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Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) +10 years

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Ageing in the UNECE region

- This year, the population of the world will reach 7 billion
- Half a billion of these people will be aged 65 years or older
- Share of older persons increases or will increase soon everywhere in the world
- In the UNECE region:
 - today 14.5 % of people are aged 65 or older
 - by 2030, the 65 or older will make up > 20% of population





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Armenia [video](#)



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From Vienna to Vienna: policy framework on Ageing

First World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna 1982

Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid 2002

2002 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Berlin

2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference, León

2008 Establishment of UNECE Working Group on Ageing

2012 UNECE Ministerial Conference, Vienna



First World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna 1982

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- **Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing** - the first comprehensive policy framework for addressing ageing issues
- Variety of actions in employment and income security, health, housing, education and social welfare – with stronger **focus on the issues of ageing in developed countries**
- UN Commission for Social Development designated to **review the implementation of the Vienna Plan every four years**
- Review based on government replies to questionnaires sent by the UN Secretariat
- Findings of review and appraisal presented every four years in a report of the UN Secretary-General to the Commission for Social Development



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Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid 2002

Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and its Political Declaration - *Building a society for all ages* - adopted by 159 governments

- Revision of the Vienna Plan and development of long-term strategy on ageing
- Reflects new post-cold war conditions
- More room for civil society and the private sector
- Inclusion of ageing into the international development agenda
- Review and appraisal every five years – participatory and bottom up

Priority themes:

Older Persons and Development

Advancing Health and Well-being into Old Age

Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments



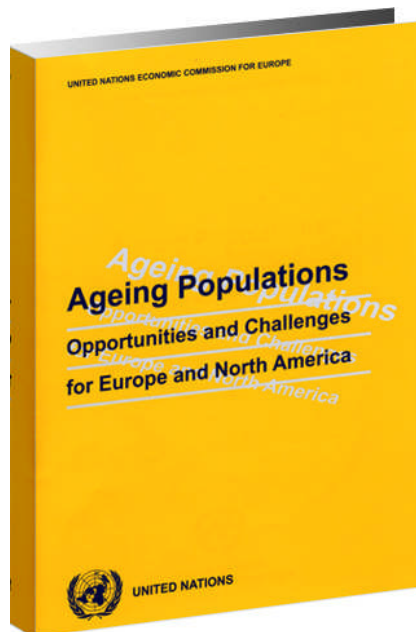


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2002 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Berlin

Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS):

MIPAA specifically adjusted to the needs of the more developed UNECE region with rapidly ageing population



- 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

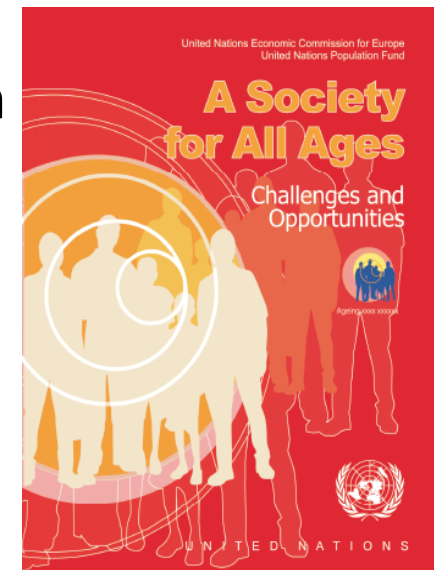


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2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference, León

First review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS implementation

- *National level*: 35 country reports received in UNECE region
- *Regional level*: synthesis report
- Ministerial conference in León, Spain
- Ministerial declaration reinforcing RIS
- Scientific key note presentations in main events
- Parallel forums of research and civil society with declarations – substantive participation of NGOs and grass-roots organizations



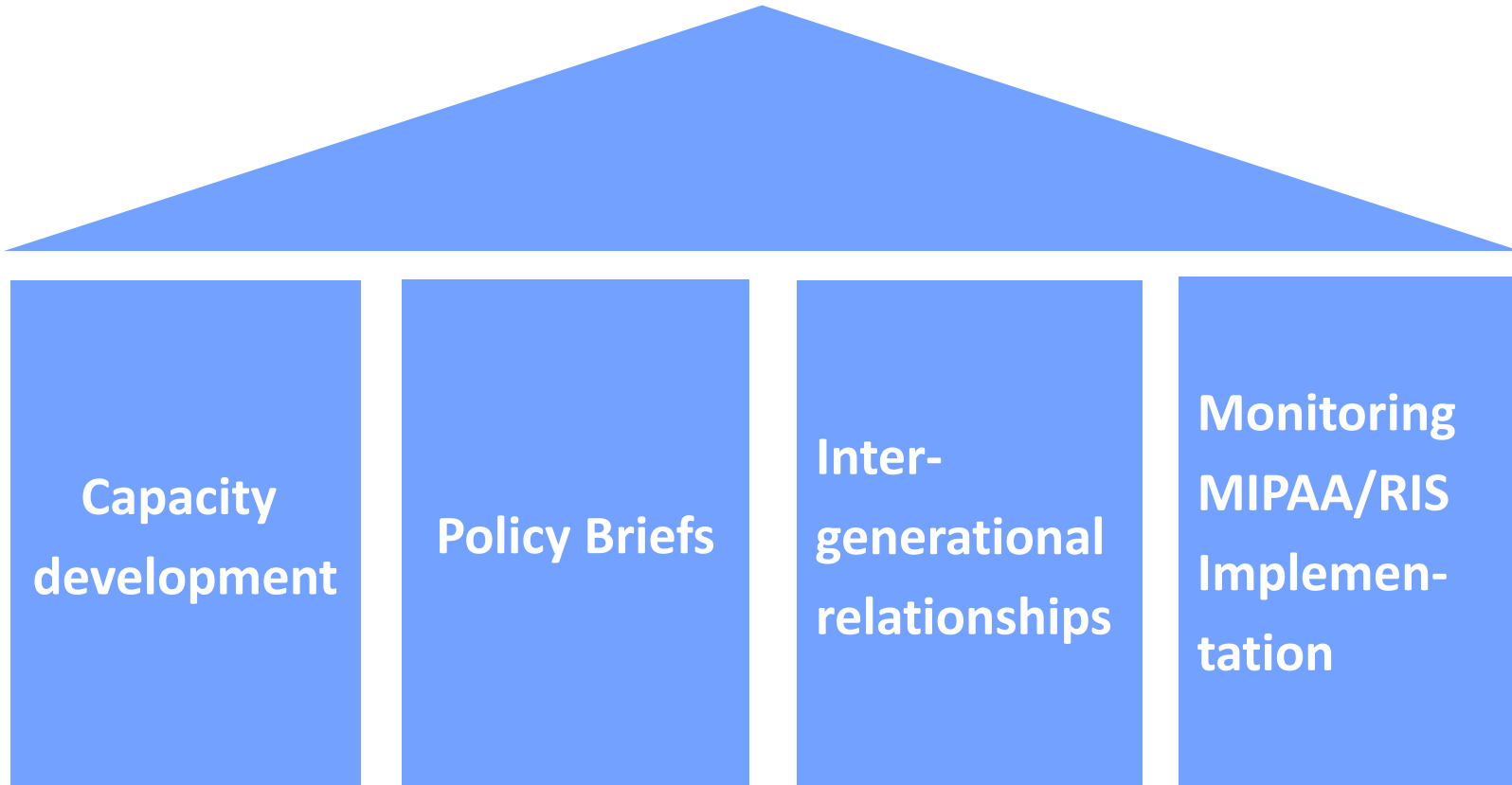


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Working Group on Ageing: Programme of work

Recognising importance of work on ageing, UNECE member States decide on a fully fledged intergovernmental body within UNECE:

WGA was established in 2008 and meets annually





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2012 UNECE Ministerial Conference, Vienna

Second review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS implementation

- The national phase of the 2nd review and appraisal cycle has commenced in 2011
- Guidelines for **national reporting** prepared and sent to the member States; regional synthesis report to highlight trends
- “Ensuring a society for all ages: promoting quality of life and active ageing” - September **2012 regional Ministerial Conference in Vienna** - review progress and decide on future policy directions
- **2011 report UNFPA/HelpAge: *Overview of Available Policies and Legislation, Data and Research, and Institutional Arrangements Relating to Older Persons – Progress since Madrid***





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UNECE Population Unit: added value

- Managing implementation of MIPAA/RIS in the region where population ageing is particularly prominent
- The only forum that brings together more advanced countries in EU/North America with SEE and EECCA for exchange of experience and capacity development
- The only established mechanism for nationally nominated focal points on Ageing with a mandate extended across ministries
- Actively manages exchange around latest proven policies and good practice examples in MIPAA/RIS implementation
- Clearing house for Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) – one of the leading data sources for policy-relevant research on demographic trends
- Ideally located at the intersection between data and policy





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Examples from the region: Republic of Moldova

Road Map on Mainstreaming Ageing

- **Migration** – younger working age population migrates for work, creating challenges for older persons and children staying behind as well as for the social protection system
- **Intergenerational solidarity** - ensuring recognition and social protection of informal carers of all ages, including older persons caring for the children of emigrants
- Significant capacities in **data collection**, additional focus needed on age-disaggregated data, regular reviews of household surveys for ageing-related content and building capacities for analysis of data through the lens of MIPAA/RIS





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The way forward

- Consolidate and strengthen Working Group on Ageing as a regional forum of exchange and a driver for national policy-making
- Focus on turning existing policies into practice
- Further strengthen mainstreaming ageing into all sectors of public policy
- Strengthen statistics and use of data for evidence-based policy-making
- Make resources available for bottom-up evaluation of policies and programmes
- Respond to emerging topics such as migration of care workers





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We used to say – the youth is our future.

Now we know – our future is an ageing world.

Together we can create societies for all ages!

Thank you!