Introduction and Background

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Ageing - A Challenge and an Opportunity
Chisinau, 13-16 March 2007
Objectives of Workshop

- To improve understanding of ...
  - challenges and opportunities related to demographic change, population ageing in particular
  - UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing - MIPAA/RIS
- Provide knowledge for ...
  - implementation and monitoring of the commitments of MIPAA/RIS
  - Developing national action plans and projects related to ageing
- Provide guidance for drafting of country reports
Intergovernmental cooperation and capacity-development

- **UN, UNECE:**
  - action plan (MIPAA/RIS)
  - develop intergovernmental cooperation in implementation

- **UNFPA:**
  - to develop capacities to deal with ageing related issues
Context:
Events and Programme Documents

- Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Berlin, September 2002) → *Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of MIPAA*
- UNECE regional conference on ageing (León, Spain, 6-8 November 2007)
Context:
2007 UNECE Conference on Ageing

- Organizers:
  - UNECE
  - Ministry of Labour and Social Services of Spain
- Place: León, Spain
- Time: 6-8 November 2007
- Objective: review the implementation of MIPAA/RIS by ...
  - discussing national reviews
  - sharing experiences and good practices
  - identifying priorities for future action
- Adoption of a political declaration
Context: Preparatory events to the UNECE Conference on Ageing

• 13-15 Nov 2006 Meeting of focal points
• 26-27 Feb Meeting of the Expert Group
• 13-16 March Workshop for EECCA and SEE countries
• 16 April Country reports delivered to the UNECE secretariat
• June-July Meeting of the Preparatory Committee
• summer Meeting of civil society representatives
• 5 Nov Meeting of the Preparatory Committee; civil society forum
• 6-8 Nov the Conference
Country reports

Main underlying questions:
- What has been done in our country in the areas covered by MIPAA/RIS since its adoption?
- What was the impact of these actions on the quality of life and well-being of older people in our country?

“Guidelines for Reporting on National Follow-up to MIPAA/RIS”
- assist Member States in compiling report
- ensure harmonised structure of country reports

Source for the summary report of ageing related developments across the UNECE region

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Working methods in the workshop

- Presentations providing background information, followed by questions-answers:
  - MIPAA/RIS
  - Activities in the UNECE region
  - Activities in certain countries

- Lectures

- Interactive sessions:
  - working-groups
  - discussion sessions
Agenda of workshop

- Introduction with interactive elements
- Overview of MIPAA/RIS: presentations
- The demographic development and its implications
  - Overview
  - Social policies
  - Economic policies
  - Indicators for monitoring the developments: a project at the European Centre Vienna
- Commitments of MIPAA/RIS: overview, case study, discussion
- Participatory bottom-up approach
- Country reports
- Mainstreaming ageing
- Project development
Thank you for your attention.