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- Country updates
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- ICPD30
- Media & Communications
- Inter-agency cooperation
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- In-depth policy discussions
- Online policy discussions
- Peer learning

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Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations

Policy Brief on Ageing

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Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations

What this brief is about
This policy brief addresses older persons in vulnerable situations. It first discusses the types of vulnerable situations experienced by older persons, their causes and strategies for increasing coping resources and resilience across the life course. It presents policy examples from the UNECE region addressing the situation of vulnerable older persons, with a focus on income and housing, health and long-term care, and social participation. The brief also highlights several policies and strategies to reduce the risk of vulnerability, including the costs of living across the EU, a focus on adequacy and quality of income and social protection. Finally, the brief advises attention to the importance of adequate data and research and the involvement of older persons in decision-making.

Suggested strategies
- Ensure adequate income and access to affordable housing
- Provide accessible, acceptable and quality health and long-term care services
- Reduce loneliness and improve social participation
- Improve opportunities for social participation and reduce loneliness and social exclusion
- Prevent all forms of violence and abuse against older persons
- Reduce the lack of disabled data and research on vulnerabilities among older persons
- Involve older persons in decision-making

Vulnerable situations, their causes, and mitigating factors
Vulnerability can stem from various sources. They include poor socio-economic conditions, health issues, and social exclusion. The risk of vulnerability can be increased by interactions of social factors, such as age, gender, ethnicity, and health status. Building coping capacity and social participation are important means to safeguard the economy and social connections. In addition, there are often unequal opportunities to grow in social, educational, and economic capacity, which can exacerbate the existing and new forms of vulnerability. It is crucial for policies to address the root causes of vulnerability situations. Following its recommendation requires a lifetime-oriented, gender-responsive, and human rights-based approach to enhancing social services for older persons in decision-making and support.
Combating inequalities in older age

Tomorrow, 10:00 am to 13:00 pm, Room VII

• Show key trends in inequalities among older persons

• Presentations on policies/activities from member States, civil society and intl. organizations

• Forum for discussion
## Topics for 2024 | Item 7b

### Survey on priority topics – 22 responses from NFPAs

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Survey on priority topics

Number of responses

- Mental health
- Evidence based policy making
- Abuse & neglect
- Coordination of policy/mainstreaming

Legend:
1st choice 2nd choice 3rd choice 4th choice 5th choice 6th choice 7th choice 8th choice
Proposed activities for 2024 | Item 7b

March
Online Side-Event at RFSD
Abuse & neglect of disadvantaged older persons

June
Policy Brief #29
Online Policy Discussion
Mental health of older persons

September
Online Policy Discussion
Coordination of ageing policy across the government

November
In-Depth Policy Discussion
Evidence based policy making
• New element in Programme of Work for 2023-2027.

• To enhance peer learning, the secretariat can facilitate the organisation of country visits between interested member States.

• Organization at the discretion of inviting member States and could be organised either in person or virtually.
Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building
• Provide guide to uphold the commitments of MIPAA/RIS

• 2023 request by Uzbekistan
  ➢ Working with Joint Programme on Ageing (esp. UNFPA & WHO)
Three new Tools for Raising awareness on mainstreaming ageing

1. Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing
2. Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation
3. Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Available on our homepage
- Presented at online event on 5 September ’23
Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Follows the Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing
- Moderated discussion & many interactive elements
- Duration around 1.5 hours
- Can be taken in any module order
- Works best on desktop, but mobile-friendly for learners on-the-go
Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing

• Design and text elements can be easily adapted to national contexts
• Russian translation coming shortly
• Encourage translations in other languages
• Course in Learning Management System (LMS) format
Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation

• One or two day in-person training to introduce age-sensitive analysis of data and policy documents
• Focus on the identification of age-based inequalities, their causes and actions needed to address them
• Developed with UNFPA
• Piloted in the Republic of Moldova and Georgia
Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation

• Reference Guide:
  • Describes the conceptual framework of the workshop
  • Describes the practical exercises

• Facilitators’ Guide:
  • Provides facilitators with detailed information on how to organize and implement the workshop

☑ Many member States and CSOs indicated interest in using the course.
Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

• Developed and piloted by BAGSO (Germany)
• A half-day expert workshop (in person or online)
• To discuss with national experts and stakeholders how ageing issues can be mainstreamed across government policy
• The workshop introduces the concept and methods of mainstreaming ageing, and draws on lessons learnt from gender mainstreaming
Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

• Developed detailed Facilitators’ Guide
• To facilitate easy replication of workshop
2024?
Interest to use new tools in survey

- Online course: 18
- Expert workshop: 15
- Training workshops: 13

Capacity development - 2024 | Item 7c (ii)
Monitoring the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building the evidence base for policymaking
Objectives

1. To improve the capacity of policymakers to develop policy responses to the challenges of longevity and population ageing, by providing easy access to examples of ageing policy across the UNECE region through a searchable web-based database.

2. Facilitate MIPAA review & appraisal process in the future.
UNECE Ageing Policies Database | Item 7d (iii)

Timeline

- **Nov ’22 - Apr ‘23**: Mapping existing databases
- **Nov ’22 - May ’23**: Developed coding framework
- **May-Nov ‘23**: Coding of MIPAA+20 reports
- **Dec-Jul ‘24**: Add. content develop.
- **Dec-Jul ‘24**: Technical develop.
- **Oct ‘24**: Launch
Mapping of relevant existing databases

Including:

• Social PoLicy Archive for SHARE (SPLASH)
• EU Mutual Information System on Social Protection (MISSOC)
• AARP Database of Actions Plans for Aging
• GGP Contextual Database
• CEPAL Montevideo consensus regional monitoring platform

➢ No similar database exists
Derived list of main policy themes

- Mapped themes over time across policy documents
- Example:

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### UNECE Ageing Policies Database | Item 7d (iii)

**List of 14 policy themes in database**

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Development of coding frame of policy instruments

- Based on academic literature
- Terminology of MIPAA+20 reports

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Developed template of policy summaries

- 150-200 words
- An example ...
The objective of the National Strategic Policy for Active Ageing 2023-2030 of Malta is to mainstream ageing and to protect the human rights of older people by mitigating against age discrimination ... While the Ministry for Active Ageing is the institution responsible for leading the implementation of the recommendations of the policy, different Ministries are to ensure the necessary funding and human resources for initiatives that fall under their respective responsibility are available ... While some of the recommendations are aimed directly at older persons, in terms of scope, many call for action on the societal level. A key feature of the policy are its comprehensive list of planned measures and initiatives. In terms of timeline, the policy will be implemented in the years 2023-2023.
Developed comprehensive list of tags/keywords

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Coded all MIPAA+20 reports

- Identified all policies in 41 MIPAA+20 reports
  - Approx. 2,500 policies & measures
- Coded them according to policy themes & instruments
- Identified sources (if possible)
- Attributed tags/keywords
Example of Austria
Next steps:

1. Content development
   - Funding to write approx. 1,000 summaries in 2024
   - Launch with selected policy themes

2. Technical development
   - Contracting of database developer
**UNECE Ageing Policies Database | Item 7d (iii)**

Next steps (cont’d):

- We will **share Excel sheets** with NFPAs for:
  - Review
  - Inclusion of sources / link
- **Call for policy updates** since MIPAA reports in 2024

➢ May focus on most important policies for inclusion in database
Next steps (cont’d):

- Call for policy updates in 2024
  - Voluntary
  - May focus on most important policies for inclusion in database
Decision:

The Standing Working Group on Ageing invites the Secretariat to
1) **share the coded list of policies** from the MIPAA+20 reports with national focal points on ageing to **review and complete missing information for inclusion in database**
2) **Invite and include policy updates in 2024**
Ageing-related and age-disaggregated data | Item 7d (i)

Fourth Technical Meeting of the Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age-disaggregated data co-hosted by UNECE in Geneva, 25-26 September 2023

Work strands

• Review of Ageing-related Statistics in the Global Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework
• Making older persons visible in the SDGs monitoring framework and indicators
• Harmonisation and Standardisation

Reporting to UN Statistical Commission in 2024
Invite to present at 17th meeting of SWGA in 2024
At its 15th meeting the Bureau agreed that the topic for the discussion groups for SWGA16 should be on the possibility of developing a quantitative monitoring framework for MIPAA/RIS.

Under “Strengthening the evidence base through ageing-related and age-disaggregated data” the Programme of Work 2023-2027 states that “SWGA, supported by the UNECE secretariat, will develop an indicator framework to facilitate the quantitative monitoring of progress in implementing MIPAA/RIS and the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration at regional and national levels.”
Guiding questions:

1. Do you think a quantitative monitoring tool for MIPPA/RIS & Rome Declaration would be useful for your work at the national level? What are the pros & cons in your view?

2. What are the evidence needs and gaps at the national level?

3. What should be the next steps towards developing a quantitative monitoring framework?

4. What should we keep in mind when developing an indicator framework?