

Tuesday, 2nd December 2025
14.30 to 16.30 CET

Shaping the future together

Political priorities for ageing societies
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What policy areas and topics may have been overlooked or inadequately addressed in regional efforts to build societies for all ages? This question lies at the heart of a current workstream of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to guide future ageing policy in the region. Between June 2024 and June 2025, national stakeholder consultations were conducted to gather diverse perspectives on this question. Participants of all ages from NGOs, civil society, academia, and governments were consulted.

The UNECE is now analysing the findings of the national consultations to update the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). In parallel, this online event brings together representatives of civil society from across the UNECE region to discuss future priorities for ageing policy. Aim is to explore the challenges that ageing societies in the region are facing and to discuss how rights-based frameworks can help create inclusive, fair and sustainable societies. The event will identify key areas for action and inform the ongoing update of MIPAA/RIS and the upcoming negotiations for a new UN convention on the rights of older persons.

The event is part of the series 'An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange', which features six online events running until the end of 2026. The series provides civil society representatives a platform for exchange and to stay informed about the latest international developments in ageing policy and the human rights of older persons.

Programme

14.30

Welcome and introduction

- 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
- Dr Lisa Warth, Chief of the Population Unit at UNECE and Secretary of the SWGA

14.40

Population ageing: challenges and opportunities for economies, social and health systems in the region

- Dr Daniela Vono de Vilhena, Population Europe

15.00

Key themes and future challenges:

what emerged from national stakeholder exercises?

- Pietro Checcucci, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (Inapp), Italy
- Aleš Kenda, Ministry of Solidarity-based Future, Slovenia
- Nailya Verdiyeva, Ministry for Labour and Social Protection of Population, Republic of Azerbaijan

15.25

Comfort break

15.35

Shaping age-friendly societies:

Rights-based policy priorities for tomorrow

Discussion in break-out groups

16.10

MIPAA+25: UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing in 2027

- Michael Stahl, Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

16.20

Concluding remarks and way forward

- Silvia Perel-Levin, vice chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva
- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf

16.30

End

Organisational information

■ Languages

Conference languages will be English, German and Russian.
Simultaneous translation will be provided.

■ 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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