

Working Group on Ageing (WGA)

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WGA:

- Facilitates and oversees the implementation of the UNECE **Regional Strategy for MIPAA**
- In 2018-2022 will focus on the goals outlined in the **2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration**
- Established in 2008, meets annually
- Its work is driven by:
 - ECE member States: WGA & EXCOM
 - GA & ECOSOC endorsed regional mandates from UN Commission for Social Development and the Commission for Population and Development



Highlights 2017:

Completion of the 3rd review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS

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- 46 national reports received (40 in 2012, 35 in 2007)
- Regional synthesis report published
- Comprehensive statistical annex including active ageing indicators compiled

3 main achievements and challenges by number of member States reporting

	Quality of life, health and wellbeing (C7)	Social protection (C4)	Labour markets (C5)	Mainstreaming ageing (C1)
Achievements	36	30	19	18
Challenges	38	23	17	16



Highlights 2017: 4th Ministerial Conference on Ageing

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- **Ministerial Conference ‘A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer’** (21-22 September, Lisbon)
 - Delegations from 46 ECE member States
 - NGO & Researchers forums (20 September)
- **2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration** setting agenda for next 5 years (4th implementation cycle of RIS/MIPAA):
 - Recognizing the potential of older persons
 - Encouraging longer working life and ability to work
 - Ensuring ageing with dignity

Highlights 2017: other main elements of the work programme

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- **Policy Briefs**

- Older persons in rural and remote areas
- Realizing the potential of living longer

- **Monitoring and strengthening the evidence base for policy making**

- **Active Ageing Index**

2 studies on criteria-specific analysis of AAI results in Germany and Poland allowing better-targeted policy measures

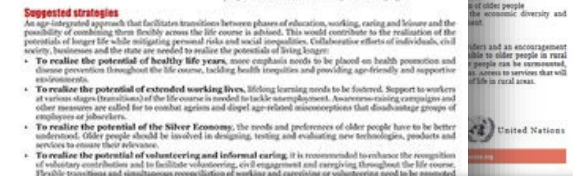
- **Generations and Gender Programme**

Harmonized data from surveys in 19 ECE countries

Two ECE countries joined GGP recently:

Belarus - successfully completed survey in 2017

Kazakhstan – started preparations for survey in 2018



Activities in 2018 and beyond

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- **Start of the 4th cycle of MIPAA/RIS implementation: focus on the goals of the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration**
 - Capacity-building workshop (back to back with annual meeting in November 2018)
 - Two new policy briefs in 2018
 - Innovative social services and supportive measures for independent living in advanced age
 - Ageing in urban environments
 - Interest in developing road maps for mainstreaming ageing expressed by Belarus and Bulgaria

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- **2nd International Seminar on Active Ageing Index**
 - Analysis and new rounds of AAI calculation with latest available data
- **Generations and Gender Programme**
 - Support to post-survey work on data in Belarus, launch of survey in Kazakhstan
 - Release of harmonized 3rd wave data for Australia, France, Hungary and the Netherlands
- **Strengthen collaboration with other organizations**
 - Joint project with UNFPA on enhancing the integration of population dynamics in development planning, aligning closely with SDGs
 - Continued collaboration with European Commission on AAI
 - Exchange on ageing through Geneva-based inter-agency group

Follow-up on Lisbon Ministerial Declaration

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- Article 38 of the Lisbon Declaration acknowledged the need to explore the possibility of a resource-neutral transformation of the WGA to a standing sectoral committee without prejudice to the work of UNECE in other areas of its mandate
- At its 10th meeting in November 2017, the WGA decided to set up a **consultation group** to explore the next steps. Austria, Germany, Portugal and Slovenia volunteered to join this group. The Russian Federation joins as an observer.
- Secretariat works on clarifying the modalities and timeline for this process.

In conclusion

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- Now in its 10th year of operation, the Working Group on Ageing undertakes work that matters to countries in the region
- Member States remain strongly committed to and engaged in its activities and support them both financially and in kind
- Work is done in close collaboration with major partners to avoid duplication (UNFPA, WHO, ILO, etc.) and involving civil society
- Most of its outputs (policy briefs, road maps, monitoring tools) have an impact on advancing policies at regional, national and sub-national levels

Issues for EXCOM decision

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- **EXCOM is invited to**
 - **Approve the renewal of the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing for the period 2018-2022 (ECE/EX/2018/L.1)**
 - **Approve the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2018-2019 (ECE/WG.1/2017/5), ECE/EX/2018/L.1**
 - **Comment on the achievements and future priorities of the Working Group on Ageing (Chair's report)**



Thank you!

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