



Recognizing the Potential of older persons: Intergenerational perspective

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The Older people's voice at European level

AGE is since 2001, a European network of over 120 member organisations 'of' and 'for' people aged 50+ with 40 mill. persons. Funded by the EU (80%) and members (20%)



Our target:

- Towards an age-friendly EU that respects older people's rights and promotes active and healthy ageing

Our mission:

- Fight age discrimination in all areas of life and promote older people's human rights and dignity
- Voice the needs and concerns of older EU citizens and foster their involvement at EU level to shape appropriate policy responses
- Build synergies between relevant EU and global initiatives on ageing and actors involved



Enjoy the possibilities

- Older persons are healthier and live longer
 - ❖ Support active aging
 - ❖ Ensure accessibility
- Employment
 - ❖ Life long education
 - ❖ Risk of early retirement
- Ensure social inclusion, grand parents
- Living conditions



Recommendations to obtain the potential of older persons

- **Combat ageism** through national awareness-raising campaigns
- **Exclude age discrimination** when implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with **Disabilities** (CRPD) and the EU Disability Strategy
- **Extend legislation** to cover age discrimination beyond the field of employment, i.e. adopt EU horizontal equal treatment directive
- Enable older people to be more involved in a wide range of activities, including intergenerational activities and **volunteering**

To conclude...

- **MIPAA has a great potential** of upholding the full spectrum of civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of older persons
- MIPAA review beyond 2017 should focus on mainstreaming these rights into the Regional Implementation Strategy for the UNECE Region
- AGE calls on National Governments to build on the recent developments in the UN Open Ended Working Group on ageing (OEWG) on how to improve the protection of older people's rights
- OEWG has a mandate to promote the respect of the rights of older persons, while MIPAA provides a comprehensive policy framework on ageing based on human rights
- Use the complementarity of the two processes to **ensure human rights of older people**

Thank you!

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