



im Landkreis Cham e.V.

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Innovative Education in the field of
Intergenerational Cooperation Support
Sharing Best Practice: Germany

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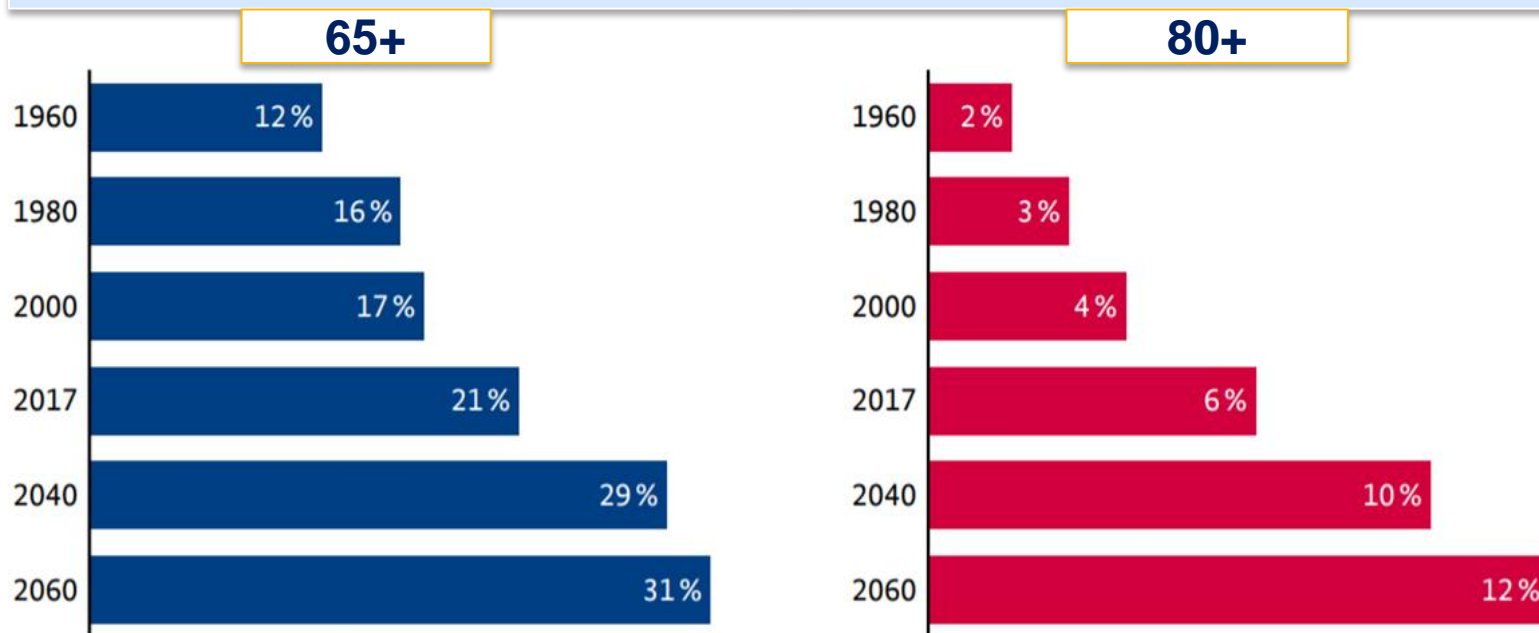
Our mission: „Education for everyone“

Everyone is able to do something and everyone deserves the chance to develop through education and make more of their life.

Ageing Society in Germany:

65+ (blue) / 80+ (red)

The proportion of older people in the total population



* ab 2020: Aktualisierte 13. koordinierte Bevölkerungsvorausberechnung (Variante 2-A)

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District of Cham



Region **Upper Palatinate in Bavaria**

(Regensburg 60 km, Munich 180 km)

Near to the **border to the Czech Republic**

(Pilsen 100 km, Prague 200 km)

Main town is **Cham** (17,000 inhabitants)

District of Cham (about 130,000 inhabitants)

Ranking 6 out of 81 in „Deutscher Lernatlas 2011 (German Atlas for Learning 2011)“ with view to learning opportunities in German rural regions.

How does the District of Cham (Landkreis Cham) and its local authorities react to the challenge of an ageing society?



- Has established a so-called „**Local Alliance for the Family**“ already in 2009
- By that time, it was the 600th local alliance in Germany, supported by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.
- The **Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham e.V.** is one of the institutions that belong to the **Local Alliance for the Family** in the District of Cham.

Who are the stakeholders of the „Local Alliance for the Family“?



The Local Alliance engages strong partners from:

- state and local politics,
- business,
- NGOs,
- churches and
- parents' initiatives.

The common goal is to improve the attractiveness of the district for families and thus to strengthen the business location.

What are the aims of the „Local Alliance for the Family“?



The Local Alliance for the Family aims at supporting

- a setting worth living for families,
- the interaction of the generations,
- a good general and vocational education of children and young people,
- the reconciliation of professional and family life

Intergenerational Activities - Best Practice



Each year, the Alliance, in collaboration with the **District Culture and Museums Department**, organizes a **Grandparents' and Grandchildren's Museum Day**, which was held for the tenth time in 2018.



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It is part of the „**Summer Holiday Activities**“ programme for children that promotes a better reconciliation of professional and family life for parents.

Traditionally it takes place during the last week of school summer holiday which in Bavaria is usually in the beginning of September.



This year's Grandparents' and Grandchildren's Museum Day is planned for:





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Around **twelve museums** in the District of Cham offer **special tours** and different **creative activities** that support the interaction of the grandparents and the children.



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Example:

A local museum with many medieval exhibition pieces focused on the topic of **leather**.

A shoemaker showed some traditional skills, the children together with the grandparents produced their own key holders from a piece of leather.



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Example:

In 2018, the **Hunting Museum** had an exhibition on **bees**.

In cooperation with the local Beekeeping Association, the visitors were able to build an insect hotel and to roll the beeswax candles.



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The “Lokales Bündnis für Familie - Landkreis Cham / Local Alliance for the Family in the District of Cham” was **awarded** on national level in Germany the “Alliance of the Month” **in April 2019.**



The “Grandparents' and Grandchildren's Museum Day” is one of the most successful and sustainable activities offered by the alliance.



Thank you very much!

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