

Implementation of the recommendations included in the evaluation of the project

**Active Ageing Index II - Further development and dissemination – 01.08.2013 – 30.04.2016 (March 2017)**

**Progress report as of 31 December 2018**

#	Recommendation	Management response	Responsibility	Target date/deadline	Date of implementation/comments
1	<b>The EC and UNECE should continue to support the project in a new phase to expand its geographical coverage and substantive scope. This could entail the project's 1) focusing further on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Western Balkans and Central Asia 2) continuing to respond to EU member States that show initiative to pursue their work on the AAI 3) continuing to fine-tune the AAI methodology and giving increased attention to AAI calculations at the subnational levels and 4) undertaking deeper analyses of AAI results for specific population groups, based on country demand.</b>	The third phase of the AAI project (AAI-111) started in May 2016 and is foreseen to last through April 2019. Main objectives of AAI-III are to further develop the AAI methodology, in particular to enhance its flexibility and enable wider implementation; to further promote use of AAI as flexible tool providing evidence base for policymaking, analytical work and advocacy; as well as to provide support to countries in their attempt to apply AAI for their needs at both national and subnational levels. Project AAI-III includes activities aimed at assisting countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Western Balkans and Central Asia in calculating and applying AAI (e.g. pilot studies). The project activities include further research and analysis, including for specific population groups, methodology fine-tuning, continued dissemination and promotion of AAI, and providing consultations to stake holders willing to use the index.	Population Unit	April 2019	Completed in 2018  1. The third phase of the AAI project (AAI-III), continuing the work undertaken under the first two phases, started in May 2016 and will end in August 2019. 2. By December 2018, three studies looking into AAI results for different population groups have been implemented; 3. The methodology fine-tuning as appropriate for the current stage of the project was carried out; 4. Continuous consultations to some countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Western Balkans and Central Asia were provided upon request, as well as to the EU members at national and subnational levels.

2	<p><b>The project should continue to improve the technical and management aspects of the project by:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>maintaining its support to the Expert Group on the AAI</b></li> <li>2) <b>continuing to engage high-level international experts and consultants for specific substantive and technical contributions and</b></li> <li>3) <b>maintaining at the minimum the current structure of the project team/PMU</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under the third phase of the project, the Expert group on the Active Ageing Index, established under the first phase of the project in 2012, is maintained. As of October 2017, two meetings of the Expert group were organised by UNECE in cooperation with the European Commission 's DG EMPL (October 2016 and October 2017). At least one more meeting will be held.</li> <li>2. UNECE has engaged the University of Southampton - UK as institutional contractor with Prof. Asghar Zaidi as lead researcher for implementation of a number of research tasks foreseen under the project, including revision of 2016 AAI results, revising the methodology description of AAI indicators, exploring alternative data sources etc. For implementation of specific analysis of AAI results for different population groups in Germany and Poland two institutional consultants were engaged: Technical University of Dortmund and Warsaw School of Economics respectively. For implementation of some of the activities, foreseen under the project, e.g. developing guidelines for using alternative variables for AAI indicators, creating a web- based visualisation tool, research consultants and contractors will be engaged.</li> <li>3. The structure of the project team has not changed since the evaluation and will be maintained throughout the project</li> </ol>	Population Unit	May 2018	<p>Completed in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Under the third phase of the project, the Expert group on the Active Ageing Index, established under the first phase of the project in 2012, has been maintained.</li> <li>2) In 2016–2017, UNECE worked with the University of Southampton – UK as institutional contractor for implementation of a number of research tasks foreseen under the project. Four other institutional consultants were engaged throughout the period 2016–2018: Technical University of Dortmund, Warsaw School of Economics, Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, and University of the Basque Country for the implementation of country-specific studies (first three institutes) and more general scope of research tasks (the fourth institute).</li> <li>3) The structure of the project team has not changed since the evaluation.</li> </ol>
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3	<p><b>In terms of knowledge management, the project should continue to support and facilitate the various forms of knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practices on the AAI i.e. international seminars, country workshops, peer reviews, easy-to-understand publications and the Wiki-space</b></p>	<p>Several events aimed at improving AAI visibility and recognition, sharing actual experiences of its application etc. are foreseen under the AAI-III. A national seminar "Active Ageing Index in Italy: use and policy implications" was held in Ancona, Italy, on 11 May 2017. A side-event " Active Ageing Index: ways to realize the potential of living longer" took place on 21 September 2017 during the fourth UNECE Ministerial . Conference on Ageing, Lisbon, Portugal. The Second international seminar on AAI will take place on 27- 28 September 2018 in Bilbao, Spain. More events will be organised as foreseen under the AAI-III. Th wiki-space on AAI is and will be continually maintained and updated with new publications, papers, information about meetings etc.</p>	Population Unit	May 2018	<p>Completed in 2018</p> <p>Several events aimed at improving AAI visibility and recognition, sharing actual experiences of its application etc. were held during the AAI-III phase. These include a national seminar "Active Ageing Index in Italy: use and policy implications" in Ancona, Italy, on 11 May 2017; a side-event "Active Ageing Index: ways to realize the potential of living longer" in Lisbon, Portugal, on 21 September 2017 during the fourth UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing; a National Seminar on AAI in Warsaw, Poland, on 18 June 2018; and the Second international seminar on AAI in Bilbao, Spain, on 27–28 September 2018. The wiki-space on AAI has been continually maintained and updated with new publications, papers, information about meetings etc.</p>
4	<p><b>The project should pursue a more visible dissemination and communication strategy for publicising the AAI concept and methodology. This could involve 1) giving more visibility at global and international events where there is a high level of government and political representation and 2) promoting the AAI-related work on social media platform s and by using modem ICT visualisation techniques.</b></p>	<p>Presentations on AAI are regularly given at relevant events involving policymakers. For example, UNECE presents the developments under the project to the UNECE Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau (twice a year); a side-event at the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing was held on 21 September 2017 (see above). More such events, including special sessions for policymakers at the Second International seminar on AAI in 2018, further meeting of the Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau, are foreseen under AAI-III. UNECE publishes information on AAI using the wild-space developed for the purpose and its Twitter account. In line with the</p>	Population Unit	May 2018	<p>Completed in 2018</p> <p>Presentations on AAI have been regularly given at relevant events involving policymakers throughout the third phase of the project. For example, UNECE regularly presents the developments under the project to the UNECE Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau (twice a year); a side-event at the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing was held on 21 September 2017, national seminars are organised every year (see above). UNECE has been publishing information on AAI using the wiki-space developed for the purpose and its Twitter account. The visualisation web-tool will be launched in 2019.</p>

		Recommendation 4, contractor will be engaged in 2018 to develop a web-based tool for the AAI users.			
5	<b>Given the increasing interest of countries in the UNECE region in the AAI, the project should intensify and expand resource mobilisation efforts by seeking more collaborative partnerships to enable this expansion and to maintain an adequate-sized project management unit.</b>	<p>The recommendation 5 is accepted partially by the Population Unit. There are no fund-raising activities foreseen by the Agreement with the donor, who is contributing over USD 940,000. The Population unit continually works on intensifying cooperation with relevant stakeholders. The size of the AAI project team is and will be maintained throughout the project.</p> <p>The project budget is set by the Agreement with the donor (European Commission) and is sufficient for the activities foreseen without additional fund-raising. Extension of AAI to more countries is included in the project activities. At the same time, a number of countries work on application of AAI at national and/or subnational levels outside of the project activities (Poland, Switzerland, Biscay province of Spain etc.), thus contributing to the AAI extension, its greater visibility and recognition - project activities foreseen by the Agreement. Cooperation with relevant stake holders and provision of consultations to those interested in AAI application are parts of the project activities. The project team size is as set in the Agreement with the donor and is not subject to modification.</p>	Population Unit	May 2018	<p>Partially accepted and completed in 2018</p> <p>The project budget is set by the Agreement with the donor (European Commission) and is sufficient for the activities foreseen without additional fund-raising. Extension of AAI to more countries is included in the project activities. At the same time, a number of countries work on application of AAI at national and/or subnational levels outside of the project activities (Poland, Switzerland, Biscay province of Spain etc.), thus contributing to the AAI extension, its greater visibility and recognition — project activities foreseen by the Agreement. Cooperation with relevant stakeholders and provision of consultations to those interested in AAI application are parts of the project activities. The project team size is as set in the Agreement with the donor and is not subject to modification.</p>