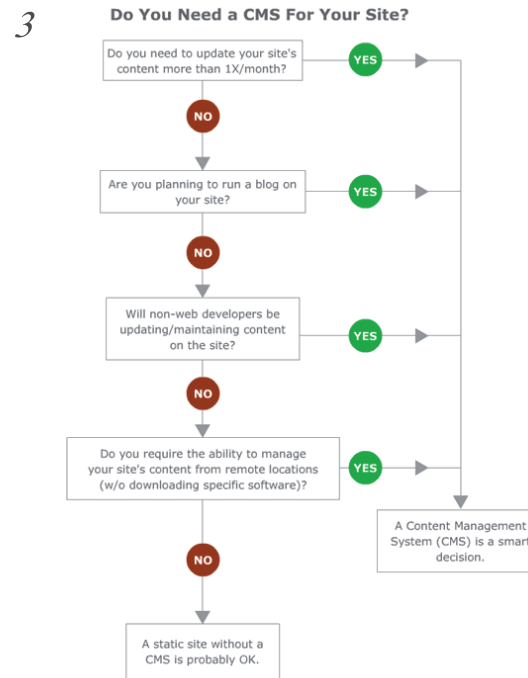
A virtual information and activity centre where people can exchange ideas and find information about activities and recourses that is of local interest for seniors.

This form of communication is even more relevant to people living in sparsely populated areas where people with common interests might be hard to find.

*This is how you proceed....*

**1** Decide the strategy for how the Virtual Meeting Place should function, the scope of administration and ownership, this will help you to determine your next steps.

**2** Get the local pensioner organizations involved in the process as soon as possible. Both to determine if this is of interest and to get them involved in the layout and scope.



**4** There is one universal truth in website making : To make a website you need either time or money -- or both. The Tool Box document gives directions of how you find the right balance between time and money, you can find the document on [www.ourfuture.eu](http://www.ourfuture.eu)

**5** The best way is to buy in a content management system as it enables you to assign multiple people to handle the system. Most content management systems come with a user manual which is easy to learn for people that normally work with Microsoft office, Word and Excel.

**6** Take the opportunity to use the content management system provider to register a domain name and web host.

**7** Again involve local pensioner organizations and hold classes with them to learn them how to work with the virtual meeting place. In addition to this you might also need to involve community representatives so you can have access to local information.

**8** Now you have a meeting place on the Internet that is administrated and run by the organizations that has activities for seniors in the local area. This can both be private companies as well as other voluntary organizations that have activities for elderly and that would like to develop these on a broader scale.

**9** Keep it active with regular meetings and updated local information. The more activities you have on your virtual meeting place the better.