Participatory approaches to policymaking in the field of ageing: the example of Italy

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National multilevel co-managed coordination of active ageing policies in Italy

• **Overall aim:** To activate a shared intervention model for policy making and policy implementation in the field of active ageing

• **Shared** = all relevant stakeholders at various geographical and governmental levels

• **3-years project (2019-2022)** – Pilot project in view of a possible (next) Italian Active Ageing Strategy
WP1 Stakeholder involvement

FIRST AIM: TO CREATE THE STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

• Ministries and other public administration national bodies (e.g. national institute for social security) (AA policies at the national level and support to the Regions)

• Regional governments (AA policies at the regional level)

• Civil society organisations at the national (and regional) level (Third Sector, NGOs, experts, academia, etc.)
Stakeholder involvement

CREATION OF THE STAKEHOLDER NETWORK: DRIVERS AND BARRIERS

Although the recruitment was officially carried out through the Department for Family Policies at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, it took a lot of time (in the order of many months)

DRIVERS:

Opportunity, motivation and political interest

- The fourth UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Lisbon), September 2017.
- IT Meeting between representatives of the research community and of Governmental bodies
- Political consensus (to carry-out the project)
- Motivation of representatives of the stakeholder network

BARRIERS:

«bureaucracy» and other commitments/lack of motivation

- In most cases representatives of the stakeholder network wanted/needed to be formally “appointed” by their superiors/supervisors
- Delays/non-responses
- Chain e-mails

*We did it (about 90 organisations):*http://famiglia.governo.it/it/politiche-e-attivita/invecchiamento-attivo/progetto-di-coordinamento-nazionale/rete-di-stakeholder/*
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T1 STATE OF THE ART

National and regional institutional network

Plenary stakeholder meeting
June 2019

T2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Civil society network
October 2020

T3 IDENTIFICATION OF POLICY AREAS

Civil society network
March 2021

T4 INTERVENTION

Civil society network
October 2021

National and regional institutional network

Plenary stakeholder meeting
March 2022

T5 MONITORING

National and regional institutional network
Stakeolder involvement in Task 1 «The state of the art concerning active ageing policies»

Methodological tools (e.g. building the tools to be used to collect information and evaluate the state of the art)
- Plenary meeting: working groups
- Input on draft versions of the tools (e-mail)

Fieldwork - Logistics (identifying documents as laws and other official documents, also involving colleagues of other departments. Co-organising a meeting between representatives of the administration and the researcher)
- E-mail and telephone exchanges

Fieldwork - Research (meeting between representatives of the administration and the researcher)
- Group interviews (in person – now e-meetings), or individual in-person interviews, or telephone interviews, or a mix of these

Reporting (inputs on draft versions of the report - also by representatives of civil society organisations)
- E-input

Publication (agreement on the final version of the report and publication)
- During a plenary meeting, then publication on the project website
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Reporting

Publication
Contribution of the National project to the Fourth Review and Appraisal National Report

Central and Regional Governments

NGOs, Social partners, Academia etc.

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STATE OF THE ART

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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IDENTIFICATION OF POLICY AREAS

MIPAA/RIS NATIONAL REPORT

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