Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE Region
Summary Report

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A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities
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MIPAA/RIS:
Implementation and Reporting

2002
Regional Implementation Strategy

2007
Country Progress Reports
ECE Summary Report
Ministerial Conference, León
## Commitments of RIS

- Mainstreaming
- Participation
- Economic Growth
- Social Protection Systems
- Labour Markets
- Life-Long Learning
- Quality of Life, Health and Well-Being
- Gender
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## Commitments of RIS: Priorities

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- **Social Protection Systems**: 13
- **Labour Markets**: 8
- **Quality of Life, Health and Well-Being**: 12
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# Commitments of RIS: Priorities

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## Commitment 4 “Adjust Social Protection Systems”

### Pension Reform

The three Pillars ¹)

- Public Pension Plan
- Occupational Pension Plan
- Personal Savings Plan

### Other Areas

- Social Protection for Women
- Income Security
- Health Care

Commitment 4, Details Pillar 1: Public Pension Plan

Public Pension Plan
- Increase in official retirement age and introduction of flexible retirement age
- Discourage early retirement
- Increase of years necessary to receive max. pension
- Change in pension calculation
- Increase in insurance rates
- Stronger link between contributions and benefits

Commitment 4, Details: Social Protection of Women

Social Protection of Women
- Child care times count toward contribution period, pension splitting for partners
- Parental leave encouraged to be split between partners
- Part time work for parents with right to return to full time employment
- Laws on Equal Opportunities
- Public awareness campaigns
- Extension of widowhood pension to civil partnership
Commitment 4, Details: Income Security

Income Security
- Minimum pension
- Extra benefits for pensioners, e.g. discounts and allowances
- Housing support for older persons in need

Commitment 4, Details: Health Care

Health Care
- Activation and involvement as main principles
- From institutional care to home care through
- Involvement of relatives through cash benefits, care leave options, day- and respite-care provision and pension credits for caregivers
- Provision of mobile and transport services
- Prevention and regular home visits
- Training for caregivers
- New technology
Commitment 7: Quality of life, independent living & health

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Health & Well-Being
Independent Living

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Healthy Lifestyle

Sustainable Finance
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Commitment 1: Mainstreaming Ageing

Policy Toolkit

- National Plans/Strategies/Frameworks
- Laws/Constitution/Regulations
- Ministries and Municipalities
- Councils/Boards/Commissions
- Ombudsperson/Office on Age Discrimination
- EU Directives

Commitment 2: Integration & Participation

Integration & Participation

Functions
- 1. Political Participation
  - Consultation
  - Political Parties
- 2. Economic participation
  - Labour market participation
  - Specific goods/services

Infrastructure
- Financial and physical accessibility of:
  - Housing
  - Transport
  - Culture

Image; Volunteering
- Participatory Approach in practice:
  - Partnerships with NGOs
- 1. Media campaigns
  - Promoting a positive image
  - Special Days
- 2. Volunteering
  - Using skills of older persons
  - Getting help
Concluding Points

- Progress reported in all commitment areas
- Priorities and actions are concentrated in the area of adjusting social protection systems, including health care system, and labour markets. Financial sustainability emphasised as aim
- Great majority of reporting countries have comprehensive national programme documents related to ageing or are drafting them
- Collaboration with civil society and NGOs emphasised and participatory approach promoted, but not specifically for the purpose of review and appraisal
- Increasing international cooperation in the framework of the UNECE in implementing the Regional Strategy

Thank you for your attention.