Germany’s Demographic Strategy

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Demographic situation

- Population: 82.8 million (31.12.2017)
- Low TFR, increasing LE
- Share 65+: 21.4%
- Foreign-born population: 10.6 million (12.8%)
- Ongoing compositional changes (diversification of life forms, increase in one-person households)
- Large regional differences

Source: http://www.demografie-portal.de/
Demographic strategy: aims

- Interdisciplinary approach across ministries
- Involvement of many stakeholders (every level of government, private sector, social partners, research community, civic society)
- Regional differences receive special attention (special commission)

Data and analysis

• Evidence-based decision and policy making requires solid data and analysis

• Data
  • quantitative and qualitative data
  • national AND sub-national levels
  • disaggregation beyond basic characteristics
  • importance of monitoring and evaluation

• http://www.demografie-portal.de
  1) data and facts
  2) discussion forum
  3) national and international best-practice examples
Thank you!

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The demographic strategy’s overarching aims and fields of action

- **Greater prosperity and better quality of life for all generations**

  - **Strengthening the potential for economic growth**
    - Potential for recruiting skilled workers at home and abroad
    - Good education as an investment in the future
    - Productivity through innovation and investment

  - **Promoting social cohesion**
    - Family as community
    - Youth-friendly society
    - Living independently in old age
    - Inclusive society
    - Civic engagement
    - Promoting health and sustainable health care, long-term care and care for persons with dementia

  - **Promoting equivalent living conditions in the regions**
    - Economic capacities and potential for innovation in rural and urban regions
    - Promoting infrastructure and facilitating the adaptation of vital services
    - Promoting sustainable urban development and integrative urban life

  - **Ensuring stable finances for effective government and dependable social insurance systems**
    - Viability of public finances
    - Dependability of social insurance systems
    - Attractive and modern public service