



UNECE REGIONAL NGO FORUM ON AGEING

20 September 2017

Lisbon, Portugal

Time: 9.00-18.00

Venue: Lisbon Conference Centre (Centro de Congressos de Lisboa)

Participants: 160-200 representatives of NGOs from the member states of the UNECE region and of international NGOs (in consultative status with ECOSOC) dealing with ageing issues

Objectives:

- To foster a dialogue in and among civil society organisations representing older people and dealing with ageing issues around the three themes of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017 from different angles of interest and concern of civil society actors.
- To identify and comment strong and weak aspects in the MIPAA's implementation and Ministerial Declaration and formulate demands and recommendations on behalf of civil society organisations gathered in the NGO Forum.
- To emphasise the need and value of a close triangular cooperation between civil society, research and public authorities in ageing policies, strategies and their implementation.
- To finalise and adopt the NGO Forum Political Declaration to be communicated during the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017



Programme

9.00-9.45 Joint opening Session NGO Forum and Research Forum
(to be agreed with coordinator of the Researcher's Forum)

Part 1

10.00

Introduction into the programme of the day

by Dirk Jarré, Chair of the NGO Preparatory Committee

Short presentation followed by general exchange of opinions on the three main themes of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017

- **Recognizing the potential of older people**
Presenter and moderator:
- **Encouraging longer working life and ability to work**
Presenter and moderator:
- **Ensuring ageing with dignity**
Presenter and moderator:

11.30 Break - coffee & tea

Part 2

11.50

Panel discussion on two central questions:

- What is the value of such Ministerial Conferences on Ageing and how do they contribute to the improvement of the living situation of older persons?
- Are new approaches and forms of policymaking and implementation strategies needed to better promote a society for all ages and a life-course perspective of ageing?

Participants: The representatives of the UN NGO Committees on Ageing New York, Geneva and Vienna as well as of the AGE Platform Europe

Moderator: Dirk Jarré,

12.20

General discussion on the two questions and reactions to the statements of the panel

Moderator: Edmundo Martinho, Vice-President of 'Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Lisboa'

13.15

Lunch break



Part 3

14.45 International strategies aiming at the improvement of the rights and the situation of older persons

Presentation by Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva (or Susan Somers, Chair of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing New York) - followed by floor discussion

Moderator: Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General of AGE Platform Europe

15.30 Five working groups (one with interpretation facilities, the other 4 running in one common language): Parallel discussion of the issues raised during the morning - proposals of innovative approaches and processes

16.30 Break: coffee & tea

Part 4

17.00 Reporting from the working groups Identification of changes or specific elements to be included into the NGO Political Declaration

Moderator: Gertraud Dayé, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna

17.50 **Wrap-up and end of the NGO Forum**

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