

# A fulfilling life throughout the life-course A joint effort of civil society and research in policy making

Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> review and appraisal of the implementation of MIPAA

**Rome, 15 June 2022**

## **Background**

At the end of the 4th review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS in the region and ahead of the upcoming Ministerial Conference on Ageing that will be held in Rome on 16 and 17 June 2022, civil society and scientific researchers will be coming together for the first time in a Joint Forum to discuss issues that have been at the forefront in recent years.

Since the completion of this cycle also marks the conclusion of 20 years of MIPAA, the Joint Forum also offers the opportunity to appreciate what has been achieved in the field of ageing over the last two decades. At the same time, it will be discussed in which areas there is still a need for action from the point of view of civil society and science, and what is required regarding future developments. Politicians and practitioners who are confronted with ageing-related issues in their daily practice are invited to participate in the discussions promoted by the Joint Forum and to comment on them.

## **Rationale and aim**

Acknowledging that civil society organisations engage in research and that research institutions engage in advocacy and are also part of civil society, the aims of the Joint Forum can be summarised as follows:

- To break down thinking and acting in separate silos and to enable a joint exchange of experiences and knowledge;
- To jointly discuss issues and findings to underpin the Ministerial Conference with experiences from civil society and evidence from research;
- To foster a dialogue around the most relevant future developments in the field of ageing and related areas from the perspectives of civil society, research and policy making;

- To identify priority areas for future policies on ageing across countries;
- To produce a joint Declaration.

**Ultimately, the aim is to improve the living conditions of ageing and older persons by bringing issues of civil society, research and policy making together.**

### **Proposed content:**

The Joint Forum will host presentations by representatives of civil society and scientific research, discussions with policy makers on previously agreed topics, and develop recommendations for future policies.

### **Topics:**

These will primarily refer to the following:

- Issues based on the Ministerial Conference's topics:
  - *Promoting active and healthy ageing throughout life*
  - *Ensuring equal access to long-term care and support to families and caregivers*
  - *Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages*
- Additional items to be collected via civil society organisations and main international scientific organisations (e.g. <https://www.iagg.info>; <https://www.iagg-er.net>) such as, for instance, the specific barriers that older people face in respect of their human rights.

### **Structure:**

One day physical meeting (potentially hybrid with possibility of streaming), organised as follows:

- Introduction / Keynote
- 3 Sessions (according to a general principle of triangulation of civil society, research and policy making)
- Session 4 to discuss a Joint Declaration including policy recommendations for the next 5 years (to be drafted beforehand and elaborated during and after the Joint Forum).

### **Joint Civil Society and Scientific Research Declaration:**

- To be prepared in advance in its core contents (see Session 4)
- To be discussed and finalised at the Forum and presented at the Ministerial Conference.

### **Organising Committee:**

- Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform Europe and BAGSO
- Kai Leichsenring, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
- Dario Paoletti, AGE Platform Italy
- Giovanni Lamura, INRCA IRCCS – National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing
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# PROGRAMME

## Opening

09.30 **Welcome Session**

Chair: *Giovanni Lamura, INRCA IRCCS, Italy*

*Elena Bonetti, Italian Ministry of Equal Opportunities and Family (tbc)*  
*Heidrun Mollenkopf, Joint Forum Organising Committee, AGE Platform Europe*  
*Lidia Bratanova, UNECE Director of the Statistical Division*

10.15 **Keynote: Navigating the Landscape: Advantages and Limitations of Madrid Implementation Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) in delivering effective solutions**

*Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief of Programme on Ageing Section, UN DESA, USA*

## Session 1

10.45 **Promoting active and healthy ageing throughout life**

Chair: *Kai Leichsenring, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Austria*

Rapporteur: *Francesco Barbabella, INRCA IRCCS, Italy*

The perspective of older persons

*Barbro Westerholm, Member of Swedish Parliament, Sweden*

Evidence from research in a life course perspective

*Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University & Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, Czechia*

Experiences from policy making

*Renata Bagatin, former Regional Councillor in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy*

**Introduction to photo exhibition (by Prof. Simone Scarlata, President of the Italian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology - SIGG - Lazio SECTION)**

11.30 Break

12.00 Open discussion

## Session 2

### 12.30 **Ensuring equal access to long-term care and support to frail older persons and their caregivers**

Chair: *Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform Europe, Germany*

Rapporteur: *Eszter Zólyomi, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Austria*

Generosity and effectiveness of social protection for long-term care across OECD countries

*Tiago Cravo Oliveira Hashiguchi, OECD, France*

Equal partners in care - a rights-based approach to supporting informal carers  
*Sebastian Fischer, Coalition of Carers in Scotland, UK & wir pflegen e.V., Germany*

Challenges and dilemmas in policy making  
*Sergio Murillo, Government of Biscay, Spain*

### 13:15 Open discussion

### 13.45 Commemoration of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

### **Presentation of the videos selected for the conference under the coordination of AGE Platform Italy**

### 14.00 Lunch

## Session 3

### 15.00 **Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages**

Chair: *Lisa Warth, UNECE, Standing Working Group on Ageing, Switzerland*

Rapporteur: *Ina Voelcker, BAGSO, Germany*

Challenges of policy making

*Edmundo Martinho, Chair of the Standing Working Group on Ageing, Portugal*

Mainstreaming active ageing: evidence from Italy

*Andrea Principi, INRCA IRCCS, Italy*

Listen to our voices: the important contribution of civil society to aging policy

*Margaret Gillis, International Longevity Centre & International Longevity Centre Global Alliance, Canada*

15.45 Open discussion

16.15 Break

## Session 4

16.45 **Setting priorities beyond MIPAA 2022**

Chair: *Giovanni Lamura, INRCA IRCCS, Italy*

Minutes: *Vijeth Iyengar, AARP, USA*

Introductory remarks by Civil Society and by Scientific Society (*Cristina Calvi, INRCA IRCCS, Italy*)

Presentation of the Joint Declaration of civil society and scientific research (*Heidrun Mollenkopf and Kai Leichsenring*)

Discussion on necessary steps to implement the aims set by the joint declaration in civil society, policy making and research

Closing remarks by *Heidrun Mollenkopf and Kai Leichsenring*

18.00 End of Joint Forum

18.30 Cocktail kindly offered by **AARP**