Working Group on Ageing (WGA)
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WGA:

- Works on improving policymaking in compliance with MIPAA/RIS and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- In 2018-2022, focuses on the priorities outlined in 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and SDGs (1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17)
Highlights 2018: Policy seminar “Ageing and the SDGs”

Connecting MIPAA/RIS and the 2030 Agenda: Areas for policy integration
Highlights 2018:
Policy briefs and capacity-building

Policy Briefs on Ageing with good practice examples

✓ Innovative social services and supportive measures for independent living in advanced age
✓ Combatting ageism in the world of work

Roadmap on mainstreaming ageing in support of developing a national strategy on ageing in Belarus

✓ First field mission:
  11 bilateral meetings
  & focus group discussions
Highlights 2018: Monitoring and strengthening the evidence

Active Ageing Index
- Criteria-specific analysis of AAI results in Italy
- National seminar in Poland & Second International Seminar on the AAI

Generations and Gender Programme
- Harmonized data from surveys in 20 UNECE countries
- Joined GGP recently:
  - Kazakhstan – completed survey in 2018
  - Republic of Moldova – started preparations
Highlights 2018:
Regional Review & Conference on ICPD+25

Enabling Choices: Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development
Geneva, 1-2 October 2018
Activities in 2019

- Policy seminar on Ageing
- Developing Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing
- Two new policy briefs:
  - Informal carers
  - Ageing in urban environments
- Two Road maps on ageing (Belarus & Kazakhstan)
- Monitoring & evidence building: AAI & GGP
- Maintaining active collaboration with international organizations & other stakeholders involved in ageing issues

All this to be done with a support of a small ECE PU team – 1 chief of unit, 1 junior officer and 1 programme assistant
Follow-up on para 38 of Lisbon Ministerial Declaration

Transforming WGA into a standing intergovernmental body

- Informal consultations with EXCOM members: 22 June & 5 November 2018
- Following the discussion at its annual meeting on 19-20 November 2018, **WGA proposes to:**
  - Rename the WGA to a Standing Working Group on Ageing
  - Revise the Terms of Reference
The population

Issues for EXCOM decision

EXCOM is invited to

- to endorse the revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing including the change of its name to “Standing Working Group on Ageing”, as contained in the Annex to the document ECE/EX/2019/L.1, and transmit them to the Economic Commission for Europe for consideration at its sixty-eighth session.
Thank you!

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