



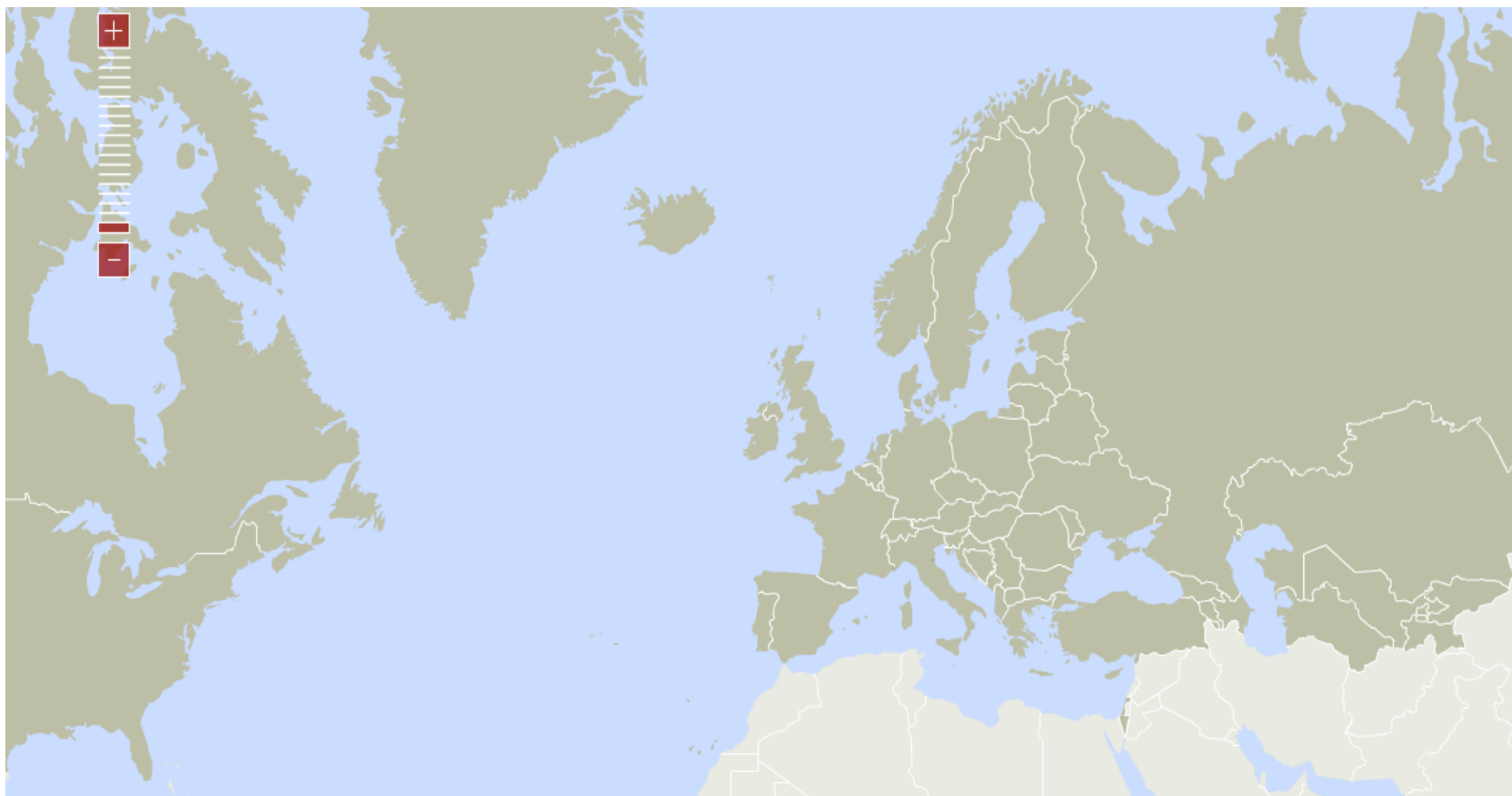
# UNECE: addressing population ageing in the region and beyond

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# UNECE member States



**56 states, 18 % of world population, ~1/3 of world's 65+**



# Regional trends: population 1995 -2015



## People in the UNECE region:

- live longer
- are healthier
- are better educated
- have fewer children, and later in life
- live in more diverse family settings
- have higher incomes
- are more mobile

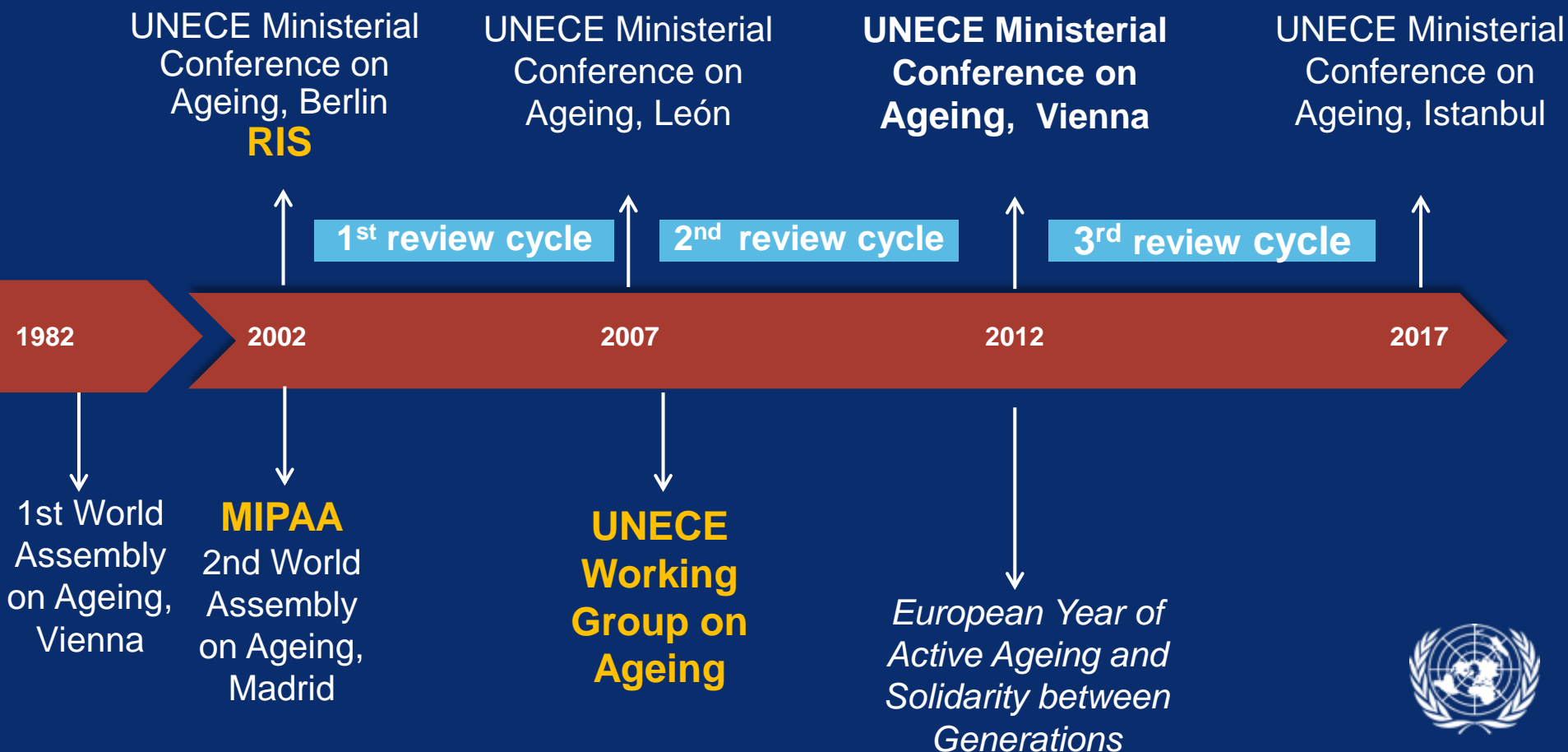


# A few facts on ageing population in UNECE region

- 186 million people are  $\geq 65$  years old
- Life expectancy is high but with important disparities between countries and between genders:
  - Women at birth: from 70 years to 85.2 years
  - Men at birth: from 61 years to 80.2 years
- Statutory retirement age and labour market exit age (LME)\*:
  - 60 to 67 years for men / LME 62.2 years (2010)
  - 55 to 67 years for women / LME 61.5 years (2010)



# Policy responses: from international frameworks to national strategies



# Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA, 2002)

## Priority Directions for Policy Action:

- Older persons and development
- Advancing health and wellbeing into old age
- Ensuring enabling and supportive environments
- Implementation and follow-up



# Commitments of RIS

1 Mainstreaming

2 Participation

3 Economic Growth

4 Social Protection Systems

5 Labour Markets

6 Life-Long Learning

7 Quality of Life, Health and Well-Being

8 Gender

9 Intergenerational Solidarity

10 Regional Cooperation



# UNECE Working Group on Ageing (WGA)



Established in 2008, meets annually  
~ 50 member States, NGOs, academia

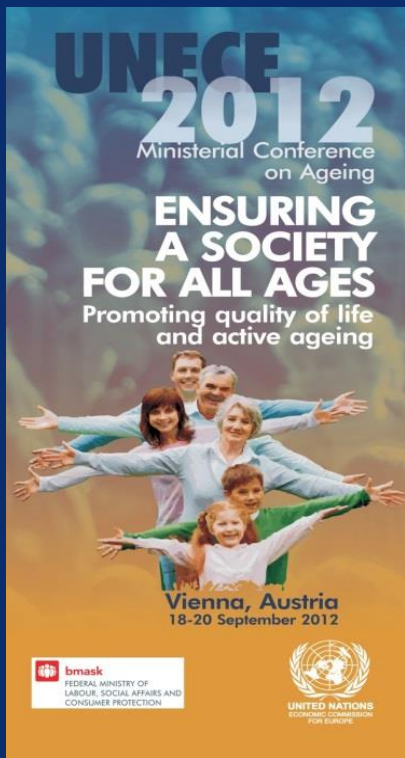
**WGA aims to facilitate and oversee**  
the implementation of MIPAA/RIS nationally

Presently focuses on the goals for active ageing as outlined  
by the **2012 Vienna Ministerial Declaration**





# 2012 Vienna Ministerial Declaration: goals



Longer working life is encouraged and ability to work is maintained

Participation, non-discrimination and social inclusion of older persons are promoted

Dignity, health and independence in older age are promoted and safeguarded

Intergenerational solidarity is maintained and enhanced



# We work on:

## Policy Briefs

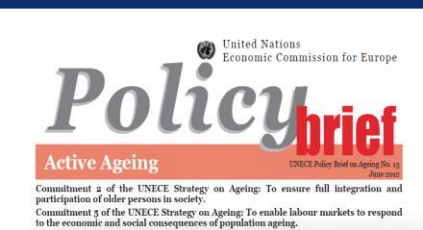
to actively manage knowledge on and exchange around effective policies and good practice examples for implementing the Madrid International Plan

## Road Maps for Mainstreaming Ageing

to provide concrete hands-on technical and policy support to countries according to their circumstances

## Monitoring tools and evidence building

to translate evidence into policy-advice by facilitating development of targeted indicators and strategic data



# Thank you

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