

Event series



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“The voice of older people at the United Nations”

A kick-off of the event series “An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange”



How did this idea develop?

- Desire for continued exchange between civil society expressed during and after the UNECE Ministerial Conference and Joint Forum by Civil Society and Academia

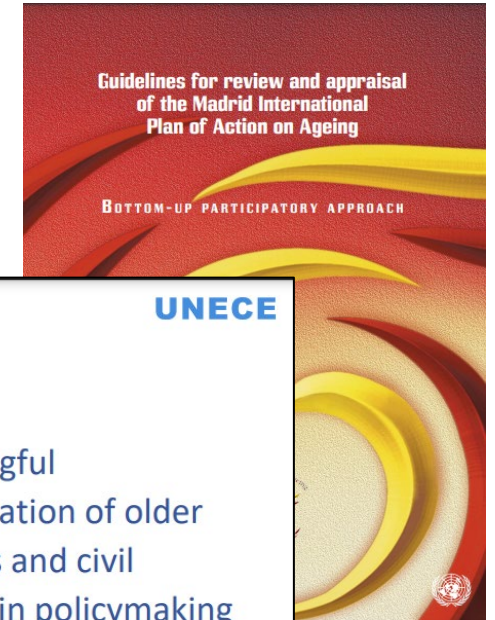
- Paragraph 47 of the 2022 Ministerial Declaration:

“We entrust the Standing Working Group on Ageing with the task of updating RIS and exploring the possibility of also updating MIPAA to adapt ageing-related policy responses to economic, social, and digital transitions and emerging challenges, and developing further instruments to support them.”



How did this idea develop?

- Work of the UN on the participatory approach to review and appraisal of MIPAA (UN Guidelines, 2006) and Guidance Note as part of the 4th review and appraisal process (UNECE, 2021) – based on joint workshop with BAGSO
- New funding phase of the Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing at BAGSO



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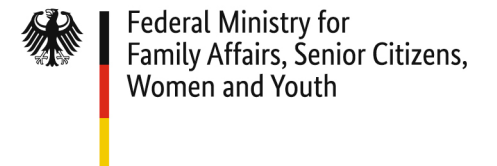
Federal Ministry for
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

Series of events

- Title: “An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange”
- Launched on 8th of November with hybrid conference “The voice of older people at the United Nations”
- From 2024 to 2026, funding by Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) for **two online seminars per year**
- In cooperation with: UNECE, AGE Platform Europe, NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva and BMFSFJ



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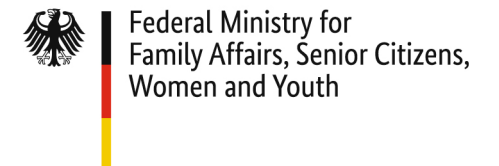


Aims

- Strengthen civil society to participate in policymaking both nationally and internationally
- Create a platform for exchange between civil society representatives across the UNECE region
- Influence the development of an updated Regional Implementation Strategy



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Kick-off event

- Focus: How can civil society influence the discussions at the UN and use international agreements for national advocacy?
- Scope: overview of international frameworks, advocacy at the UN and at national level
- Dissemination via: newsletters/mailings by all partners, social media, German civil society networks, like the Society of the United Nations and the National Network for Civil Society



Kick-off event | The programme

- Welcome
- Overview of relevant UN processes and debates
- The role of civil society at the United Nations: what is needed
- The voice of older people at the United Nations: how to make it heard
- International agreements: how to use them at national level
- Examples of advocacy around ageism
- The way forward



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Conference

Hybrid
via Zoom

Wednesday,
8th November 2023
10 am to 3 pm CET
in Bonn, Germany

**The voice of older people
at the United Nations**

Kick-off of the event series
"An engaged civil society as engine for an
age-friendly society: an international exchange"



Kick-off event

- Participants: mainly representatives of civil society, national focal points and other govt. representatives
- In total, about 80 participants from all across the UNECE region and beyond
- Hybrid with simultaneous translation (ENG/DE)



What next?

- Identify additional civil society organisations from across the UNECE region
- Timeline for and themes of online seminars
- Any suggestions or questions?

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