



Standing Working Group on Ageing



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Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA)



Objective:

To adapt to population ageing and other demographic changes and enable the full realization of the individual and societal potential of living longer.

Achieved through:

- Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS)
- International cooperation, exchange of experience & policy discussion
- Guidance and capacity development for mainstreaming ageing
- Raising awareness on population ageing



SWGA work supports the 2030 Agenda, ICPD, the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, and related policy agendas



Achievements in 2022

Fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS

- Synthesis report based on 40 national reports
- MIPAA/RIS+20 report
- Fifth Ministerial Conference on Ageing
- 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration
- 61st Commission on Social Development

Focus in 2023

- Taskforce to update RIS
- SWGA programme of work for 2023–2027 for fifth implementation cycle of MIPAA

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MIPAA+20

A Sustainable World For All Ages

Joining forces for solidarity
and equal opportunities throughout life

— Rome 15-17 June 2022

2022 ROME MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

“A Sustainable World for All Ages:

Joining Forces for Solidarity and Equal Opportunities Throughout Life”

Policy discussion & exchange of experience



Achievements in 2022

- Policy Brief No. 27: Mainstreaming Ageing-Revisited, February 2022
- Policy Seminar on Ageing: Quality in Long-term Care, 23 November 2022

Focus in 2023

- Policy brief No. 28: Older persons in vulnerable situations
- In-depth policy discussion: Combating inequalities in older age, 22 November 2023

Mainstreaming ageing - revisited
UNECE Policy Brief on Ageing No. 27
February 2022

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Challenging context

The proportion of people aged 65 years and above will increase from 16.8 per cent in 2020 to 24.5 per cent by 2050 in the UNECE region. This demographic shift will have an impact on almost all aspects of society. A comprehensive and forward-looking policy response that anticipates, prepares for, and mitigates the impact of population ageing on the economy, society and different generations is needed.

A future-oriented approach can seize the opportunities that ageing populations bring by enabling individuals to age healthily, learn and continuously develop new skills, extend their working lives, participate in and contribute to societies in diverse and meaningful ways at all stages of their lives. Inaction, on the other hand, may lead to increasing financial burden, shortages of skilled labour, strains on health and care systems, and intergenerational inequity if the risks and costs of population ageing are unfairly distributed. It is therefore important to take decisive action now to better anticipate and prepare societies for the future to ensure sustainable social protection systems, thriving economies, prosperity, and well-being for all generations.

Suggested strategies

This policy brief highlights several levers to advance the integration of ageing into public policies:

- Political and executive leadership for mainstreaming ageing
- A strategic framework for mainstreaming ageing
- Strengthened governance and mechanisms for effective horizontal and vertical inter-institutional coordination
- Agreed procedures for age-sensitive analysis, such as regulatory impact assessments and age-responsive budgeting
- Strengthened capacity for mainstreaming ageing
- Enhanced awareness, data collection and analysis to inform policy
- Participatory policymaking at all levels

Expected results

A more effective integration of ageing into all policies at all levels will enhance preparation for and adaptation to population ageing and achieve a more equitable development within society that will benefit all age groups.

With country examples from:

Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey.

This policy brief addresses **Commitment 1 of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17.**

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Guidance & capacity development

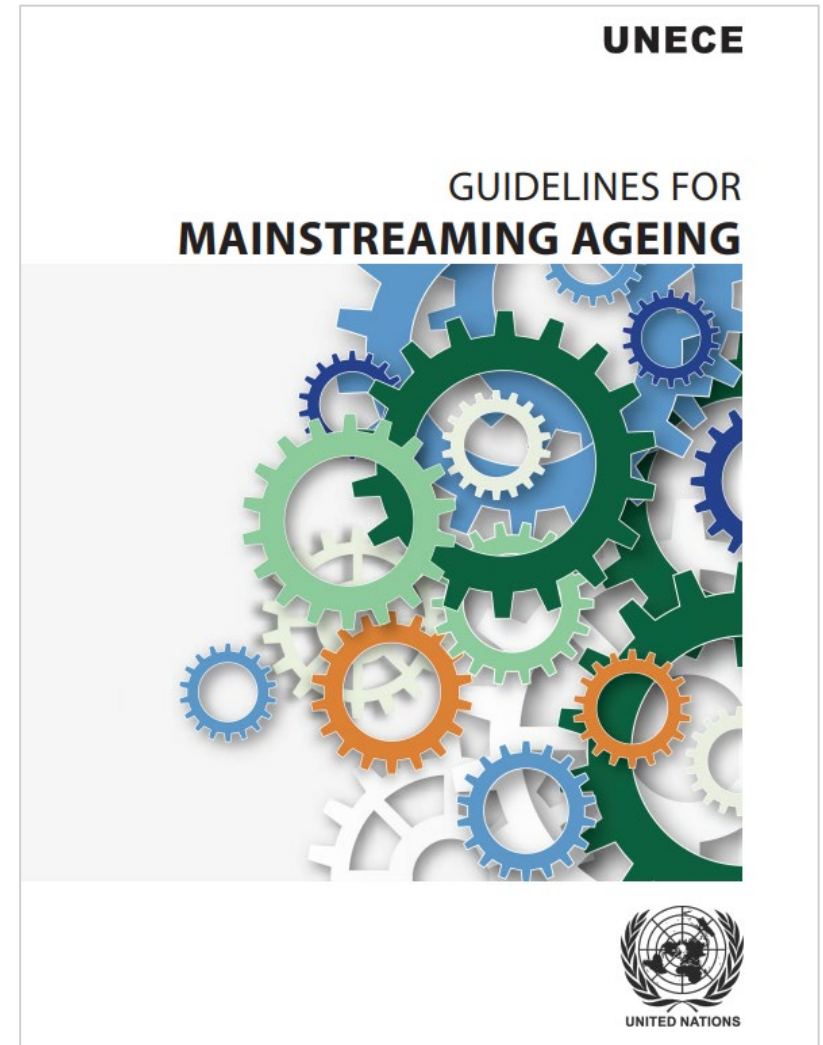


Achievements in 2022

- Training workshops on age-sensitive analysis in the Republic of Moldova and Georgia
- Online training course on mainstreaming ageing
- Republic of Moldova: 10-year evaluation of the implementation of Road Map on Mainstreaming Ageing
- Awareness-raising on mainstreaming ageing: Contributions to events organized by Germany, Türkiye, European Commission

Focus in 2023

- Translation and dissemination of online course on mainstreaming ageing
- By request: road maps, evaluations, face-to-face training



Strengthening the evidence base

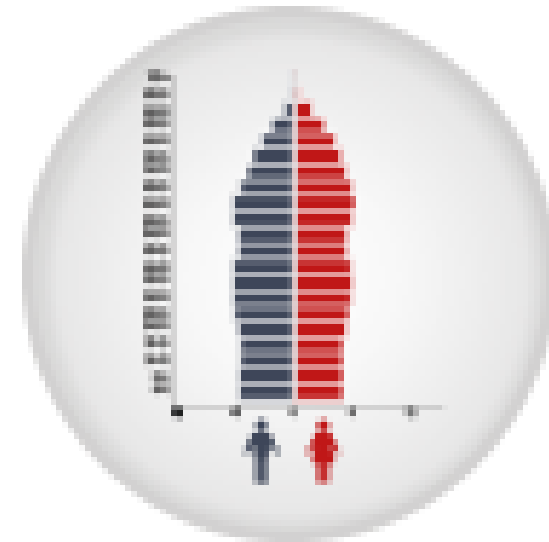


Achievements in 2022

- Generations and Gender Programme
- Statistical annex based on Active Ageing Indicators

Focus in 2023

- UNECE Ageing Policies Database



Raising awareness on ageing & partnerships



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Achievements in 2022

- NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva: Online event for 2022 International Day of Older Persons
- Dissemination via press releases, news articles, newsletters, and social media

Focus in 2023

- 3 side events on ageing at Commission for Social Development
- Side event with WHO at Regional Forum on age-friendly cities (SDGs 11 and 17)
- NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva: Joint event for 2022 International Day of Older Persons

Ongoing partnerships & cooperation

- UN Inter-Agency Group on Ageing (IAGA)
- European Commission, WHO, OHCHR, UNFPA EECARO, research institutes and civil society
- Joint programme on Ageing with UNFPA, OHCHR, WHO, HelpAge International

Supporting the SWGA work programme



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Issues for EXCOM decisions



EXCOM is invited to:

- Approve the **programme of work** of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and **Population subprogramme for 2023**, as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2022/5.

Thank you!

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