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Brief Report on the meeting of the Bureau  
of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, held in Belgrade, Serbia

**1. This year the Bureau meeting was hosted by Serbia and held in Republic Institute for Social Protection, in Belgrade, on 21 and 22 May. The meeting was attended by Bureau members from Austria, Belgium, Georgia, Germany, Malta, Serbia and Spain, together with representatives of European Scientific and NGO community and members of UNECE Secretariat.**

2. Serbian State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy greeted participants of the meeting. In absence of the WGA Chair Ms. Erika Winkler, Mr. Hanes Spreitzer, representative of Austria, was asked to chair the meeting.

3. I will mention only significant topics of Bureau work on the meeting:

1. *Closing of the Second cycle of review and appraisal of the RIS and MIPAA,*
2. *Progress on implementation of WGA work programme, in 2013,*
3. *Self evaluation made on Road maps for mainstreaming ageing,*
4. *Work Programme of WGA for 2014-2017.*

*Also, Bureau discussed Agenda for this meeting and received information's about significant UNECE Regional conference, held on July, two months later "Enabling choices: population priorities for the 21st century".*

**4. Few segments among of the WGA work program implementation drew special attention to discussions of Bureau members and representatives. On presented draft of the Policy Brief on Abuse of Older Persons feedback was very positive as well as on presentation of *Active Ageing Index* with its latest implementation results. There were, specially, many *discussions and different proposals about further activities* of discussion groups of the WGA with final decisions still to be completed. Those discussions we had continued in teleconferences with representatives of four discussion groups included.**

**5. Decisions were made about the Draft *Programme of Work for 2014-2017*. Bureau decides that members will provide drafts for different chapters. The NGO representative prepared an outline about the role of the discussion groups. Spain contributed with the text on capacity building; Georgia provided a draft text on Road Maps for Mainstreaming Ageing; Serbia outlined activities on Policy Briefs; Malta, with the European Centre in Vienna, prepared the draft on monitoring instrument for next MIPAA/RIS follow-up cycle. Based on submissions the Chair streamlined the contributions into a draft of the Work Programme.**

**6. We had successful Bureau meeting in Belgrade with all participants support with valuable contributions and discussions. Today we are on the half of MIPAA implementation period. In the future, I wish that new Bureau and members in UNECE WGA have even more success and excellent results. Thank s for your attention!**