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**AGEING – A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE,
CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA
TRAINING AND PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Chisinau, 13-16 March 2007

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 March 2007

- 9:30 Opening and welcome
Government of Moldova
Dr. Peer Sieben, UNFPA
Andres Vikat, UNECE
- 10:00 – 12:30 SESSION I – Introduction**
Chair: Boris Gilca, NPO, UNFPA Moldova
- 10:00 Introduction to the meeting programme, objectives and expected results
Andres Vikat, UNECE
- 10:15 Introduction of participants/ Team-building exercise
Holger Osterrieder, UNECE/ Mandy Heslop
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Introduction of participants/ Team-building exercise (ctd.)
Holger Osterrieder, UNECE/ Mandy Heslop

Exchange challenges and opportunities of ageing in your respective countries,
identify main topics of concern in the area of ageing and similarities and
differences among countries.
- 12:15 Lunch break

13:45 – 15:00 **SESSION II – UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Action (MIPAA/RIS)**

Chair: Fuad Aliev, Uzbekistan

13:45 MIPAA: What is it all about?

Alexandre Sidorenko, UNDESA

14:15 MIPAA/RIS : An overview of activities in the UNECE countries with focus on the EECCA countries

Holger Osterrieder, UNECE

14:30 Presentation: „General overview over ageing-related issues“ (Serbia)

14:45 Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 18:00 **Session III: The Demographic Factor**

Chair: Jennet Appova, Turkmenistan

15:30 – 18:00 Overview of demographic trends and prospects in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, including an introduction on long-term trends worldwide.

How to consider the components of demographic change in policymaking?

Dimitar Philipov, Vienna Institute of Demography

18:30 – 20:30 Welcome reception

Day 2 – Wednesday, 14 March 2007

Chair: Laurian Arghisan, Romania

9:00 Social policies and population ageing

Joseph Troisi, UN-INIA

10:30 Economic policies and population ageing

Asghar Zaidi, European Centre Vienna

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Indicators for monitoring MIPAA/RIS

Bernd Marin, European Centre Vienna

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 –18.00 **Session IV – Commitments of MIPAA/RIS**

Chair: Joseph Troisi, UN-INIA

Five topics related to one or more commitments of MIPAA/RIS will be selected. Proceedings on each selected topic include:

- a general overview about the underlying rationale (10 minutes)
- presentation on a specific example/case study (15 minutes)
- discussion (20 minutes)

14:30

Commitment 7

Introduction (Anahit Martirosyan)

Presentation: „Legal Framework Regarding a Minimum Income, Health and Care Services for Older Persons in Romania“

Discussion

15:15

Commitment 4

Introduction (Holger Osterrieder)

Presentation: „The Great Generation of Kazakhstan: insight into the future“

Discussion

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

Commitment 4

Presentation (Turkey)

Discussion

17:15 – 18:00

Commitment 2

Introduction (Mandy Heslop)

Presentation by Bosnia-Herzegovina: „Internally displaced/returnees, Elderly and their socio-economic status“

Discussion

19:00

Dinner

Day 3 – Thursday, 15 March 2007

Chair: Anahit Martirosyan, Armenia

9:00

Commitments 3/5/6/7

Introduction (Andres Vikat)

Presentation: „Overview over the situation in Tajkistan, health and economic activities“

Discussion

9:45 Summary and conclusions

10:15 – 17:00 Session V – Country reports on implementing MIPAA/RIS

10:15 What is the bottom-up approach and how it can be implemented in MIPAA/RIS review and appraisal?

Mandy Heslop

11:45 Overview of guidelines for the country reports

Holger Osterrieder, UNECE

12:00 Case study (Turkey)

12:15 Discussion of relevant issues for drafting the report

13:00 Lunch break

Chair: Ms. Lidia Kozarcanin, Serbia

14:15 Working groups (4 groups)

Facilitated working groups based on identified common RIS priorities:

What are the challenges? How to deal with them in your respective countries?
How to monitor them?

Facilitators: Anahit Martirosyan (commitment 7), Mandy Heslop (commitment 2), Laurian Arghisan (commitment 1), Bernd Marin (commitment 4)

Rapporteurs: one rapporteur to be identified by each group

16:00 – 17:00 Report back from working groups and discussion about next steps for the country reports on national follow-up to MIPAA/RIS

17:30 Wine cellar visit

Day 4 – Friday, 16 March 2007

9:00 – 12:30 Session VI – National Action Plans – Project development

Chair: Andres Vikat, UNECE

9:00 Mainstreaming ageing in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia:
Challenges and opportunities

Nikolai Botev, UNFPA CST Bratislava

- 9:45 Presentation: „National Demographic Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria 2006-2020“
- 10:15 Presentation by HelpAge International
Eppu Mikkonen-Jeanneret
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Working groups: develop proposals on future activities – what kind of technical assistance is needed? Discuss and develop projects on how to promote ageing-related issues in your country
Facilitators: Joseph Troisi, Nikolai Botev, Lidija Kozarcanin, Mandy Heslop
Rapporteurs: one rapporteur to be identified by each group
- 11:45 Coffee break (working groups continue during break)
- 12:00 Discussion in plenary
- 12:30 – 13:00 Conclusions and Closing session
Nikolai Botev, UNFPA
Andres Vikat, UNECE
Boris Gilca, UNFPA Moldova
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

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Objectives:

1. Improve understanding of how to identify and analyze challenges and opportunities related to ageing and demographic change
2. Improve understanding of the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
3. Improve understanding of how to implement and to monitor individual RIS commitments
4. Provide knowledge for developing national action plans and ageing-related projects
5. Provide guidance for drafting country reports on national follow-up to MIPAA/RIS

Methodology:

1. Country case studies, sharing of experiences
2. Working groups
3. Lecturing

Participants:

1. One UNFPA staff from the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
2. One national focal point on ageing or alternatively one civil servant involved in ageing issues from the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
3. Two UNECE staff
4. Five to six experts and trainers

Input requested by participants

(UNFPA + focal point, joint presentations) before the meeting (1 week):

1. Identification of current demographic issues according to RIS commitment areas (2 pages, see country report guidelines)
2. Country case study (one country – one RIS commitment), 15 minutes