Report on the 2nd Cycle of Review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS

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The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS)

- both adopted in 2002
- provide main policy framework
- commitments in ten key areas
- implementation review every five years
Current situation
UNECE region*

- 174.5 million people are ≥ 65 years old
- Life expectancy is high but with important disparities between countries and between genders:
  - Women at birth: from 73 years to 85.3 years
  - Men at birth: from 62.8 years to 80.2 years
- Fertility rate below replacement level (2.1 children per woman) in 45 UNECE countries
- Health-adjusted life expectancy at ≥ 65 accounts for
  - more than 50% of all remaining life expectancy for men
  - slightly below 50% for women

* See Synthesis Report Statistical Appendix for data sources and coverage
Current situation UNECE region*

- Labour force participation of older persons:
  - 46.5% for men (60-64 years old)
  - 31.5% for women (60-64 years old)

- Statutory retirement age and labour market exit age (LME):
  - 60 to 67 years for men / LME 62.2 years
  - 55 to 67 years for women / LME 61.5

- Older people at risk of poverty or social exclusion
  - < 15% of men 65-74 years old
  - 20% of women 65-74 years old

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1st and 2nd implementation cycle

Context

• **2002-2007**: high economic growth, rising labour market participation, declining unemployment, progress in improving social services
• **2007-2012**: financial crisis -> economic, social and political instability

Demographic change

• **2002**: 13% of the region’s total population ≥ 65 years old
  35.4 years - median age of population
• **2012**: 14% of the region’s total population ≥ 65 years old
  37.6 years – median age of population
Time-line

May 2011
Launch of the 2nd Review and Appraisal of MIPAA/RIS in the region; distribution of guidelines for reporting

End October 2011
Submission of country reports

21-22 November 2011
Fourth meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, Geneva

March 2012
Synthesis report for UNECE region - 1st draft
UNECE WGA Bureau Meeting

August 2012
National comments on Synthesis Report received and incorporated
Methodology

Qualitative and quantitative methods:

– Ministry in charge of ageing-related policies
– Participatory approach: civil society and older persons
– Research expertise, existing national strategies on ageing, official national statistical data
– Experts from academia and the private sector
Results

3 main achievements and main challenges

Number of countries reporting:

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Commitment 1: mainstream ageing in all policy fields

Achievements
• Ageing-related strategic frameworks
• National-level multi-stakeholder bodies
• Decentralization initiatives in policy-making
• Anti-discriminations legislation

Challenges
• Coordination between ministries and departments
• To strengthen government engagement
Commitment 4: adjust social protection systems

**Achievements**
- Finding ways to sustain social protection systems
- Reforms of pension systems
  - Increasing required contributory periods
  - Limiting early retirement options
  - Increasing the retirement age
  - Supplementary pension schemes

**Challenges**
- Implementation of pension reforms
- Sustainability of pension systems
- Better means-testing and targeting of assistance
Commitment 5: enable labour markets to respond

Achievements
• Labour legislation and social awareness
• Pension legislation reform (longer working life)
• Incentives for hiring older persons
• Life-long learning, training
• Workplace adaption: health and safety

Challenges
• High unemployment rates for persons >55 years
• Age-discrimination in labour markets
• Limited retirement options
Commitment 7: Quality of life, health and well-being

Achievements
- Integrated strategies for ageing, health and care
- New health care laws and acts
- Introduction of compulsory medical insurance
- Mix of care options (care at home, day-care, assisted living in age-friendly housing)
- Long-term care
- New strategies to tackle dementia

Challenges
- Presence of complete insurance and medical coverage
- Care services for everyone in need
- Coordination of services
- More budget for introducing reforms
Moving on ...

- **Care and health**
  - integration of social and health services
  - independent living options
  - long-term care
  - support to informal carers; reconciling work and family life

- **Labour market**
  - retirement age flexibility
  - further reforms
  - facing new demographic realities

- **Life-long learning**
  - promote training possibilities
Moving on...

- Longer working lives
- Participation and social inclusion
- Health and independence
- Intergenerational solidarity
Thank you!

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