



Standing Working Group on Ageing



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Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA)



Objective:

To adapt to population ageing and other demographic changes and enable the full realization of the individual and societal potential of living longer.

Achieved through:

- Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS)
- International cooperation, exchange of experience & policy dialogue
- Guidance and capacity development for mainstreaming ageing
- Raising awareness on population ageing



SWGA work supports the 2030 Agenda, ICPD, the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, and related policy agendas

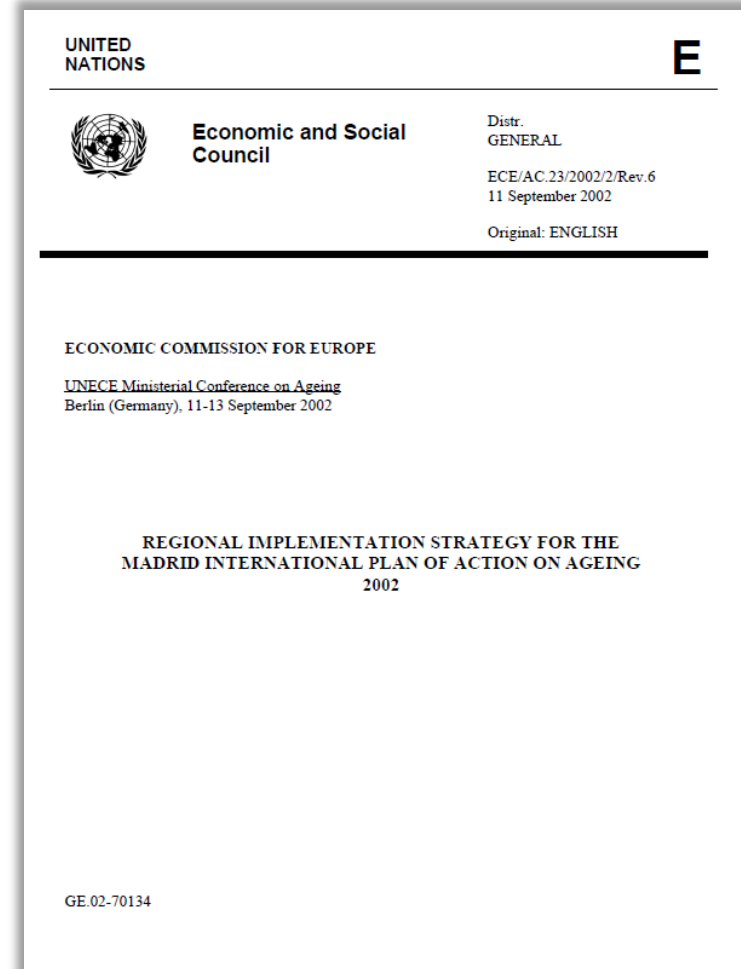


Achievements in 2023

- SWGA programme of work for 2023–2027 for fifth implementation cycle of MIPAA
- Task force to update RIS
 - Terms of reference and modalities of work
 - Preparation for national stakeholder engagement process

Focus in 2024

- National stakeholder engagement for update to RIS



Strengthening the evidence base

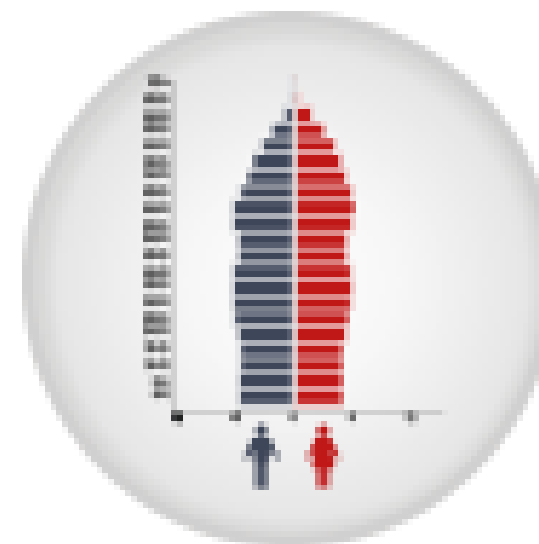


Achievements in 2023

- UNECE Ageing Policies Database
 - Development of taxonomy of policy themes and instruments
 - Coding of hundreds of policies submitted in MIPAA reports
- Generations and Gender Programme

Focus in 2024

- UNECE Ageing Policies Database
 - Technical development
 - Summaries of policies
 - Launch in autumn 2024
- In-depth review of ageing-related statistics with Conference of European Statisticians



Policy discussion & exchange of experience

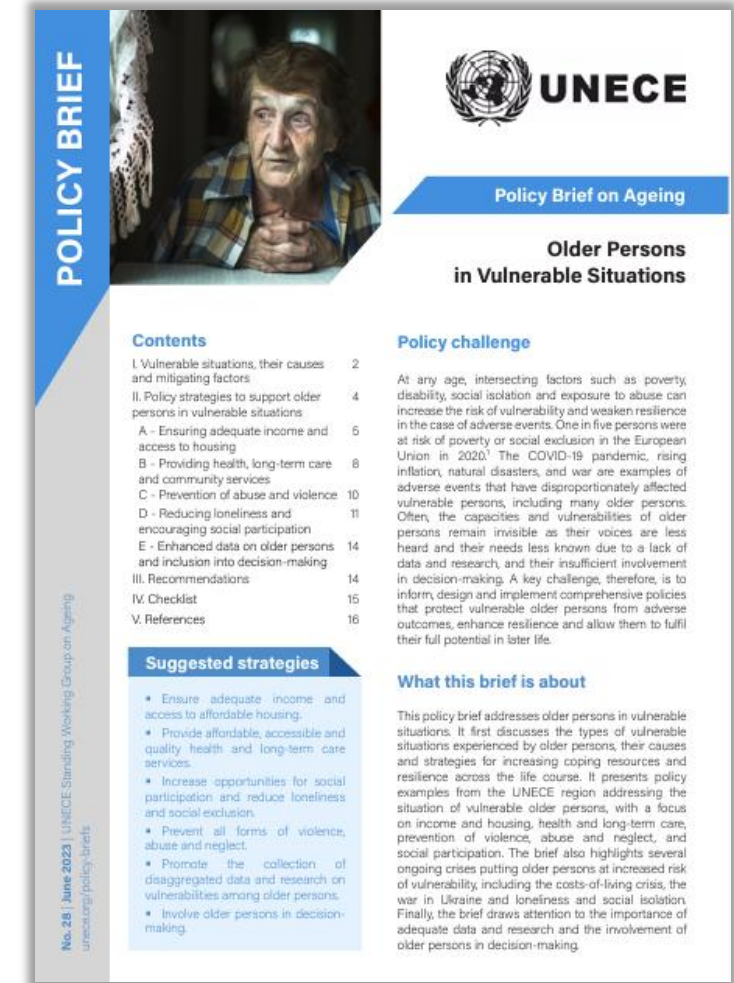


Achievements in 2023

- Policy Brief No. 28: Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations, June 2023
- RFSD side event: Towards age-friendly sustainable cities and communities, 28 March 2023
- In-depth Policy Discussion: Combatting inequalities in older age, 22 November 2023

Focus in 2024

- Policy brief No. 29: Mental health of older persons
- RFSD side event: Violence against older persons
- Online policy discussion: Coordination of ageing policy across the government
- In-depth policy discussion: Evidence-based policy making



Guidance & capacity development



Achievements in 2023

- Training workshops on age-sensitive analysis in Georgia and the Republic of Moldova
- Online training course on mainstreaming ageing
- Training materials for workshops on mainstreaming ageing
- Roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing in Uzbekistan (2023-24)

Focus in 2024

- Translation and dissemination of guidelines and online course on mainstreaming ageing
- Data needs assessment on ageing-related data, Georgia



Raising awareness on ageing & partnerships



Achievements in 2023

- Regional review and conference on ICPD at 30 years
- NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva: 2023 International Day of Older Persons event
- Titchfield Group on ageing-related statistics
- Dissemination via press releases, news articles, and social media

Focus in 2024

- Global Coalition for Social Justice

Ongoing partnerships & cooperation

- UN Inter-Agency Group on Ageing (IAGA)
- European Commission, WHO, OHCHR, UNFPA EECARO, research institutes and civil society
- Joint programme on Ageing with UNFPA, OHCHR, WHO, HelpAge International, NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva

Supporting the SWGA work programme



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Issues for EXCOM decisions



EXCOM is invited to:

- Approve the **programme of work** of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and **Population subprogramme for 2024**, as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2023/5.

Thank you!

Alfredo Ferrante, SWGA Chair

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