

***16th Meeting of the Standing Group for Ageing – Goal 1 of the Rome Ministerial Declaration:
Promoting active and healthy ageing throughout life – the Republic of Serbia***

THE STRATEGY FOR ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING
IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2030

- * Which data & evidence were used for the design of the policy?
- * How are older persons involved in the design and implementation of the policy?
- * What lessons from the design and implementation may be relevant for other countries?



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- National Census 2022 (11% less population than 2011, more highly educated people, older population – 43.8 average age /45.2 W, 42.4 M/, life expectancy – 73.1 W and 78.3W).
- Other sources (statistics and data from): 1) National Institute for Public Health, 2) National Institute for Social Welfare; 3) National Fund for Pension Security; 4) Eurostat.
- Researches: 1) UNDP Serbia (2018). Human Development Paper on Income Inequality in the Republic of Serbia; 2) Labour Force Survey (Nat.Stat.Office); 3) Household Budget Survey (Nat.Stat.Office) 4) UNFPA: Ageing in the Twenty-First Century: A Celebration and A Challenge; 5) Time USE Survey (EIGE); 6) Survey on Income and Life Conditions (SILC) (Nat.Stat.Office).
- Documents: 1) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS); 2) World Health Organisation's Strategic Framework for Healthy Ageing (Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030); 3) UNECE Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing.

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Proceeding for the drafting public policy document:

- 1) Ex-Ante Analysis (prepared by the Ministry in cooperation with the UNFPA in April 2023) – being available to public from May 2023;
- 2) Set up of WG (representatives of the relevant line ministries, civil society organisations and academia) until the adoption of the Strategy, it had 4 sessions;
- 3) Online consultations on Ex Ante Analysis and submission of proposals from the public;
- 4) WG produced initial version of the Strategy Proposal for public hearing organized from 27 July to 15 August 2023 online and at 3 places by public discussions. As result, about 260 participants (mostly, older persons) and 12 online contributions in written, among them: Association of Pensioners “Independence”, Amity (NGO on older persons issues), HumanaS, Association of Military Pensioners. In addition, Commissioner for the Protection, Centre for the Promotion of Dialogue and Tolerance, Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization.
- 5) All interventions were analysed at the Session of the Governmental Council on Old Age and Ageing at the end of August 2023, which led to the formulation of the exact title of the Strategy and its final text/content.

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- * *What lessons from the design and implementation may be relevant for other countries?*
- Pensions and pensions schemes;
 - Healthy and “Healthy”;
 - Ageing = 65+ ↔ Ageing ≠ 65+;
 - Violence against old persons;
 - Tripartite (entrepreneurs/trade unions/government) and civil sector engagement;

Plan of Action 2024-2026 for the Implementation of the Strategy for Active and Healthy Ageing in the Republic of Serbia for the Period of 2024-2030

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