

### Introductory statement

(As you may know) the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe is working together with the Republic of Moldova to develop ageing-related policy in the country. Our project is entitled Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing. To better understand the ageing situation in the Republic of Moldova, we will be talking to government officials, experts, people from academia, from non-governmental organizations as well as with ordinary people of different ages.

We would like to receive answers that reflect your own views even if they are not the same as the officially expressed views of your institution. We assure you that the answers you give will not be presented in connection with your name. Instead, the answers will be analyzed and the results presented in a summarized form and used for developing policy recommendations. In the final report, we intend to include the list of people with whom we have spoken. If you do not agree to be included in this list, please let us know.

Question(s)	Thematic area
Please describe how your work is related to older persons and ageing.	Positioning
Do you think ageing is an issue (important topic) in the Republic of Moldova?	General embeddedness of the issue
What are the main challenges related to ageing for the Republic of Moldova, in your opinion?	Perceived policy priority
In countries where population ageing started recently, government officials and politicians may have insufficient knowledge about this development and its implications on public policy. Do you think government officials and politicians are aware of the issues at stake when the population is ageing?	Policy priority
Does Moldovan government policy take into account that the population of the country is ageing? How? What are the main policy documents?	Policies, laws and programmes
Do you use any of those government policy documents in your ageing-related work? (Why not?) Which ones?	Awareness of policy framework
Do you think these documents are clear and understandable, are they user-friendly and helpful?	Strategic framework
Are you aware of internationally-agreed policy frameworks (plans, programmes, principles) on ageing? How are such internationally-agreed goals and principles on ageing reflected in Moldovan policy?	Strategic framework
To what extent are these policies put into practice? Please describe.	Policies, laws and programmes
Can you give good practice examples of policy implementation in the Republic of Moldova? Please describe.	Good practice
Do you think enough public funding is made available for older persons' needs? (Can you identify areas where the shortage of funds is particularly problematic?)	Budget

<p>Given the existing budget constraints, do you think the government and local authorities are doing enough to accommodate the needs of older persons relative to other age groups? For example, in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associations, organizations</li> <li>• Labour market</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Pension, minimum income</li> <li>• Social security</li> <li>• Institutional care</li> <li>• Home care, available support for daily living</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Cultural activities</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<p>Policy priority Strategic framework Level of implementation Budget</p>
<p>Do you know of any arrangements for monitoring and evaluation of ageing-related policies in the Republic of Moldova?</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation</p>
<p>Who should carry out this function in your opinion?</p>	<p>Capacity for monitoring and evaluation</p>
<p>In the Republic of Moldova, are the needs of all age groups (children, young, middle generations, older persons, oldest-old) considered equitably or do some age groups receive too much or too little attention compared to others?</p>	<p>Society for all ages or one generation singled out</p>
<p>What could be done to accommodate the needs of these disadvantaged (vulnerable) age groups? Who should do it?</p>	<p>Identify possible recommendations</p>
<p>(Do you think that the legislation in the Republic of Moldova encourages independence and self-realization of older persons? Does it treat older persons equally to other age groups?)</p>	<p>Non-discriminatory framework</p>
<p>(How do you judge the degree of implementation of such laws?)</p>	<p>Implementation</p>
<p>Whom do you see as the main responsible body for ageing within government? Do you think this body covers all relevant areas sufficiently? If not, which areas are not sufficiently covered?</p>	<p>Institutional framework</p>
<p>Do you think the responsibilities of different institutions and organizations that deal with ageing and older persons are clear and understandable to everyone?</p>	<p>Institutional framework</p>
<p>In your opinion, do older persons know how to find out about their entitlements for benefits and assistance? Do they know where to turn to? Do they feel confident to go there?</p>	<p>Institutional framework</p>
<p>How is the implementation of ageing policies distributed between national, regional and local authorities? Is this distribution optimal in your opinion? If not, what should be changed?</p>	<p>Institutional framework</p>
<p>In your opinion, are the following actors (stakeholders) sufficiently involved in policymaking on older persons and ageing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• private sector</li> <li>• non-governmental organizations</li> <li>• trade unions</li> </ul>	<p>Institutional framework, stakeholders</p>
<p>Are you aware of any public campaigns that highlight the positive contribution of older persons to society?</p>	<p>Awareness campaigns</p>

<p>Do you know of data collection and/or scientific research about older persons and ageing in the Republic of Moldova? Is it sufficient in your opinion? How could it be improved? In which areas is information and knowledge lacking in particular? Are relevant research institutes available and do they have the necessary capacities?</p>	Research landscape
<p>Do you have the impression that your country is sufficiently integrated into international cooperation and exchange of good practice on ageing policies? (Participation in international conferences, active collaboration with international organizations?) (Do you see any need for improvement?)</p>	International cooperation

# Bătrânii au prioritate



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