

The priorities of Civil Society and Scientific Research beyond MIPAA 2022, based on

- a participatory, bottom-up approach that involved stakeholders from the UNECE region and international research organisations
- 3 rounds of consultations
- explained in detail in the Joint Declaration of civil society and scientific research
https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-06/2022_Joint%20declaration%20of%20civil%20society%20and%20scientific%20research.pdf

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Future topics – priorities

- Enhance awareness of and combat **ageism, sexism, racism, and all other forms of discrimination and intersectionality**
- Understand how **emerging societal phenomena will change the conditions and perceptions of age** (*‘rapid ageing’ in LMI countries, changing family structures, childlessness, growing share of persons living alone, living into very old age with an increasing risk of sensory, physical or mental impairments; impact of more globalised and digitalised working conditions; increasing diversity of sexual orientations; coexistence of mixed religious and ethnic communities; new life-courses and inter-generational relations*)
- Analyse the increasing prevalence of **emerging technologies and the impact of digitalisation and AI** on individuals and societies, **avoid social exclusion and digital divides**

Future topics – priorities

- Address the various **challenges related to migration and ageing** and recognise the specific needs and aspirations of “ageing in a foreign land”, of refugees, of migrant carers or older persons left behind
- Recognise all types of **sentimental relationships and sexualities** in older age and enable all persons to enjoying the full potential of life
- **Social inequality will continue to be a major challenge.** Multidisciplinary and cross-cultural research in combination with the involvement of relevant stakeholders can support the development of effective interventions
- Fully recognise **unpaid care work** to combatting the gender pension gap and female poverty in old age, and invest in appropriate health and long-term care systems accordingly

Future topics – priorities

- From a life-course and human-rights based perspective, the **diversity of older persons as well as environmental, contextual, and structural preconditions (new approaches to welfare across the life-course)** need to be considered more intensively
- Ensure **participation of older persons** when deciding on their position and autonomy versus forms of protection and care (mainstreaming ageing) – including in case of emergencies due to military interventions, climate change or pandemics: adapt relief operations and related interventions to the rights and needs of older persons
- **Underpin the MIPAA process** by a powerful international entity to develop, monitor, and safeguard the rights of older persons

Concluding remarks

- We conceive **the MIPAA/RIS process** as an **opportunity to develop appropriate policies for older persons** towards a holistic strategy at national and international levels together with all partners and countries involved
- The **topics addressed** in the 2022 MD **are crucial for both civil society and scientific research communities**
- **We are ready to support the commitments made** at the present Ministerial Conference to ensure that they are fully realized
- To **develop the MIPAA work programme and RIS further**, we suggest some **adaptations to new global contexts**, including **specifications and additional priorities**
- To underpin these endeavours, create without delay an **international, legally binding instrument such as a UN Convention to substantiate the policy efforts made by member States**