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Progress and Future of the project “Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation”

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Aims of this presentation

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- 1. Present the background of work under MA:IMI**
 - International Action on Ageing (Vienna – Madrid – León)
 - Implementation & monitoring in the 1st Cycle of MIPAA/RIS
 - Role envisaged for the MA:IMI project (2003-2008)
- 2. Report on the work progress during 1st phase (2002-2007)**
 - Who did we work with?
 - What priorities and what work undertaken?
 - “Monitoring RIS website” & “Indicators of achievement”
- 3. Outline the work programme for the 2nd phase (2008-2012)**
 - Why continue into the 2nd phase of the MA:IMI project?
 - Work programme of the 2nd phase
 - Work progress during 2008

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Background of work under MA:IMI



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1. Background

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a. The Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing in 1982

- Several reviews and appraisals conducted – the last one during 1997
- *“the population over 60 has grown dramatically, yet the response has been minimal at best”*
- *“the progress in implementing the Plan of Action remains modest”*

... why?

- No fault in the principles and recommendations !
- But difficulties in translating the plan into policy actions?
- Lack of resources (financial and analytical);
- Low priority to age-related issues; and
- Lack of coordination (within countries and internationally)

Source: Sidorenko 2007

1. Background *(continued)*

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b. The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2002

- **MIPAA:** Plan was adopted during the 2nd World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid – it emphasized in particular the need for enhanced and focused **international cooperation**;
- **RIS:** UNECE got involved in the follow-up process, to translate MIPAA into a Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS), and to assist national authorities in implementation and monitoring of their actions on ageing (**Berlin Ministerial Conference 2002**);
- **MoU:** Austrian Government supports this process; by initiating a cooperative arrangement involving the European Centre Vienna, UNECE and a newly formed Task Force and the UNECE, **January 2004**

1. Background *(continued)*

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c. Role envisaged for the MA:IMI project (2003-2008)

Overall objective: to “scientifically and technically assist governments in the monitoring of RIS” of the MIPAA within the UNECE region

Priorities:

- (1) Exchange of experiences in ageing-related policies
- (2) Data collection, Research and Analysis
- (3) Maintain a network of organisations active in the field of ageing

And,.... develop and monitor a set of agreed upon “indicators of achievement”

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Work progress during the 1st phase (2002-2007)



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2. Work Progress

a. Who did we work with?

- I. Task Force
- II. National Focal Points on Ageing
- III. NGO Network on Monitoring RIS

Who are they? What functions?

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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a. Who did we work with?

I. Task Force

- They are independent experts from various backgrounds: academics, civil servants, NGO representatives, UN office delegates.
- They are “to offer guidance and advice to the contents and priorities of the follow-up”
- Meetings:
 - 13-14 April 2004, Madrid, Spain (the TF was constituted)
 - 8-9 November 2004, Vienna, Austria
 - 18-19 May 2005, Malta
 - 29 May 2006, Copenhagen, Denmark
 - 26-27 February 2007, Vienna, Austria

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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a. Who did we work with?

II. National Focal Points on Ageing

- National contacts in the 56 UNECE countries regarding issues on “Mainstreaming Ageing” and on the follow-up to the RIS
- They gather information about political processes, programmes and actions; and help and advise MA:IMI researchers on collecting and interpreting data for the indicators
- 1st Meeting:
 - 13-15 November 2006, Segovia, Spain

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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a. Who did we work with?

III. NGO Network on Monitoring RIS

- They are national NGOs, specifically committed to watch ageing-related policies and other social policy measures in their respective countries
- They spread awareness of ageing-related issues and promote actions
 - exchange of information with Network members and other actors of the follow-up process
 - source of information for national Governments and International Institutions.

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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b. What priorities and what work undertaken?

Priority (1): Exchange of experiences in ageing-related policies

Achievements:

- **Monitoring RIS Website** (a tool central to our dissemination strategy; updated every 3 months; contains diverse ageing-related information)
- **Publications** (11 Books, 6 Policy Briefs, 2 special reports, and dozens of contributions to refereed journals and to media)
- **Organisation of events** (e.g. Conference on pension policy and pensioner poverty; international seminar series; workshops)
- **Active participation in international conferences and seminars**

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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b. What priorities and what work undertaken?

Priority (2): Data collection, Research and Analysis

Achievements:

- List of indicators devised
- Data on these indicators collected
- Illustration of indicators (i.e. the booklet on country profiles)
- Research and analysis reported in publications , disseminated through organisation of events and via participation in international conferences and seminars

2. Work Progress *(continued)*

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b. What priorities and what work undertaken?

Priority (3): Maintain a network of organisations active in ageing

Achievements:

- Created, together with UNECE, several networks where experts, policymakers and civil society could meet (e.g. the Task Force, the National Focal Points on Ageing, the NGO Network on Monitoring RIS, External Expert Networks for Mainstreaming Ageing Indicator work)
- Contacts maintained through Monitoring RIS Website (30 websites of NGOs, other relevant actors linked to the website).
- By involving local and international NGOs in all the events we organise.

MRIS Website is central to our dissemination strategy....!

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See our work programme of the KIMSU unit in the programme catalogue distributed in the joint AARP-ECV conference package.....

2. Indicators of achievement

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- List of indicators prepared, in consultation with international experts; data on these indicators compiled;
 - Core set and others; across four domains:
 1. Demographic factors
 2. Income & wealth
 3. Labour market participation
 4. Social protection & financial sustainability
 - Work also undertaken towards Long Term Care and Quality of Life indicators
- Operationalization is a process, thus there is a continuous effort to include new data and update existing ones!

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Work programme for the 2nd phase 2008-2012



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3. The future work programme

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a. Why continue into the 2nd phase?

- **MIPAA/RIS:** Continuation of our highly valued work in the international cooperation in the 2nd cycle of the MIPAA /RIS, with the benefit of all the expertise attained during the 1st phase of the project;
- **Time urgency:** The next 5-10 years is critical in many respects, but mainly because the 'demographic bonus' is coming to an end; shrinking population phenomenon will be faced; and comparative research and dissemination will be invaluable.
- **Extended work programme:** Additional work planned that is essential for monitoring and evaluation of national policy practices and international collaboration

3. The future work programme

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b. Work programme planned for the 2nd phase

- **Indicators:** Updating of data on existing set of indicators; new set of indicators on Long-term care and Gender-specific mainstreaming ageing indicators; Quality of Life indicators;
- **Monitoring RIS website:** The KIMSU unit will continue its good work in updating information on the website; some restructuring
- **International events:** One technical workshop each year; two international conferences; international seminars
- **Publications:** Publication of policy briefs, research reports and books ; and
- **Newsletters alerts:** Timely dissemination of information UNECE countries via newsletter alerts.

Work progress during 2008

- ✓ **Indicators:**
 - Booklet “*Some Facts & Figures on Ageing in Eastern Europe*”, produced for the joint AARP-ECV event (23-24 October 2008)
 - Further progress in designing Long Term Care indicators and in collecting institutional information and data
- ✓ **Publications:**
 - Forthcoming book “*Women’s Work and Pensions*” (by Marin and Zolyomi) brings out some of the initial work on gender-specific MA:IMI indicators (including chapters by the MA:IMI team)
 - Forthcoming book “*Long term care for older people in Europe: Facts and Figures*” (by Huber, Hoffmann and Rodrigues)

Initial progress (2008)

✓ International events:

- “Reinventing Retirement: Reshaping Health & Financial Security for the EU27 and Eastern Europe”, High-level Expert and Policy-makers Conference, The joint AARP-ECV conference, 23-24 October 2008
- Organising a special session, “Pension Issues in Ageing Societies”, the 30th General conference of the International Association of Research on Income and Wealth (IARIW), Portoroz, Slovenia, August 2008

✓ Monitoring RIS website:

- Continual updating of the Monitoring RIS Website every quarter;
- More direct form of reporting to sponsoring countries (via Newsletters, etc.)

Participation of ECV at International conferences related to ageing

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2008

- Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe (13-14 November 2008, Lucerne, Switzerland)
- Long-Term Care – Risk Profiles, Determinants and Financing: 5th Geneva Association of Health & Ageing Conference (6-7 November, London, UK)
- Reinventing Retirement: Reshaping Health and Financial Security for the EU 27 and Eastern Europe (23-24 October 2008, Dürnstein, Austria)
- 30th General Conference of the International Association of Research in Income and Wealth (24-30 August 2008, Portoroz, Slovenia)

2008 (continued)

- Diakonie-Dialog (Diaconate Dialogue) – “Alter hat Zukunft” (There is a Future for Age) (27 June 2008, Salzburg, Austria)
- Social Policy – Vision and Reality. Issues in Labour Force Participation and Life-Cycle Income Assurance (26-28 May, Jerusalem, Israel)
- Second European Conference of the International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA) (22-23 May, Vienna, Austria)
- International Conference on Welfare State Performance and Design (17-18 April, Zagreb, Croatia)

2007

- CES Conference on Ageing and Population (24-25 October, Madrid, Spain)
- ESRC Workshop: Understanding the Drivers of Population Ageing in Central and Eastern Europe – Fertility, Mortality and Migration (19-21 September, Oxford, UK)
- Active Ageing & Labour Market Trajectories (25 June, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland)

Conclusions

- The 1st stage of the MA:IMI project has been considered a take-off stage. This work continues with new vigour and priorities, and with all the benefits of expertise gained during the 1st phase.
- **Work programme during the first year of the 2nd phase has been very rewarding.**
- As for the financing of this work, ECV has firm commitments by about half a dozen governments to support continuation of MA:IMI into its 2nd phase (2008-2012); financing also from the European Commission.
- The financing needs to be further consolidated – still a good part of this work subsidised by the European Centre.

Further information

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