



Society and science united in times of crisis.

PANDEVITA NEWSLETTER #1

Hello ,

welcome to the first PandeVITA newsletter. Please have a look around and get to know more about the project! In this issue, we have a special request: We invite you to help us designing the PandeVITA app with a short statement – read more on this below.

Why an app? The COVID-19 crisis we, as a world community, have to face and to deal with is in a large part a crisis of information. It's the first pandemic after the penetration of the society with smartphones, thus there are no sufficient experiences how to engage citizens in information and scientific processes to create public awareness and responsibilities. This includes the question, how to avoid misinformation based on increasing information that is needed in times of crises. PandeVITA wants to fill this gap. We are working on an app to improve knowledge transfer on pandemic issues. Thus, we want to contribute to a better preparation for future pandemics.

Last but not least: Visit our recently launched project website for more information. And follow us on social media to stay updated!

Lutz Peschke (coordinator)

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ABOUT PANDEVITA

PandeVITA aims to build a bridge in the pandemic crisis of information: With our app, we want to enable citizens to gather data for the research on combating pandemics. **We aim to improve knowledge exchange in the quadruple helix between citizens, science, politics and economy.**

In a last step, we analyse the process of knowledge transfer and collaborations between science and society and the impacts of sanctions and mobile apps. The findings can serve as important blueprints for future action in pandemic crises.

[Read more](#)

LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT

At the moment, we are working on design and features of the PandeVITA app. To make sure we meet the needs of potential users, we would love to hear from you!

What features should a COVID-19 app provide to be useful and attractive for you? What benefits could the app provide for other user groups like health authorities, politicians or scientists?

Help us and share your expectations of a COVID app in a very short “user story”! It will take you less than 5 minutes.

[Participate here](#)



PANDEVITA @ CONFERENCES

Rome, Nairobi, Pitesti: Consortium members have been networking at a variety of conferences!

In July 2021, Project coordinator Lutz Peschke, Seldag Günes Peschke and their teams from Bilkent University and Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University used the possibility to discuss reward mechanisms of COVID-19-tracking apps at the IAMCR in virtual Nairobi.

From 24th-29th July 2021, Giuseppe Fico and the team from Universidad Politécnica de Madrid participated at the 23rd International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, organized and run as a virtual conference in Washington, focusing on challenging and innovative areas such as HCI theories, methods and practices.

And in December project coordinator Lutz Peschke and researchers Nildag Basak Ceylan and Ayhan Kapusuzoglu are going to present “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Macroeconomic Indicators: The Case of Turkey” at the conference “Emerging Trends and Approaches in Knowledge based Economy Creative Thinking and Innovation in Multi-crisis Environment: Before and After the Pandemic”, organized by the University of Pitesti on 2-3 December 2021 in Romania.