UNECE Online Policy Dialogue
Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations

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1. Multidimensionality & Research Funding

- Investigate diverse mechanisms (causes/drivers) (van Regenmortel et al. 2016)
- Construct disadvantaged position in tandem (Grenier et al. 2020)
- Design and fund research calls
- Investment in investigating vulnerable circumstances critically needed
2. Data

• Deficiencies in core data

• Official identifiers and disaggregation by age  
  (Conboy, 2021)

• Siloed single identities  
  (Kurcharczyk, 2021)

• Focused agenda on disaggregation needed to enable research
3. Later Life Circumstances

- Impacts intensified, prolonged or overlooked (Walsh and Urbaniak, 2023)

- Life-course and later-life risk (Dannefer, 2020; Green Paper, 2020)

- Experiential-based resilience (O’Carroll et al., forthcoming)

- Later life needs specific attention - challenges and opportunities
4. Agency

• Agency in vulnerable circumstances

• Ageism muffles acknowledgement and support

• Older people as rights bearers, deserving humanity

• Investigate agency in vulnerability  (Buffel 2018; Greenhalgh et al. 2019; Walsh et al. 2022)

• Invest in research (participatory, PPI, voice -led) that nurtures agency
Thank You

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