



**Panel 2**  
**Participation and Social Inclusion**  
***Participation and Involvement of elderly persons on social life in Romania***  
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**Social Inclusion, Participation and Involvement**

***To be included needs to be involved***

***To be involved needs to be responsible***

***To be responsible needs to be informed***

### Elderly people participation and involvement

■ *As a consequence of the totalitarianism regime, the Romanian citizens, especially the older ones, have been developed an attitude of passive dependency to the state authorities` decision*

■ *Beginning with the year of 1990, the participation and involvement of elderly stays in attention of the Romanian policy makers.*

*The legal framework is focused on supporting the participation of the old persons:*

- *As citizens, in all aspects of the society;*
- *As users, in the provision of social services, especially of personal care services.*

### Legal framework - 1990-2000 Period

*A set of regulations stipulates:*

*1.The right of association:*



2. The support for civil society organizations:

**Governmental Decision regarding the support for the foreign charitable NGO`s**

**Laws regarding fiscal facilities for NGO`s**

**Law regarding the provision of subsidies from the state and local budgets to the NGO`s licensed as providers of social services**

**Legal framework – 2000 -2007 Period**

**Law regarding the social assistance measures for elderly persons (adopted in 2000);**

**Law on setting up the National Council of Elderly Persons (adopted in 2000);**

**Law on voluntary movement (adopted in 2001);**

**Law on free access to the information of public interest (adopted in 2001);**

**Law regarding the houses of mutual aid for pensioners (adopted in 2002);**

**Law regarding the transparency of the public administration` decisions;**

**Law on facilitating the pensioners associations (adopted in 2004);**

**Governmental Decision regarding the settlement of Consultative Committees of civil dialogue for the elderly persons (adopted in 2004);**

**Governmental Decision regarding the national strategy of social assistance development for elderly persons (adopted in 2005).**

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ELDERLY PERSONS**

### **(NCEP)**

- *The NCEP was set up as an autonomous and consultative body, having, as main objective, the institutionalization of social dialogue between public authorities and elderly persons.*
- *The NCEP is build on an associative basis, including 12 organizations, associations and federations of elderly persons, representative at national level; the leaders of the NCEP have the right to be members in different boards of governmental institutions;*
- *The NCEP is financed from the contributions of the component organizations and from the state budget.*



## **THE MAIN TASKS OF THE NCEP**



*To support the governmental institutions to implement the recommendations of The World Assembly on Ageing*

*To elaborate proposals of programs concerning the quality of life of elderly persons*



*To monitor the application of the legislation and to inform the authorities about the identified obstacles*

*To elaborate, in partnership with competent institutions, studies and sociological analysis*

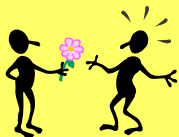


*To strengthen the associative movement of elderly persons and their active participation to social life*

## **THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES OF CIVIL DIALOGUE FOR ELDERLY (CCCD)**

➤ *CCCD are organized within the prefect institution;*

➤ *The main tasks of the CCCD are:*



*To ensure the relationships, collaboration and information exchange between local public authorities and the elderly organizations*

*To maintain and encourage the consultation of the elderly about the community problems in economic, social, medical and cultural areas*



*To monitor the implementation of the measures taken based on common agreement and to prepare annual reports*

## **INVOLVEMENT IN THE NGO'S ACTIVITIES OF PERSONAL CARE**

*The elderly persons are recipients and actors,  
in relation to personal care services*



*Elderly involvement in social services field represents a right and responsibility and should be enforceable and accessible*

*Elderly persons are not solely passive recipients, they must play a full and an active part in social services.*



*Romania has legal norms regarding the obligation of social services providers , public or private, to involve elderly users and their families in the process of community planning, in designing the individual care plan and in the social services management.*

## **SHORT SUMMARY OF PREZENT SITUATION**

- *More than 20 national organizations and associations of elderly persons are involved in representing the rights of old citizens;*
- *A range of NGO's are providing care services for elderly( in each county); the network is in a continuous process of development;*
- *Federation of the NGO's specialized in community care for elderly is created;*
- *National Council of Elderly Persons, with 42 county councils is set up;*
- *Committees of civil dialogue of elderly persons are working in each prefect office .*