Activities in 2023 & plans for 2024 | Item 7

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➤ Brief update on awareness raising activities by the secretariat

➤ Country updates

Awareness & synergies | Item 7a

Events

Training / workshops

ICPD30

Media & Communications

Inter-agency cooperation

Exchange of experience | Item 7b

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Policy Briefs	In-depth policy discussions
Online policy discussions	Peer learning

➢ Activities during **2023** and plans for **2024**

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Policy Briefs on Ageing 28 | Item 7b

In depth-policy discussion 2023 | Item 7b

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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

Survey on priority topics – 22 responses from NFPAs

Topic	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	6th choice	7th choice	8th choice
Mental health	7	3	3	1	4	2	1	0
Evidence based policy making	5	2	1	2	1	6	0	4
Abuse & neglect	4	3	3	2	4	2	2	1
Coordination & mainstreaming	2	5	1	4	2	1	5	1
Older women & gender inequities	2	1	4	1	5	2	4	2
Formal Long-Term Care services	1	4	6	2	2	2	0	4
Climate change	0	2	0	4	1	3	7	4
Engagement of older persons	0	1	3	5	2	3	2	5

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Survey on priority topics

Number of responses
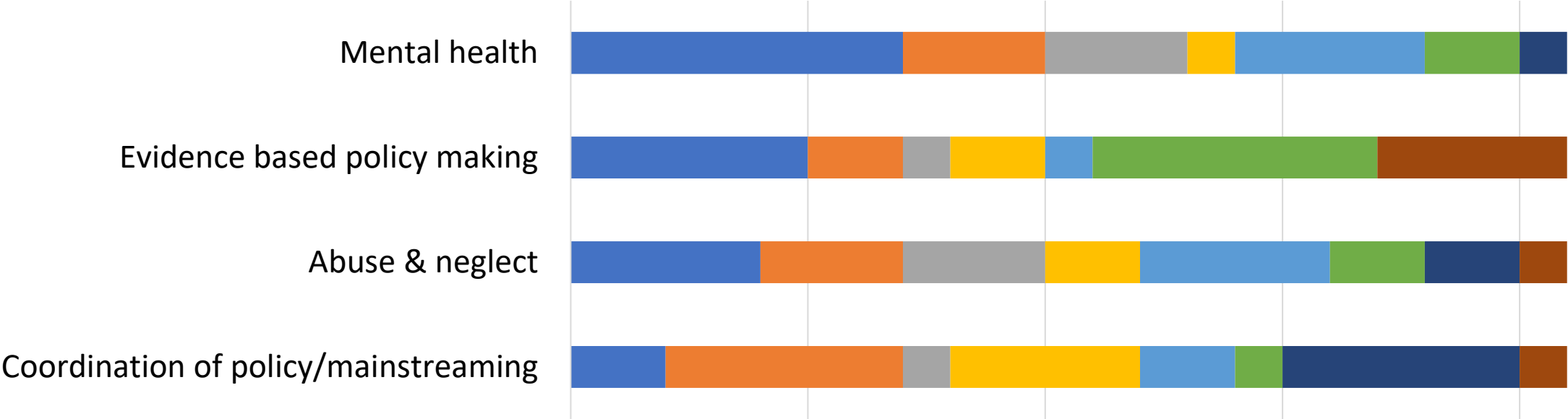
- 1st choice
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- 7th choice
- 8th choice

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

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- 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.

Item 7c

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)

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

Three new Tools for Raising awareness on mainstreaming ageing
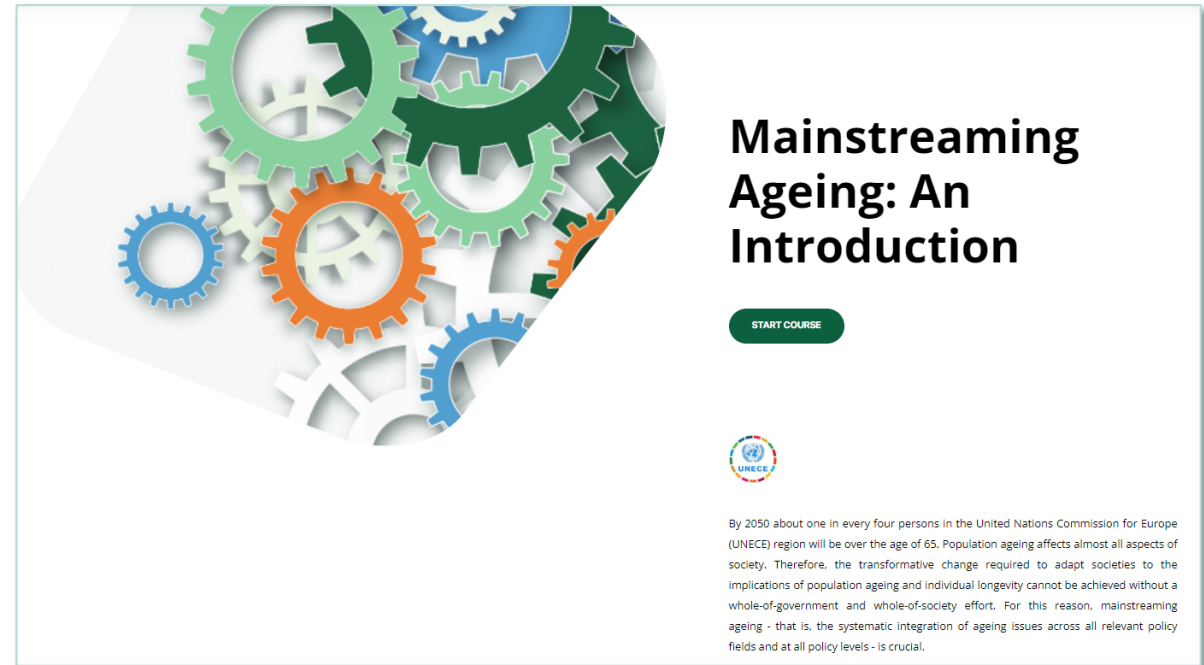
1. Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing
2. Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation
3. Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

➢ Available on our homepage
➢ Presented at online event on 5 September '23

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

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

Mainstreaming Ageing: An Introduction

START COURSE

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By 2050 about one in every four persons in the United Nations Commission for Europe (UNECE) region will be over the age of 65. Population ageing affects almost all aspects of society. Therefore, the transformative change required to adapt societies to the implications of population ageing and individual longevity cannot be achieved without a whole-of-government and whole-of-society effort. For this reason, mainstreaming ageing - that is, the systematic integration of ageing issues across all relevant policy fields and at all policy levels - is crucial.

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

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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

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

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

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

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.

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Age-Sensitive Analysis and Age-Responsive Policy Formulation to Advance Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies

Reference Guide

Version June 2023

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Training on Age-sensitive Analysis to Advance Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies

Facilitators' Guide

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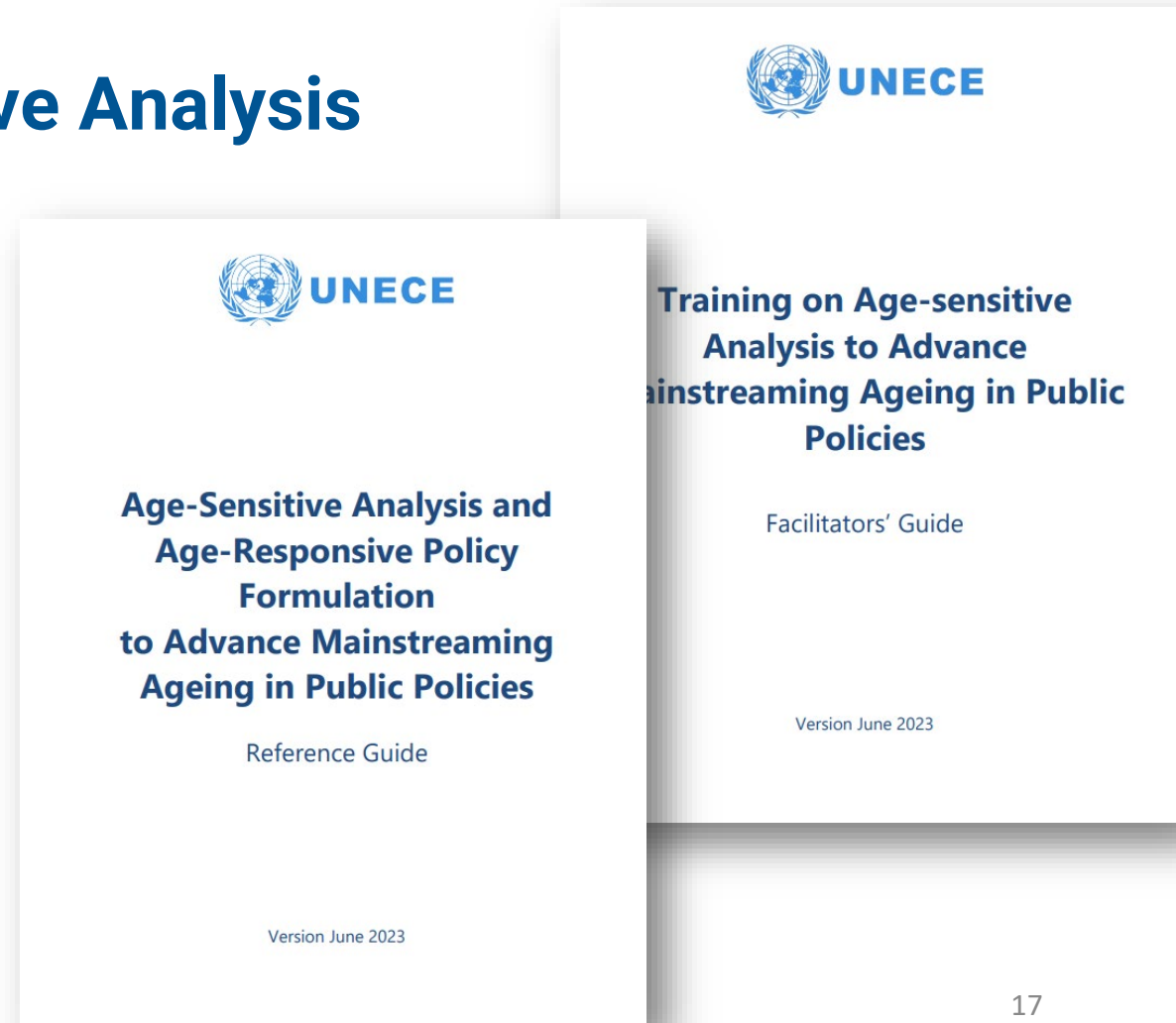
Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

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**

Capacity development | Item 7c (ii)

Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Developed detailed Facilitators' Guide
- To facilitate easy replication of workshop

Capacity development - 2024 | Item 7c (ii)

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2024?
Interest to use
new tools in survey

Online course

18

Expert workshop

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Training workshops

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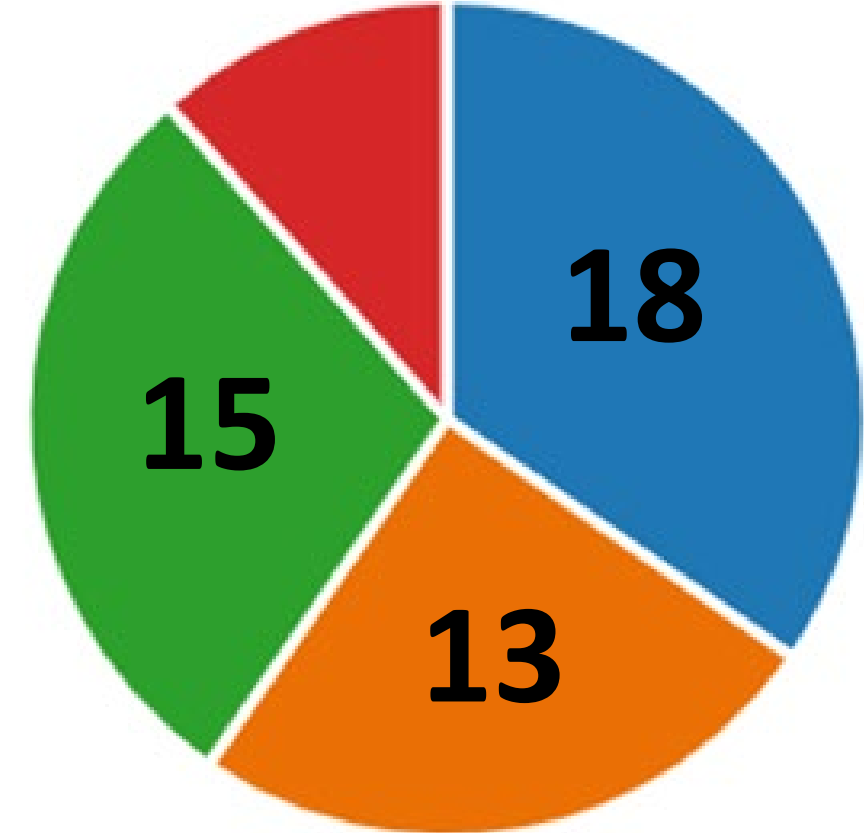
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Monitoring the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building the evidence base for policymaking

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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.

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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** |

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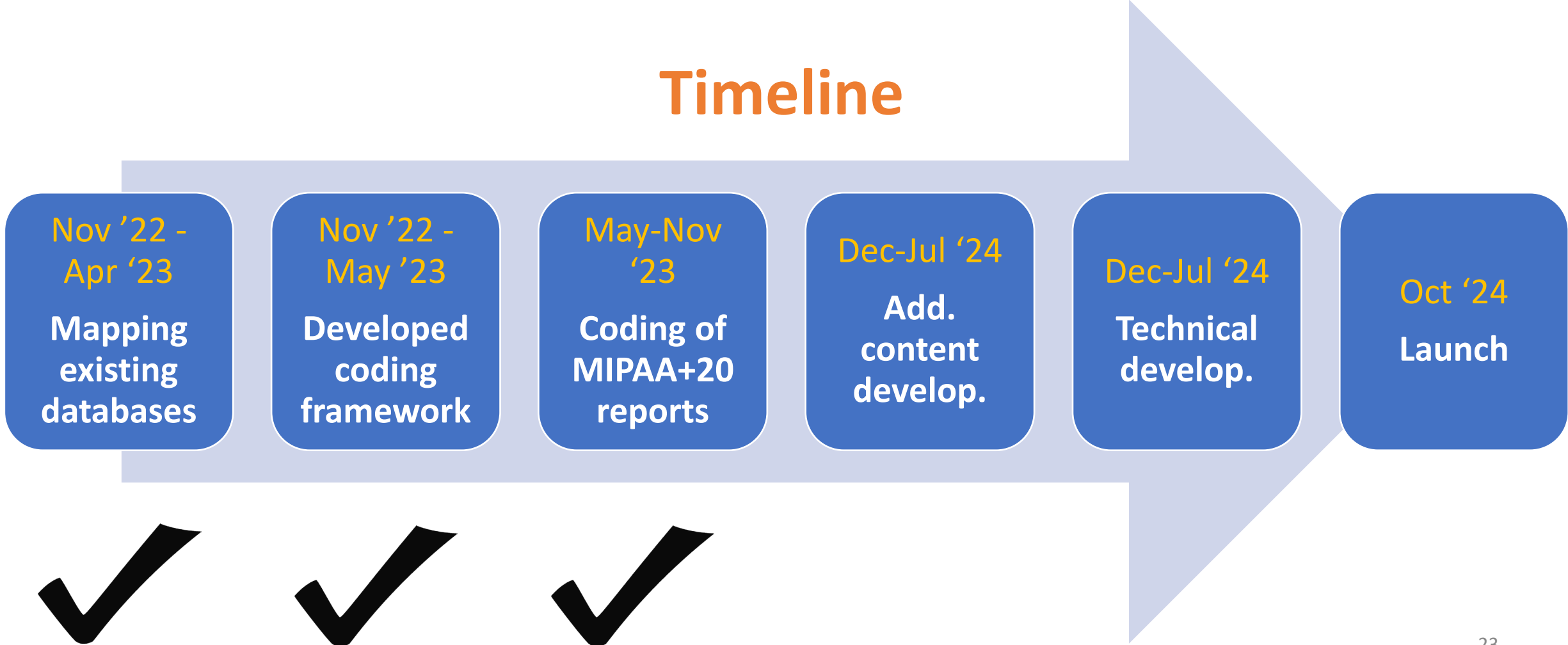
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Mapping of relevant existing databases

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**

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Derived list of main **policy themes**

➢ **Mapped themes over time across policy documents**

➢ **Example:**

MIPAA	RIS	Rome Declaration	Theme in database
• Opportunities for indiv. development … throughout life … through, e.g., access to **lifelong learning** …	• Facilitate and encourage **life-long learning**.	• Facilitate older persons' participation in social, cultural, and civic life, and promote **life-long learning**.	• **Lifelong learning**

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List of 14 **policy themes** in database

Abuse, violence, neglect	Intergenerational solidarity & exchange
Age-friendly environments	Lifelong learning & digitalization
Ageism	Long-term care
Emergency situations	Mainstreaming ageing
Employment	Participation in society
Health	Social and financial security & pensions
Gender equality	Data and knowledge generation

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Development of coding frame of **policy instruments**

➢ **Based on academic literature**

➢ **Terminology of MIPAA+20 reports**

Laws, law articles, decrees	Campaigns
Strategies	Programs
National or regional plans	Funds
Projects	Institution
Recommendations	Research / study
Guidelines	National ageing strategy
Working groups	

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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.**

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Developed comprehensive list of tags/keywords

Policy Theme	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag
1. Abuse, violence, neglect	Gender-based	Physical	…
2. Age-friendly environments	Housing	Recreation. infrastructure	…
3. Ageism	Discrimination	Positive image of ageing	…
4. Emergency situations	Natural disasters	War / Conflict	…
5. Employment	Unemployment	Extending working lives	…
6. Health	Disability	Alzheimer/Dementia	…
7. Gender equality	Care responsibilities	Labor force particip.	…
…	…	…	…

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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

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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

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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

Group discussions | Item 7d

- 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."

Group discussions | Item 7d

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?