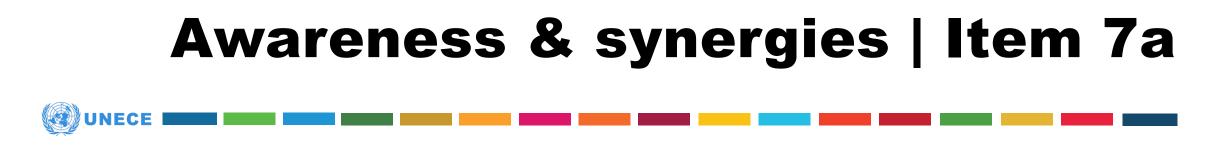
Activities in 2023 & plans for 2024 | Item 7



Brief update on awareness raising activities by the secretariat

➤Country updates

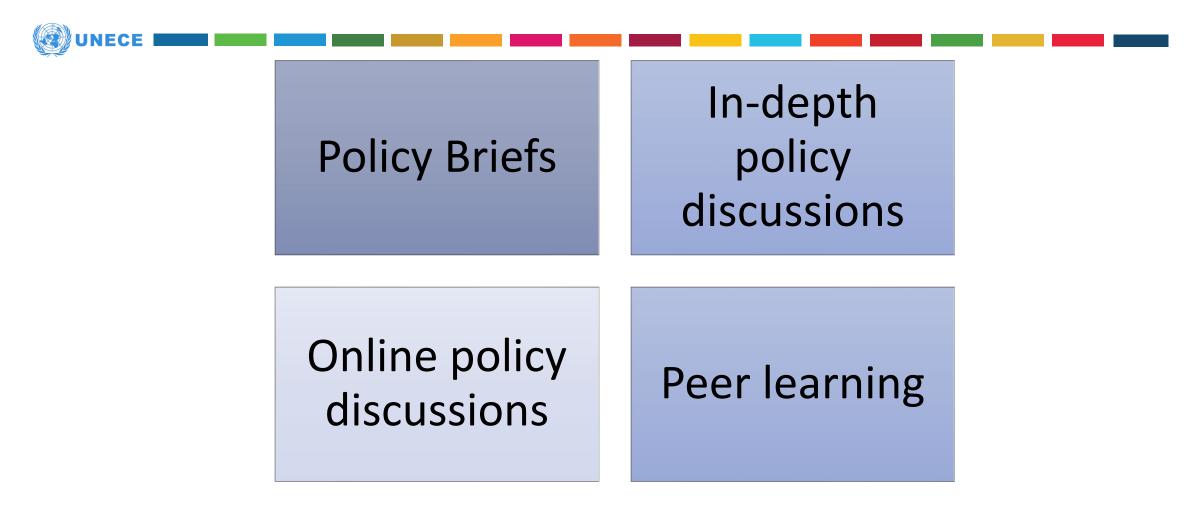




Media & Communications

Inter-agency cooperation

Exchange of experience | Item 7b



Activities during 2023 and plans for 2024

Policy Briefs on Ageing 28 | Item 7b



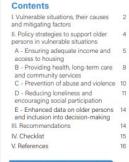


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Policy Brief on Ageing

Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations



Policy challenge

disability, social isolation and exposure to abuse can increase the risk of vulnerability and weaken resilience in the case of adverse events. One in five persons were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the European Union in 2020.1 The COVID-19 pandemic, rising inflation, natural disasters, and war are examples of adverse events that have disproportionately affected vulnerable persons, including many older persons. Often, the capacities and vulnerabilities of older persons remain invisible as their voices are less heard and their needs less known due to a lack of data and research, and their insufficient involvement in decision-making. A key challenge, therefore, is to inform, design and implement comprehensive policies that protect vulnerable older persons from adverse outcomes, enhance resilience and allow them to fulfil their full potential in later life.

Suggested strategies

- · Ensure adequate income and access to affordable housing.
- Provide affordable, accessible and quality health and long-term care services.

 Increase opportunities for social participation and reduce loneliness and social exclusion Prevent all forms of violence,

abuse and neglect. · Promote the collection of

· Involve older persons in decision-

At any age, intersecting factors such as poverty,

What this brief is about

This policy brief addresses older persons in vulnerable situations. It first discusses the types of vulnerable situations experienced by older persons, their causes and strategies for increasing coping resources and resilience across the life course. It presents policy examples from the UNECE region addressing the situation of vulnerable older persons, with a focus on income and housing, health and long-term care, prevention of violence, abuse and neglect, and social participation. The brief also highlights several ongoing crises putting older persons at increased risk of vulnerability, including the costs-of-living crisis, the war in Ukraine and Ioneliness and social isolation. Finally, the brief draws attention to the importance of adequate data and research and the involvement of older persons in decision-making.



The full Policy Brief featuring policy examples from the UNECE region is available here



Suggested strategies

· Ensure adequate income and access to affordable housing. · Provide affordable, accessible, and quality health and long-term care services. · Increase opportunities for social

participation and reduce loneliness and social exclusion. · Prevent all forms of violence and abuse against older persons. · Promote the collection of disaccrecated data and research on vulnerabilities among older persons.

· Involve older persons in decision-

making

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Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations

Policy challenge

In many countries in the UNECE region ageing populations and concurrent crises have increased the risk of vulnerable situations for older persons Many older individuals face a range of disadvantages. including income poverty; poor health, and loneliness. Existing vulnerabilities have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, rising inflation, natural disasters, and war, threatening the economic and psychological wellbeing of many older individuals. For instance, in 2020 one fifth of persons aged 65 or above were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the European Union. Vulnerabilities leave many older persons without access to essential services. Policies that protect vulnerable older individuals from adverse outcomes and allow them to fulfill their full potential in later life are important.

Vulnerable situations, their causes, and mitigating factors

Vulnerability can stem from various sources. They include personal circumstances, societal events, and inequities resulting from social economic and cultural systems. The risk of vulnerability can be increased by the intersection of social identities like age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. Building coping capacities and resilience necessitates access to resources like income health and social connections. Unfortunately, these resources are often unequally distributed leaving older individuals with fewer means, amplifying their vulnerability. Vulnerability evolves over time with individuals transitioning in and out of vulnerable situations. Preventing its accumulation requires a life-course-oriented, gender-responsive, and human rights-based approach, enhancing access to healthcare, education, employment, and support.





Older Persons in Vulnerable Situations

28 June 2023 2:30-3:30pm CEST

Join us for an online discussion of policy strategies to protect older persons in vulnerable situations. Following the clarification of what we mean by vulnerability and vulnerable situations the event will showcase several concrete policy examples and initiatives. It will provide participants with first hand insights about the challenges and lessons learnt and share key recommendations from the latest UNECE Policy Brief on Ageing on this topic which is available online under the following link (https://unece.org/policy-briefs).

Speakers

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- Lisa Warth. Senior Social Affairs Officer & Chief. Population Unit. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Emma Maun, Researcher, Institute of Gerontology, King's College London
- Deirdre Connolly, Programme Manager, Health and Social Care Standards, Health Information and Quality Authority of Ireland
- Mathieu de Greef, Professor, Center for Human Movement Science, University of Groningen
- Tatiana Sorocan, Country Director, HelpAge International, Republic of Moldova
- Kieran Walsh, Professor of Ageing and Public Policy & Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, University of Galway

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In depth-policy discussion 2023 | Item 7b

Combating inequalities in older age

Tomorrow, 10:00 am to 13:00 pm, Room VII

- Show key trends in inequalities among older persons
- Presentations on policies/activities from member States, civil society and intl. organizations
- Forum for discussion

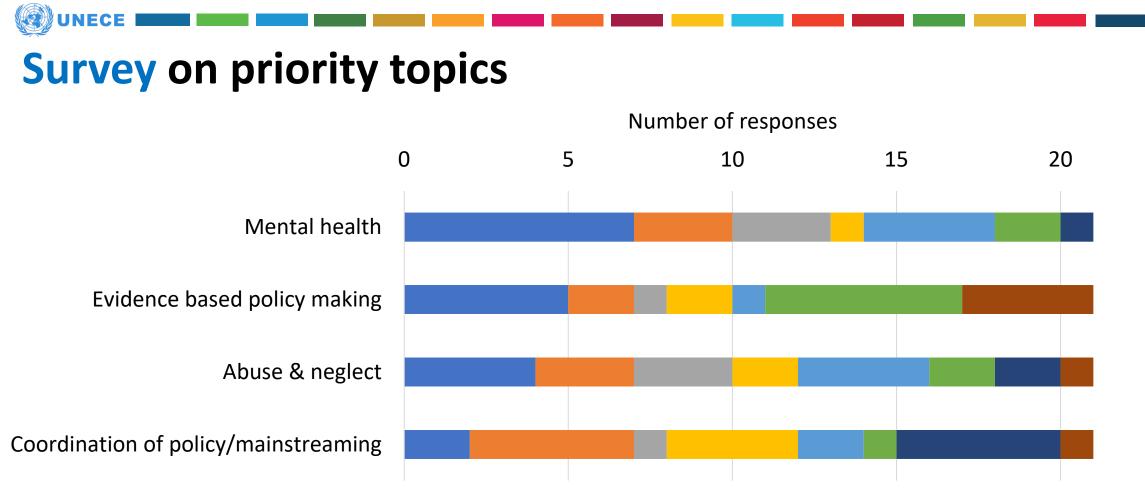
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Topics for 2024 | Item 7b

Survey on priority topics – 22 responses from NFPAs

Торіс	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	6th choice	7th choice	8th choice
Mental health	7	3	3	1	4	2	1	0
Evidence based policy making	5	2	1	2	1	6	0	4
Abuse & neglect	4	3	3	2	4	2	2	1
Coordination & mainstreaming	2	5	1	4	2	1	5	1
Older women & gender inequities	2	1	4	1	5	2	4	2
Formal Long-Term Care services	1	4	6	2	2	2	0	4
Climate change	0	2	0	4	1	3	7	4
Engagement of older persons	0	1	3	5	2	3	2	5

Topics for 2024 | Item 7b



Ist choice 2nd choice 3rd choice 4th choice 5th choice 6th choice 7th choice 8th choice

Proposed activities for 2024 | Item 7b



March

Online Side-Event at RFSD

Abuse & neglect of disadvantaged older persons

June

Policy Brief #29 Online Policy Discussion Mental health of

older persons

September

Online Policy Discussion

Coordination of ageing policy across the government

November

In-Depth Policy Discussion

Evidence based policy making

Peer learning | Item 7b (iv)

- New element in Programme of Work for 2023-2027.
- To enhance peer learning, the secretariat can facilitate the organisation of country visits between interested member States.
- Organization at the discretion of inviting member States and could be organised either in person or virtually.

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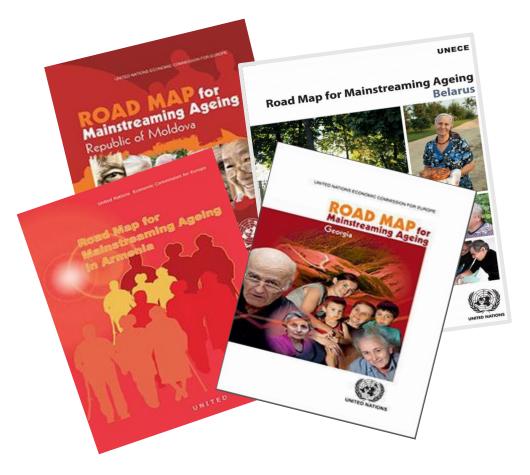


Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building

Roadmaps | Item 7c (i)



- Provide guide to uphold the commitments of MIPAA/RIS
- 2023 request by Uzbekistan
 Working with Joint Programme on Ageing (esp. UNFPA & WHO)



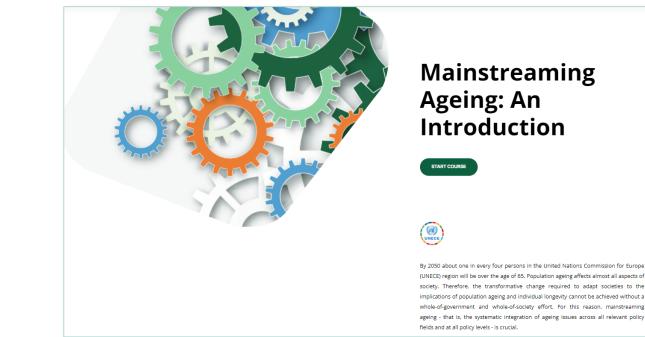


Three new Tools for Raising awareness on mainstreaming ageing

- 1. Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing
- 2. Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation
- 3. Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing
- > Available on our homepage
- Presented at online event on 5 September '23

Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Follows the Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing
- Moderated discussion & many interactive elements
- Duration around 1.5 hours
- Can be taken in any module order
- Works best on desktop, but mobilefriendly for learners on-the-go



Online Course on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Design and text elements can be easily adapted to national contexts
- Russian translation coming shortly
- Encourage translations in other languages
- Course in Learning Management
 System (LMS) format



Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation

- One or two day in-person training to introduce age-sensitive analysis of data and policy documents
- Focus on the identification of age-based inequalities, their causes and actions needed to address them
- Developed with UNFPA

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• Piloted in the Republic of Moldova and Georgia



Training Workshop on Age-Sensitive Analysis and Policy Formulation

• Reference Guide:

UNFCF

- Describes the conceptual framework of the workshop
- Describes the practical exercises
- Facilitators' Guide:
 - Provides facilitators with detailed information on how to organize and implement the workshop
- Many member States and CSOs indicated interest in using the course.



Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Developed and piloted by BAGSO (Germany)
- A half-day expert workshop (in person or online)
- To discuss with national experts and stakeholders how ageing issues can be mainstreamed across government policy
- The workshop introduces the concept and methods of mainstreaming ageing, and draws on lessons learnt from gender mainstreaming





- Developed detailed Facilitators' Guide
- To facilitate easy replication of workshop

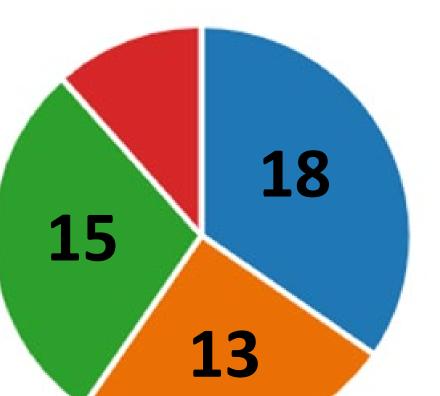
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2024? Interest to use new tools in survey

Expert workshop



Online course

Training workshops

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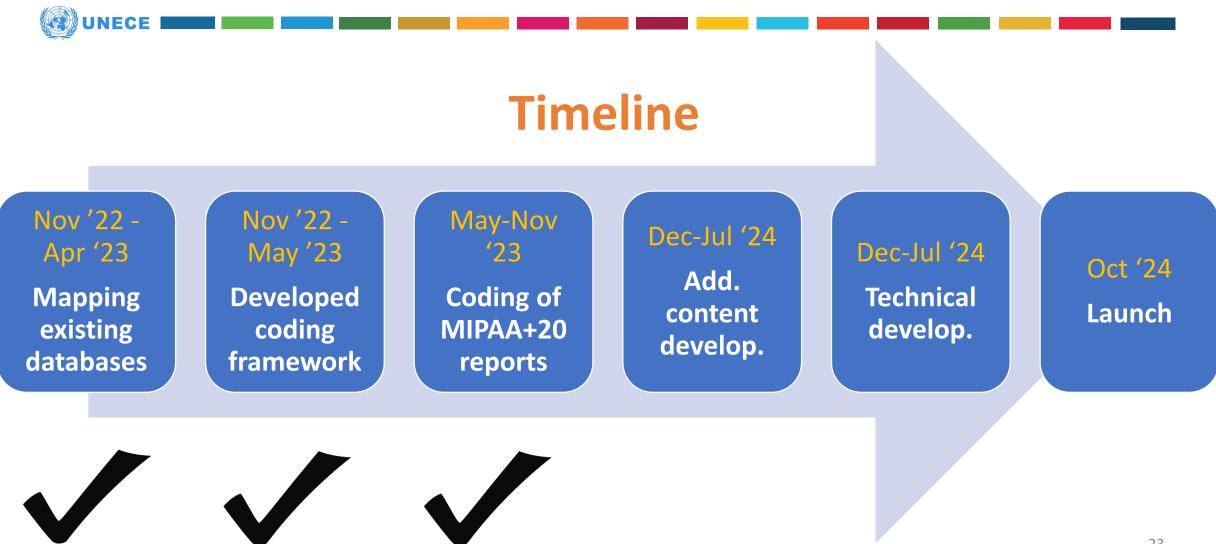


Monitoring the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and building the evidence base for policymaking



Objectives

- 1. To improve the capacity of policymakers to develop policy responses to the challenges of longevity and population ageing, by providing **easy access** to examples of ageing policy across the UNECE region **through a searchable web-based database.**
- 2. Facilitate **MIPAA review & appraisal** process in the future.



Mapping of relevant existing databases

Including:

- Social PoLicy Archive for SHARE (SPLASH)
- EU Mutual Information System on Social Protection (MISSOC)
- AARP Database of Actions Plans for Aging
- GGP Contextual Database
- CEPAL Montevideo consensus regional monitoring platform

> No similar database exists

Derived list of main policy themes

Mapped themes over time across policy documents

Example:

MIPAA	RIS	Rome Declaration	Theme in database
 Opportunities for indiv. development throughout life through, e.g., access to lifelong learning 	 Facilitate and encourage life-long learning. 	 Facilitate older persons' participation in social, cultural, and civic life, and promote life-long learning. 	Lifelong learning

List of 14 policy themes in database

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Abuse, violence, neglect	Intergenerational solidarity & exchange		
Age-friendly environments	Lifelong learning & digitalization		
Ageism	Long-term care		
Emergency situations	Mainstreaming ageing		
Employment	Participation in society		
Health	Social and financial security & pensions		
Gender equality	Data and knowledge generation		

Development of coding frame of policy instruments

- Based on academic literature
- > Terminology of MIPAA+20 reports

Laws, law articles, decrees	Campaigns		
Strategies	Programs		
National or regional plans	Funds		
Projects	Institution		
Recommendations	Research / study		
Guidelines	National ageing strategy		
Working groups			

Developed template of policy summaries

- ➢ 150-200 words
- ➤ An example ...

The objective of the National Strategic Policy for Active Ageing 2023-2030 of Malta is to mainstream ageing and to protect the human rights of older people by mitigating against age discrimination ... While the Ministry for Active Ageing is the institution responsible for leading the implementation of the recommendations of the policy, different Ministries are to ensure the necessary funding and human resources for initiatives that fall under their respective responsibility are available ... While some of the recommendations are aimed directly at older persons, in terms of scope, many call for action on the societal level. A key feature of the policy are its comprehensive list of planned measures and initiatives. In terms of timeline, the policy will be implemented in the years 2023-2023.

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Developed comprehensive list of tags/keywords

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	Policy Theme	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag
1.	Abuse, violence, neglect	Gender-based	Physical	•••
2.	Age-friendly environments	Housing	Recreation. infrastructure	•••
3.	Ageism	Discrimination	Positive image of ageing	•••
4.	Emergency situations	Natural disasters	War / Conflict	•••
5.	Employment	Unemployment	Extending working lives	•••
6.	Health	Disability	Alzheimer/Dementia	•••
7.	Gender equality	Care responsibilities	Labor force particip.	
•••		•••		•••



- Identified all policies in 41 MIPAA+20 reports
 > Approx. 2,500 policies & measures
- Coded them according to policy themes & instruments
- Identified sources (if possible)
- Attributed tags/keywords



Example of Austria



- 1. Content development
 - Funding to write approx. 1,000 summaries in 2024
 - Launch with selected policy themes
- 2. Technical development
 - Contracting of database developer



- We will share Excel sheets with NFPAs for:
 - Review
 - Inclusion of sources / link
- Call for policy updates since MIPAA reports in 2024
- May focus on most important policies for inclusion in database



- Call for policy updates in 2024
- > Voluntary
- May focus on most important policies for inclusion in database



Decision:

The Standing Working Group on Ageing invites the Secretariat to

 share the coded list of policies from the MIPAA+20 reports with national focal points on ageing to review and complete missing information for inclusion in database
 Invite and include policy updates in 2024

Ageing-related and age-disaggregated data | Item 7d (i)



Fourth Technical Meeting of the **Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Agedisaggregated data** co-hosted by UNECE in Geneva, 25-26 September 2023

Work strands

- Review of Ageing-related Statistics in the Global Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework
- Making older persons visible in the SDGs monitoring framework and indicators
- Harmonisation and Standardisation

Reporting to UN Statistical Commission in 2024 Invite to present at 17th meeting of SWGA in 2024

Group discussions | Item 7d



- At its 15th meeting the Bureau agreed that the topic for the discussion groups for SWGA16 should be on the possibility of developing a quantitative monitoring framework for MIPAA/RIS
- Under "Strengthening the evidence base through ageing-related and agedisaggregated data" the Programme of Work 2023-2027 states that "SWGA, supported by the UNECE secretariat, will develop an indicator framework to facilitate the quantitative monitoring of progress in implementing MIPAA/RIS and the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration at regional and national levels."

Group discussions | Item 7d



Guiding questions:

- Do you think a quantitative monitoring tool for MIPPA/RIS & Rome Declaration would be useful for your work at the national level? What are the pros & cons in your view?
- 2. What are the evidence needs and gaps at the national level?
- 3. What should be the next steps towards developing a quantitative monitoring framework?
- 4. What should we keep in mind when developing an indicator framework?