

OEWG-A 13th Session



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**Open-Ended Working Group on
Ageing for the purpose of
strengthening the protection of
human rights of older persons**

3-6 April 2023, UN Headquarters, New York

#OEWG13 #GlobalGoals



Established 2010

2011 First session

2023, first fully in person
meeting of the OEWG-A
since 2019



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Mandate:

Set up “for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons by considering the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identifying possible gaps

and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures,

and requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support within existing resources for the duration of its mandate”.

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Agenda



- **OPENING SESSION**
- **DISCUSSION ON NORMATIVE ELEMENTS**
 - Economic security
 - Contribution to sustainable development
- **DISCUSSION ON FOCUS AREAS**
 - Social Inclusion
 - Access to health and health services
- **INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION** on strengthening the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons
- **WAY FORWARD**

Outcomes OEWG-A 13

- Draft decision of the core group about **intersessional consultations**
- The OEWG-A 13 decided by consensus to appoint **two co-facilitators** to conduct informal meetings between the 13th and the 14th session
- Ambassadors of Brasil and Portugal to the United Nations were appointed (*Developed / developing countries*)
- **Aim** of the co-facilitators' work: **identify gaps in the protection of the rights of older persons and make recommendations on how to close them**
- **Questionnaire** sent to Governments, civil society organisations and Human Rights Institutions

Outcomes OEWG-A 13

- Crucial to respond to the questionnaire - many answers needed for process to be reliable
- Come up with intergovernmental negotiated recommendations
- Themes for substantial input will be covered by the end of the 14th session
- **Focus areas 2024:** Participation in public life and decision-making / Accessibility, habitat, infrastructure and transport
- Ensure that the recommendations presented to the 14th session of the OEWGA set out clear options for a way forward
- Civil society and HRIs: Move to establish a mechanism to commence the drafting of a new UN Convention.

- GAROP [briefing](#) about questionnaire
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), *Update to the 2012 analytical outcome study on the normative standards in international human rights law in relation to older persons*, Working paper prepared by OHCHR, March 2021, <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/documents/eleventh/OHCHR%20HROP%20working%20paper%2022%20Mar%202021.pdf>
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), *Normative standards and obligations under international law in relation to the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons*, UN Doc [A/HRC/49/70](#) (2022)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), *Summary of the multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons*, [A/HRC/52/49](#) (2022)
- [Universal Human Rights Index](#)
- [OEWG website](#), see in particular UN working documents and documents submitted by NGOs, MS and other actors for each session

EESC – European Economic and Social Committee

Request from the Spanish Presidency of the Council:



OPINION
European Economic and Social Committee
European Strategy for Older Persons
European Strategy for Older Persons (Exploratory opinion at the request of the Spanish Presidency)
<i>SOC/757</i>
Rapporteur: Miguel Ángel CABRA DE LUNA

Adopted at Plenary 12/07/2023

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/our-work/opinions-information-reports/opinions/european-strategy-older-persons>

European Strategy for Older Persons

Key points

The EESC:

- calls for a **paradigm shift** towards older people, moving away from a care-based approach to focus on empowering them, and eradicating ageist views;
- calls on the EU to **adopt a new European Strategy for Older Persons** before the end of the current term of office, with the objectives of protecting all their rights and ensuring their full participation in society and the economy.

The strategy should cover the areas of equality and non-discrimination, the gender dimension, rights and access thereto, participation in society, employment, education and training, decent income and social inclusion.

It should also lead to the development of national plans by Member States, including specific targets and indicators.

European Strategy for Older Persons

Key points

The strategy should be put into practice by Guarantee for Older People – to serve as a tool to put the new strategy into practice;

The EESC:

- encourages the European Commission and the Member States to urgently draft, develop, sign, implement and monitor a European Declaration on Older People to reflect the commitment to developing a European Strategy for Older Persons;
- requests that the European Commission organises a European Year of Older People, sets up a European Agency for Older People, Ageing and the Demographic Challenge and calls for the adoption of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

European Strategy for Older Persons



Present and future of EU policy for older persons
**Presente y futuro de la política europea
para las personas mayores**

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