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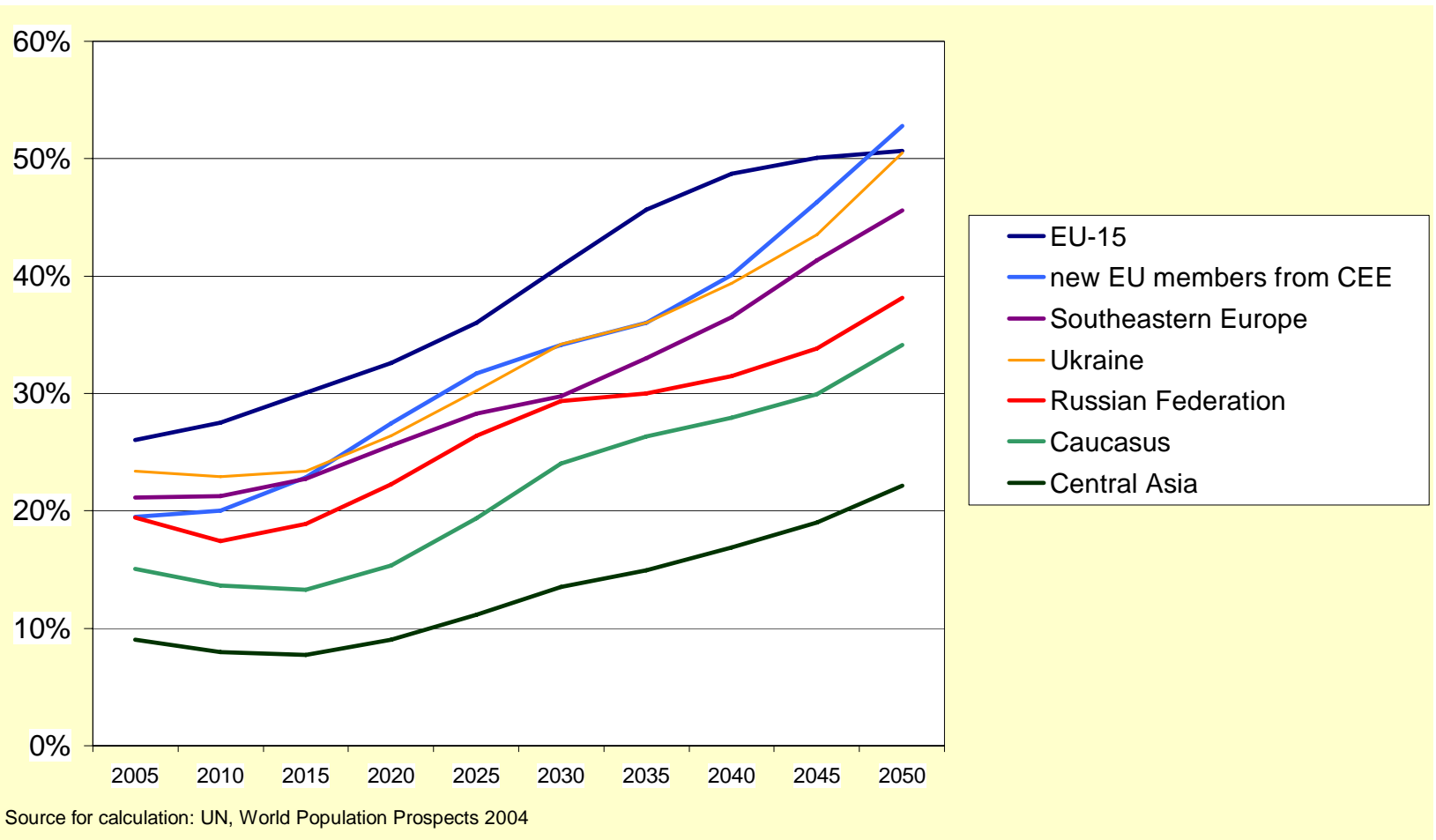
UNECE Conference on Ageing and the Preparatory Process

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Joint Meeting of the Task Force Monitoring RIS and the Expert Group for the UNECE Conference on Ageing

Vienna, 26-27 November 2007

Old-age dependency ratio by region

Source for calculation: UN, World Population Prospects 2004

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2007 UNECE Conference on Ageing

- Organizers:
  - UNECE
  - Ministry of Labour and Social Services of Spain
- Place: León, Spain
- Time: 6-8 November 2007
- Objective: review the implementation of MIPAA/RIS by …
  - discussing national reviews
  - sharing experiences and good practices
  - identifying priorities for future action

Documents

- Final document:
Political declaration
  - addressing the implementation of MIPAA/RIS
  - to provide political support and motivation for further activities
- Main background document(s):
  - Regional overview of MIPAA/RIS review and appraisal
  - Volume of expert papers (?)
- Publication of proceedings

Agenda

- One day before (5 Nov): NGO forum
- First two days (6-7 Nov): Thematic panels; reports on the review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS
- Third day (8 Nov): high-level segment. Roundtable discussion and adoption of political declaration

Participants

- Government representatives of the UNECE countries

- Representatives of other UN Regional Commissions and UN departments

- Representatives of civil society, social partners, private sector, academia and other stakeholders

First two days of the Conference

- Standard elements:
  - Opening of the conference
  - Election of officers
  - Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
  - Adoption of the agenda
- Overview over the review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS in the UNECE region
- Presentation of background papers
- Thematic panels

Thematic panels (clusters of commitments)

- Policy actions aimed at achieving a society for all ages (1,8)
- Intergenerational solidarity and relationships in family and society (2,7,9)
- Population ageing : challenges and opportunities for economic growth and societal development (3)
- Adjustment of social protection systems and labour markets (4,5,6)
- Lessons from review and appraisal : new insights gained with the bottom-up participatory approach and from cooperation with civil society

N.B.: Commitment 10 will be adressed in the Overview over the review of MIPAA/RIS in the UNECE region

Ministerial segment,
one day

- Opening
- Ministerial statements
- Presentation of the conclusions of the previous sessions
- Presentation of the NGO declaration
- **Ministerial roundtable discussion**
  - **Topic(s)?**
- Presentation and adoption of the Political Declaration
- Adoption of the report of the conference
- Closing of the conference

Preparation

- ## Expert group
  - Builds on the Task Force *Monitoring RIS*
  - Provides substantive inputs through the Preparatory Committee

- ## Preparatory Committee
  - Members States have been invited to delegate a representative; open-ended
  - Discusses substantive proposals, including proposals from the Expert Group
  - Elaborates the format and the agenda
  - Drafts the political declaration

Calendar of the preparatory process

13-15 Nov 2006	Meeting of focal points
18 Dec 2006	Country report outlines provided by the UNECE secretariat
26-27 Feb	Meeting of the Expert Group
13-16 March	Workshop for EECCA and SEE countries
16 April	Country reports and NGO contributions delivered to the UNECE secretariat
spring	Meeting of the Preparatory Committee
summer	Completion and distribution of the main background paper in English
summer	Possible meeting of NGO representatives
Sep	Distribution of the background paper in English, French, Spanish and Russian
5 Nov	Meeting of the Preparatory Committee, one day NGO Forum
6-8 Nov	**the Conference**

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Meeting of Focal Points
Segovia, Spain, 13-15 Nov 2006

- Establish the network / constituency: delegates from 27 countries in Segovia; 42 Member States have a focal point by now
- Provide assistance in conducting MIPAA review and appraisal on the national level
- Collect information on national level activities
- Broaden the range of countries involved in international exchange
- Deliver outputs of regional level projects to countries
- Discuss good practices

Meeting of Task Force and Expert Group, Vienna, 26-27 February 2007

- Experts to address concrete questions on how the outcome of the Conference could have a desirable effect in their areas of expertise: draft papers on the key areas of MIPAA/RIS
- Propose topics for the political declaration
- Propose elements for the agenda
- Provide expert advice on the regional summary report based on the national country reports on the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy of the MIPAA.
- Conclusion of the work to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee

Country reports

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- Main underlying questions:
  - What has been done in our country in the areas covered by MIPAA/RIS since its adoption?
  - What was the impact of these actions on the quality of life and well-being of older people in our country?
- "Guidelines for Reporting on National Follow-up to MIPAA/RIS"
  - assist Member States in compiling report
  - ensure harmonised structure of country reports
- Background material for 2007 Conference on Ageing
- Compilation of summary report of ageing related developments across the UNECE region out of country reports

Country reports: Structure

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- General information related to ageing: demographic, economic indicators/social, political situation

- Review and appraisal by subject area
  - Country report organised along RIS commitments
  - Comment on implementation status of every RIS commitment
  - In-depth evaluation of one or more **national priority areas**
  - Bottom-up participatory approach for evaluation of one or more national priority areas

- Conclusion, outlook for the future

Meeting of the Preparatory Committee, spring 2007

- Representatives of the UNECE Member States (normally national focal points on ageing)
- Representatives of civil society
- Elaborate and decide upon the content and modalities of the Conference
  - agenda
  - background document
  - draft declaration
- Inputs: Segovia meeting; Expert meeting
- Drafting group to finalize the draft declaration

Political declaration:

to provide political support and motivation for further activities

priorities

main developments   **regional level co-operation**

obstacles   **achievements**

civil society, **public-private partnerships**
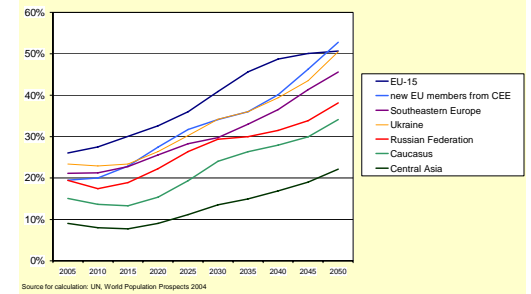
bottom-up participatory approach

Main elements

- title
- situation analysis
- developments in the past years
- need for certain actions/commitments
- strategy/modalities to be applied
- need to focus on certain regions/countries
- commonalities among countries
- priority areas for future actions
- mechanism for monitoring
- promotion of data collection and research
- main responsible actors, partners
- cooperation with the UN
- means of cooperation
- relation to existing documents/strategies

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Organisational development at UNECE

- Proposal to establish a Forum on Population as an intergovernmental body under the UNECE
- Members: representatives of national authorities in the population or related areas of the UNECE member States
  - building on national focal points on ageing and on the International Working Group of the Generations and Gender Programme
- Objective: ensure a suitable intergovernmental mechanism for Population related work in the UNECE region, including follow-up to the Conference on Ageing
- First meeting in early 2008

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Thank you for your attention.