



International Policy Framework on Ageing: 2nd Cycle of Review and appraisal



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Current situation: UNECE region*

- 174.5 million people are ≥ 65 years old
- Life expectancy is high but with important disparities between countries and between genders:
 - Women at birth: from 73 years to 85.3 years
 - Men at birth: from 62.8 years to 80.2 years
- Health-adjusted life expectancy at ≥ 65 accounts for
 - more than 50% of all remaining life expectancy for men
 - slightly below 50% for women
- Fertility rate below replacement level (2.1 children per woman) in 45 UNECE countries

* See Synthesis Report Statistical Appendix for data sources and coverage





Current situation: UNECE region*

- Labour force participation of older persons:
 - 46.5% for men (60-64 years old)
 - 31.5% for women (60-64 years old)
- Statutory retirement age and labour market exit age (LME):
 - 60 to 67 years for men / LME 62.2 years
 - 55 to 67 years for women / LME 61.5 years
- Older people at risk of poverty or social exclusion
 - < 15% of men 65-74 years old
 - 20% of women 65-74 years old

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International Milestones

1982

First World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna



April 2002

Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid



September 2002

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Berlin



November 2007

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, León



September 2012

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Vienna





International Policy Framework

The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing & its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS)



- both adopted in 2002
- provide main policy framework
- commitments in ten key areas
- implementation review every five years





Commitments of RIS

1 Mainstreaming

2 Participation

3 Economic Growth

4 Social Protection Systems

5 Labour Markets

6 Life-Long Learning

7 Quality of Life, Health and Well-Being

8 Gender

9 Intergenerational Solidarity

10 Regional Cooperation





1st and 2nd implementation cycle

Context

- **2002-2007:** high economic growth, rising labour market participation, declining unemployment, progress in improving social services
- **2007-2012:** financial crisis -> economic, social and political instability

Demographic change

- **2002:** 13% of the region's total population \geq 65 years old
35.4 years - median age of population
- **2012:** 14% of the region's total population \geq 65 years old
37.6 years – median age of population





3 main achievements and main challenges

Number of countries reporting:

	Mainstreaming ageing (C1)	Social protection (C4)	Labour markets (C5)	Health and well-being (C7)
Achievements	17	28	13	18
Challenges	8	15	16	21





Commitment 1: mainstream ageing in all policy fields

Achievements

- Ageing-related strategic frameworks
- National-level multi-stakeholder bodies
- Decentralization initiatives in policy-making
- Anti-discriminations legislation

Challenges

- Coordination between ministries and departments
- To strengthen government engagement





Commitment 4: adjust social protection systems

Achievements

- Finding ways to sustain social protection systems
- Reforms of pension systems
 - Increasing required contributory periods
 - Limiting early retirement options
 - Increasing the retirement age
 - Supplementary pension schemes

Challenges

- Implementation of pension reforms
- Sustainability of pension systems
- Better means-testing and targeting of assistance





Commitment 5: enable labour markets to respond

Achievements

- Labour legislation and social awareness
- Pension legislation reform (longer working life)
- Incentives for hiring older persons
- Life-long learning, training
- Workplace adaption:
health and safety

Challenges

- High unemployment rates for persons >55 years
- Age-discrimination in labour markets
- Limited retirement options





Commitment 7: quality of life, health and well-being

Achievements

- Integrated strategies for ageing, health and care
- New health care laws and acts
- Introduction of compulsory medical insurance
- Mix of care options (care at home, day-care, assisted living in age-friendly housing)
- Long-term care
- New strategies to tackle dementia

Challenges

- Presence of complete insurance and medical coverage
- Care services for everyone in need
- Coordination of services
- More budget for introducing reforms





2012 Vienna Ministerial Declaration: goals

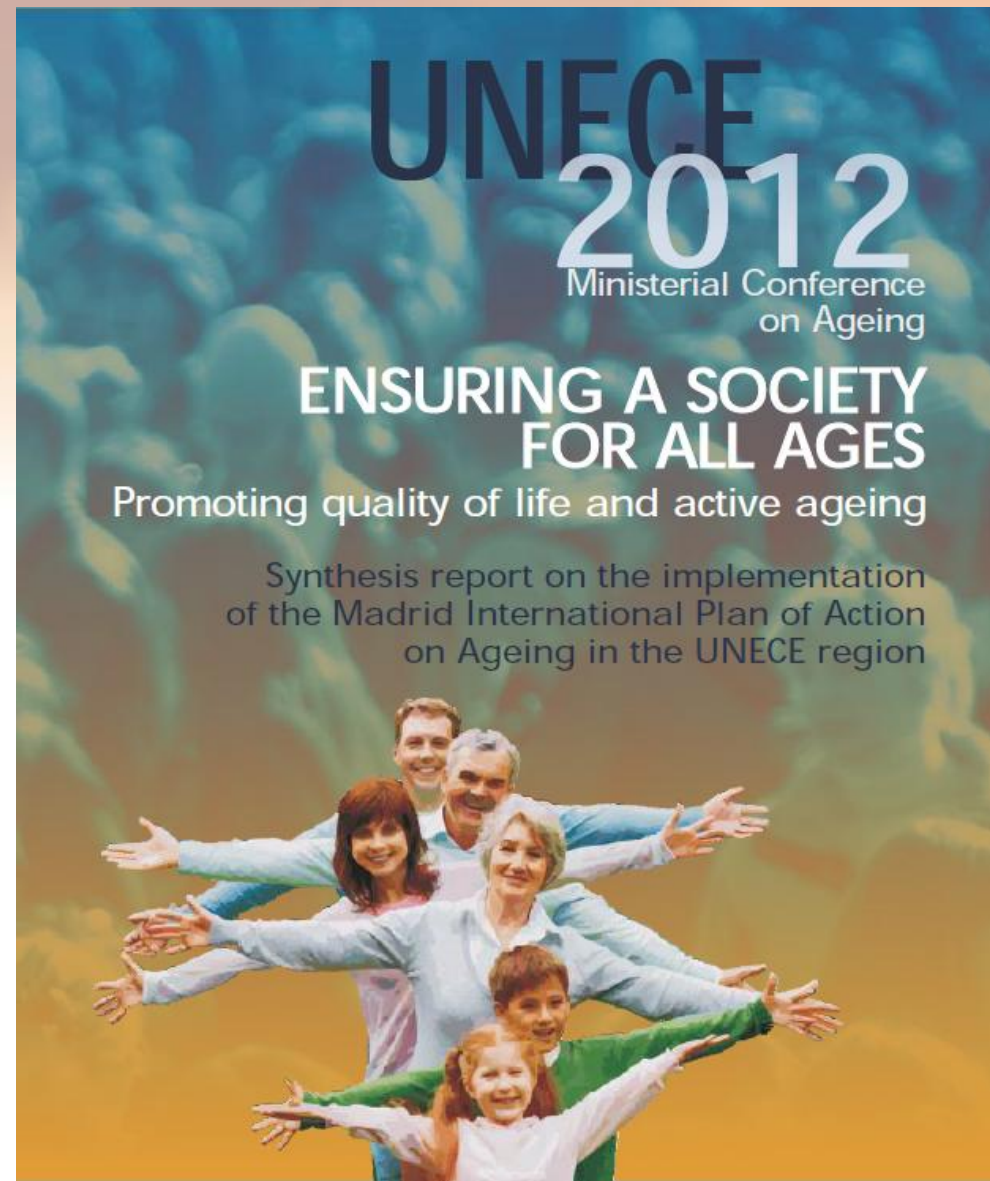
- I. Longer working life is encouraged and ability to work is maintained
- II. Participation, non-discrimination and social inclusion of older persons are promoted
- III. Dignity, health and independence in older age are promoted and safeguarded
- IV. Intergenerational solidarity is maintained and enhanced





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