AAI-II
Second phase of the project

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AAI Project

First Phase
January 2012 to February 2013

Second Phase
October 2013 to December 2015

• Project managed jointly by UNECE and the European Commission’s DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)
• The main developer of the AAI in 2012 — the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna
• Research consultant: Professor Asghar Zaidi + University of Southampton, United Kingdom
• Advised by the Expert Group on Active Ageing Index
Active Ageing Index

The Active Ageing Index (AAI) is a tool to measure the untapped potential of older people for active and healthy ageing across countries. It measures the level to which older people live independent lives, participate in paid employment and social activities as well as their capacity to actively age.

**AAI**

22 indicators

4 domains
AAI-II: Key activities

- Research
- Outreach to stakeholders
- Communication
Research
Research activities

Geographical extension of AAI

- Calculation for Croatia (new EU Member State)
- Calculations for Canada, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland
- Pilot studies for non-EU UNECE countries: Serbia and Turkey

Retrospective calculation of the index — 2008

Calculation of the next wave of the index

Contextual analysis of the results
Latest AAI results for EU28
Overall Active Ageing Index (AAI) for 2012 in EU28 countries.

- Sweden: 44.8
- Denmark: 40.5
- Netherlands: 39.9
- Finland: 39.6
- United Kingdom: 39.2
- Ireland: 39.0
- Luxembourg: 35.9
- Germany: 35.9
- France: 35.7
- Austria: 35.2
- Estonia: 34.8
- Czech Republic: 34.6
- Cyprus: 34.4
- Italy: 34.0
- Belgium: 33.8
- Portugal: 33.6
- Spain: 32.8
- Malta: 31.8
- Lithuania: 31.7
- Latvia: 31.6
- Croatia: 31.3
- Bulgaria: 30.0
- Slovenia: 29.9
- Romania: 29.7
- Hungary: 28.6
- Slovakia: 28.5
- Poland: 28.2
- Greece: 27.7

The results show a gender gap in active ageing potential.
Participation in Society

The results across EU28 countries

- Ireland: 25.2
- Italy: 24.1
- Luxembourg: 22.6
- Sweden: 22.6
- Netherlands: 22.4
- Finland: 22.4
- France: 22.4
- Austria: 21.4
- Belgium: 20.4
- Denmark: 20.1
- United Kingdom: 20.0
- Czech Republic: 19.4
- Cyprus: 18.7
- Spain: 18.3
- Malta: 18.2
- Croatia: 17.8
- Slovenia: 16.7
- Hungary: 16.1
- Lithuania: 15.3
- Germany: 14.9
- Portugal: 14.3
- Greece: 14.2
- Latvia: 13.9
- Slovakia: 13.7
- Estonia: 13.3
- Bulgaria: 12.9
- Romania: 12.9
- Poland: 12.2
Independent, Healthy and Secure Living

The results across EU28 countries

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### Capacity and Enabling Environment for Active Ageing

**The results across EU28 countries**

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AAI trends: 2010–2012

• Stability observed in the relative position of EU countries:
  • Sweden, Denmark and Finland as well as the Netherlands and the United Kingdom remaining at the top, while Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Greece continue to trail in the ranking

• Small rise in the AAI score observed for the majority of EU countries (absolute terms)

• Exceptions:
  • Cyprus lost its position among the top ranking countries
  • Greece lost three rank points
AAI for non-EU countries: Pilot study
Pilot study

- aims at establishing if AAI can be computed for a given non-EU country and eventual calculation of AAI
- includes three steps: desk study, field visit (if needed) and computation of AAI and brief contextual analysis

Countries under focus:
- First phase — Georgia
- Second phase — Serbia and Turkey
Data availability

**Employment**
- Employment Rate 55-59
- Employment Rate 60-64
- Employment Rate 65-69
- Employment Rate 70-74

**Participation in Society**
- Voluntary activities
- Care to children and grand children
- Care to older adults
- Political participation

**Independent, Healthy and Secure Living**
- Physical exercise
- Access to health services
- Independent living
- Financial security (three indicators)
- Physical safety
- Lifelong learning

**Capacity and Enabling Environment for Active Ageing**
- Remaining life expectancy at age 55
- Share of healthy life expectancy at age 55
- Mental well-being
- Use of ICT
- Social connectedness
- Educational attainment
Outreach to stakeholders and communication
Stakeholder outreach

Policymakers
- National seminars in selected EU countries
- Peer Review on the use of AAI for regional policymaking
- Promoting use of AAI in relevant EU-funded projects
- “Dialogue with policymakers” (November 2014)

Academic community
- Expert Group on AAI
- International Seminar for researchers and policymakers

Civil society
- Involvement of Age Platform Europe network and
- HelpAge International
International Seminar

“Building an evidence base for active ageing policies: Active Ageing Index and its potential”

• to be held on 16–17 April 2015 in Brussels
• aiming at:
  • reaching out to stakeholders — new audience and new ideas; and promoting the use of AAI
• 120 participants:
  • Lead authors of invited papers
  • Policymakers
  • Advocacy groups
  • Other research representatives
Communication

• Maintaining and updating of AAI Wiki
• Data visualisation:
  • New presentation of AAI and its results
• Presentations at conferences
• Interaction through aai@unece.org
• Discussion forum
Results

• AAI has gained more recognition as an evidence-based tool for policymaking:

• Countries are using it as a starting point to shape or adapt their active ageing policies, e.g. Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland and Slovenia

• Countries are applying AAI at the subnational — regional and local — level, e.g. Italy, Poland, and Biscay Province (Spain)
  • Major challenge — availability of regional-level data
  • Major task — to adapt AAI for application at a subnational level
Thank you for your attention

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