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ITALY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS RESPONDING TO THE GOALS OF THE 2022 ROME MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

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THE ITALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATION

NEW FRAMEWORK LAW ON POLICIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

NATIONAL MULTILEVEL CO-MANAGED COORDINATION OF ACTIVE AGEING POLICIES IN ITALY

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH
Demographic indicators

- Dependency Ratio (0-14 + 65+/15-64 anni) is currently 57.5% (estimated 77% in 2040)
- Ageing Index (65/0-14) is currently 193.3 (estimated 299 in 2040)
- Italian population is shrinking. In 2023: 58,850,717 (estimated 56 millions in 2040; 51 millions in 2060)
Guidelines to the Government to enact legislation on:

- Promotion of psychological, social, cultural and economic value of the entire life course
- Involvement of older people in social solidarity activities
- Intervention and measures aimed at preventing social isolation and relational deprivation
- Right of self-determination of older people
- Biopsychosocial Assessment of needs and capabilities of older people
- Right of older people to palliative care, both at home and within specialized settings
- Specific care needs of ageing persons with disabilities
- Support to families of older people with disabilities or in need of long term care
- Comprehensive reform of nursing homes and promotion of community services and cohousing
- Support to intergenerational relations
- Age friendly urban environments
- Digital literacy of older people
- Support to the integration of information systems
New governance for ageing policies

- Interministerial Committee for policies for older people
  - National Plan for Active Ageing
    - Regional Plans
      - Local Plans
  - National Plan for Long Term Care
The project, funded by the Office of the Prime Minister (Department for Family Policies) started in 2019 and was aimed at:

✓ Collecting information about the status of the art at national and regional level, concerning policies/intervention of active ageing;
✓ Developing recommendations for modeling interventions for active ageing and social inclusion of older people at national/local level, involving Regions and Municipalities, also adopting the Active Ageing Index as a monitoring tool, and strengthening intergenerational solidarity, in accordance to MIPAA/RIS
✓ Identification of policy objectives, implementing the recommendations produced

Scientific coordination: IRCCS INRCA
Partners: Ministry of Labour and Social Policies INAPP
Stakeholders: Ministries, Regional Governments and Autonomous Provinces, NGOs, Academia, Social Partners

http://famiglia.governo.it/it/politiche-e-attivita/invecchiamento-attivo/

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Activities 2022-2026

✓ Regional Conferences for dissemination (16 realized out of 21)

✓ Exchange workshops among Regional Governments (first meeting on November 23, 2023)

✓ Regional Workshops involving Institutions and civil society organizations

✓ Participatory promotion of policies to support informal caregiving to older people

✓ Participatory development of a methodology for age sensitivity analysis of policies and measures (2024-2026)
Age-It Research Programme

**Mission:** to make Italy a leading scientific hub for research and a cutting-edge "empirical laboratory" on ageing through the study and development of socioeconomic, biomedical and technological solutions

**Funding:** Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan

**Coordination:** University of Florence

**Partners:** 14 Universities, National Research Council, ISTAT, INPS, INRCA, private companies and cooperatives

Project [web page](https://ageit.it/)

[Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= mdb21N7ANZI) about the project:

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Items of the Research Programme

- Challenge 1 - **The demography of aging – A data science approach to decision making**
- Challenge 2 - **Improving the understanding of the biology of ageing**
- Challenge 3 - **Clinical and environmental factors, functional status and multimorbidity: Stratifying progression and prognosis of diseases, frailty and disability**
- Challenge 4 - **Trajectories for active and healthy ageing (behavioural and psychological determinants)**
- Challenge 5 - **Care sustainability in an ageing society**
- Challenge 6 - **Silver Economy. Work, participation, retirement and welfare**
- Challenge 7 - **Cultural and political dimensions of ageing societies**
- Challenge 8 - **Interventions to reduce the burden of age-related diseases, disorders and disabilities**
- Challenge 9 - **Advanced Gerontechnologies for active and healthy ageing**
- Challenge 10 - **Mainstreaming ageing by building institutional mechanisms for better and future-oriented health policy making and prevention**
Enlarged partnership