

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**  
**14.30 to 16.30 CEST**

# **Daring new communities: Living solidarity in an individualised society**

Part of the series

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The increasing individualisation of society is a cause for concern for many people in the UNECE region: loneliness, social fragmentation and a lack of cohesion are becoming increasingly apparent. At the same time, new forms of communities are emerging in many places, in which people support each other across generations and live together in solidarity.

This online event brings together representatives of civil society from the UNECE region to present inspiring examples of successful new communities and intergenerational initiatives. Together, we want to discuss how such initiatives can be strengthened and disseminated, both in urban and rural areas.

The event is part of the series 'An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange'. The series, which comprises a total of six online events until the end of 2026, offers representatives of civil society the opportunity to exchange ideas with non-governmental organisations from countries in the UNECE region. It also serves to provide information on current international developments in the field of ageing policy and human rights of older persons.

# Programme

**14.30 Uhr**

## **Welcome**

- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, President of AGE Platform Europe, BAGSO board member and representative of civil society at the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) of the UNECE
- Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, Head of Unit at the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth

**14.40 Uhr**

## **Living solidarity – between human rights and policy**

### **Fair societies need rights:**

#### **The human rights framework for ageing societies**

- Dr Claudia Mahler, United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

### **Who bears the cost? Intergenerational fairness in financing social systems**

- Dr Alejandro Bonilla, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva

**15.00 Uhr**

## **Living together, acting together: intergenerational practices**

- Alice Latta, Entr'Ages, Belgium
- Liana Kokkolia, Antama, Greece
- Anne Berit Rafoss, Centre for an Age-Friendly Norway

**15.40 Uhr**

## **Break**

**15.50 Uhr**

## **What connects us: Generations in dialogue**

- Moira Allan, Old'Up, France
- Neža Repanšek, European Economic and Social Council (EESC)

**16.20 Uhr**

## **Elevating the discussion to the work of the UNECE: civil society participation in the updating of the Regional Implementation Strategy of MIPAA**

- Dr Lisa Warth, UNECE–Population Unit
- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform, BAGSO and SWGA

**16.30 Uhr**

## **End**

**Moderation:** Ina Voelcker, Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing, BAGSO

**Conference languages will be English and German.  
Simultaneous translation will be provided.**

## Organisational information

### Registration

Participation in the event is free of charge. Registration via the online registration form is required. Individual registrations by telephone are also possible.

[Registration](#)

### Accessibility

Please inform us of any support requirements when registering. Within the scope of our possibilities, we will be happy to make appropriate arrangements associated with the event.

### Organiser

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