

5th Newsletter November 2015



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**Here you get the fifth newsletter from the EU project useITsmartly.
You can read about the latest activities and what will happen during the last months of the project.**

IT-Peer-trainings in all partner countries

Within 2015 in all participating countries peer trainings – tailored to specific groups and needs – were conducted.

One aim of useITsmartly was to train young people in smart and green IT use so they can distribute their knowledge among their peers. Based on previous project results and an overall concept, specific country tools and didactical concepts for vehicle and peer-trainings were designed for each of the five partner countries: Austria, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands and Norway (e.g. country-specific issues, pre-knowledge of the future IT-peers).

Young people got background information on facts and problems of IT use accompanied by training skills. The trained youths set actions on their own as multipliers (start projects, spread info on how to change energy consumption attitudes in schools

and among young people) in order to motivate others for a reflective and smart use of IT. Below you can see some impressions of the peer trainings from all countries.

The broad range of training and didactical concepts are available in English and the specific country language the concept was developed for on the website: <http://www.useitsmartly.com/index.php?id=37>.



Impressions from the peer trainings:
Germany and Austria (above, left to right), Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands (below, left to right)

What's on?

useITsmartly survey

Don't miss the chance to take part in our survey about smart energy use. There are different surveys for all languages from countries participating in the project useITsmartly. Within the partner countries interesting prizes are being raffled amongst all participants of the survey!

Here are the links for the different country languages:

Germany and Austria: <https://survey2.uni-graz.at/232428/lang-de>

Price: one ShiftPhone within Germany, one within Austria

Denmark: <https://survey2.uni-graz.at/245418/lang-da>

Price: smartphone and cinema tickets

The Netherlands: <https://survey2.uni-graz.at/974223/lang-nl-informal>

Price: JBL Bluetooth speakers

Norway: <https://survey2.uni-graz.at/854777/lang-nn>

Price: GoPro Camera

Or you can also answer the questionnaire **in English:**

<https://survey2.uni-graz.at/863177/lang-en>

Thanks for your contribution and forwarding!



What´s next?

useITsmartly: Green IT-Peer award

Austria:

For their engagement the Green IT-Peers will be **officially awarded on the 18th of December 2015** by one of the highest officials of the State Government in the knights' hall of the Styrian Government.

useITsmartly: Webinar

In **January 2016** useITsmartly will hold a webinar where project results will be presented and where you will have the possibility to take part in an interactive event together with people who joined the project.

You are invited to participate in the webinar, share your thoughts about the project and to discuss with experts, stakeholders and target groups about your idea how to make the use of IT greener.

Please write an email to: magdalena.wicher@aau.at if you would like to get more information about the webinar in advance and participate.

useITsmartly: What happens beyond the project

Green IT-ambassadors at the science fair "Forskningstorget" in Trondheim

Three green IT-ambassadors from Heimdal high school were helping the Norwegian useITsmartly-team on the stand at the science fair in Trondheim, Norway, in September. The stand had the title "**Children and youths as agents of change – sustainable use of ICT**". The aim was both to inform about the environmental consequences of ICT use and to invite the youths to come up with green solutions for a more sustainable future.



Pictures from the science fair in Trondheim (© Sara Heidenreich)

useITsmartly in the newspaper

In October 2015, the Norwegian useITsmartly-team carried out their last Green IT-ambassador training at the Tiller high school in Trondheim. Check out the article that has been published in the **regional newspaper "Adresseavisen"** here:

<http://www.adressa.no/nyheter/oppdraget/2015/10/29/Slik-vil-ungdommer-p%C3%A5-Tiller-f%C3%A5-ned-energiforbruket-11744551.ece>

useITsmartly publications

Various members of the consortium are now **writing up their findings in the format of academic papers**. One of these findings is, for instance, that some young people want to use their ICT less, e.g. to have more time for homework, sleep, or more focused time with friends. However, they find less use almost impossible, e.g. because of their own habits and routines, because of a strong demand to be 'always available' by their social network or school and because some ICTs are made to stimulate continuous use. One of our interviewees described how she sometimes even hid her mobile under her pillow, so as to be able to – not – use her phone for a couple of hours!

Publications will be available soon!

Jennifer Dahmen & Natascha Compes (Germany):

Contribution to the Second 21st Century Academic Forum Conference at Harvard: **Just Google It?! But at What Price? Teaching Pro - Environmental Behaviour for Smart and Energy - Efficient Use of Information and Communication Technologies** can be found here: http://www.21caf.org/uploads/1/3/5/2/13527682/9_hrd-582-dahmen_ed2_fmt_logo.pdf

Guest section

This autumn 45 schools from 4 different Dutch cities collected a total amount of 53.430(!!) old and broken electronic household-appliances!

The schools participated in the E-waste race, a local competition and education project. The E-waste race aims to improve awareness about electronics recycling while providing an actual contribution to recycling. Per city 10 schools compete in an E-waste race to collect as much old electronics as possible. This way the materials from these appliances can be reused through recycling. The winning school per city wins a cool school trip to a Science Museum.



E-waste race in the Netherlands (© Timmy de Vos)

Who we are – building a European useITsmartly community

We are scientists, stakeholders and multipliers passionately thinking about how technologies can be used in an energy-efficient way. Our goal is to communicate with and through youths about creative new concepts of “smart IT use”.

Interested in energy efficient IT use and green living?

Join us and share your ideas with us!



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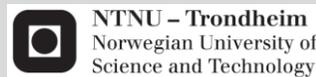
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