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Main objective of the Ageing – Phase III project (2019-2022):

“Improve capacities of UNECE member States in developing evidence-based policy measures to meet their commitments under MIPAA/RIS and 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration: Ageing.”

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- Independent evaluation using a summative - mixed method.
- To assess if and to what extent the project outputs have been achieved in terms of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.
 - Interviews: 9 current & past members of Bureau, 2 staff members of Secretariat
 - Survey: 28 NFPAs, 11 CSOs & 2 IOs

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Main findings:

- Overall, evaluation confirmed that the project and its main outputs are relevant, effective, and efficient.
- Significant evidence to confirm that national partners as well as those of international organizations and civil society, consider the work of project valuable, effective, and efficient.
- Despite certain drawbacks caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and unstable staffing situation of the population subprogramme.

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Recommendation	Response
#1. Strengthen the role and engagement of national focal points on ageing in activities of the SWGA including through the development of Terms of Reference for national focal points on ageing.	The secretariat will propose the development of terms of reference for national focal points on ageing.
#2. Further enhance the usefulness of project outputs (policy briefs, policy seminars and guidelines for mainstreaming ageing) to national policymakers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation of members of the SWGA.• Preparation of summary version with key messages of policy briefs.• Members of the SWGA will be encouraged to translate policy briefs into national languages at the 16th meeting of the SWGA.• The secretariat will propose to the SWGA to include a checklist for mainstreaming ageing in the toolkit based on the UNECE Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing.

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#3. Strengthen the MIPAA/RIS review process to become a stronger accountability mechanism for governments	Preparations for the next MIPAA/RIS review process will commence in 2025, when the modalities for the next review will be developed and approved by the SWGA.
#4. Include cross-cutting issues such as gender, disability, human rights and climate change in the programming cycle more systematically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The secretariat will continue to mainstream cross-cutting issues such as gender, disability, human rights and climate change, by:• (a) explicitly addressing cross-cutting issues in road maps for mainstreaming ageing and policy recommendations; (b) including cross-cutting issues in any data-related work undertaken by the secretariat/SWGA to monitor population ageing and the situation of older persons as well as the implementation of MIPAA/RIS; (c) developing a checklist for policy brief authors and event organizers on how to address regional diversity and cross-cutting issues, as appropriate, including gender, disability, human rights and climate change

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<p>#5. Address the instability of the staffing and budget situation in the Secretariat to ensure continuity and efficient use of the know-how of current staff and engage in fundraising for additional resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The secretariat will continue to engage in fundraising to ensure continuous capacity of the secretariat to support the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing.• This will be done through follow-up projects on ageing to which member States can pledge financial support.
<p>#6. Increase the sustainability of project results by encouraging members of the SWGA Bureau, national focal points on ageing and partner organizations to undertake follow-up activities and continue working on processes already initiated to enhance ownership and ensure more sustainability of its work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The secretariat will encourage members of the Standing Working Group on Ageing to implement products developed by the SWGA in their respective countries, including through translation of knowledge products and capacity-development materials into national languages and their dissemination and use at the national level.