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Introduction and Background

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Ageing - A Challenge and an Opportunity
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Objectives of Workshop

- To improve understanding of ...
 - challenges and opportunities related to demographic change, population ageing in particular
 - UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing - MIPAA/RIS
- Provide knowledge for ...
 - implementation and monitoring of the commitments of MIPAA/RIS
 - Developing national action plans and projects related to ageing
- Provide guidance for drafting of country reports



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Intergovernmental cooperation and capacity-development

- UN, UNECE:
 - action plan (MIPAA/RIS)
 - develop intergovernmental cooperation in implementation
- UNFPA:
 - to develop capacities to deal with ageing related issues



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Context: Events and Programme Documents

- 2nd World Assembly on Ageing (Madrid, April 2002) →
Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
- Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Berlin, September 2002) →
Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of MIPAA
- UNECE regional conference on ageing (León, Spain, 6-8 November 2007)



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Context:

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
- Adoption of a political declaration



Context: Preparatory events to the UNECE Conference on Ageing

- 13-15 Nov 2006 Meeting of focal points
- 26-27 Feb Meeting of the Expert Group
- **13-16 March** **Workshop for EECCA and SEE countries**
- 16 April Country reports delivered to the UNECE secretariat
- June-July Meeting of the Preparatory Committee
- summer Meeting of civil society representatives
- 5 Nov Meeting of the Preparatory Committee; civil society forum
- **6-8 Nov** **the Conference**



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
- Source for the summary report of ageing related developments across the UNECE region



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Working methods in the workshop

- Presentations providing background information, followed by questions-answers:
 - MIPAA/RIS
 - Activities in the UNECE region
 - Activities in certain countries
- Lectures
- Interactive sessions:
 - working-groups
 - discussion sessions



Agenda of workshop

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- Introduction with interactive elements
- Overview of MIPAA/RIS: presentations
- The demographic development and its implications
 - Overview
 - Social policies
 - Economic policies
 - Indicators for monitoring the developments: a project at the European Centre Vienna
- Commitments of MIPAA/RIS: overview, case study, discussion
- Participatory bottom-up approach
- Country reports
- Mainstreaming ageing
- Project development

Thank you for your attention.