



# Working Group on Ageing (WGA)

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## Objective: Realize the potential of living longer

- Works towards improving policymaking in accordance with **MIPAA/RIS** and **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.
- In 2018-2022, focuses on the priorities outlined in **2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and SDGs (1,3,4,5,8,10,11,16,17)**.
- Works towards **integrating** population ageing and MIPAA with the 2030 Agenda and other relevant global programmes and platforms of action.



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## 1. Highlights 2019

## 2. Planned activities 2020

- **International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion**
  - Policy seminars
  - Policy briefs
- **Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building**
  - Road Maps
  - Task Force on mainstreaming ageing
- **Monitoring and strengthening evidence base**



Ageing



Policy briefs



Active Ageing  
Index



Population and  
Development



Generations and  
Gender



Ageing and the  
2030 Agenda

# Policy Seminars on Ageing



## 2019 - Informal care for persons with dementia

- **In depth discussion, experience exchange and peer learning**  
international frameworks and national/ regional dementia policies (Austria, Canada, Malta)
- ***Country in focus: Switzerland***  
Learning about informal care policy in Switzerland, the dementia action plan of the Canton of Geneva and support measures by the canton and city of Geneva

**2020 Policy seminar**  
topic to be decided by the Bureau in April

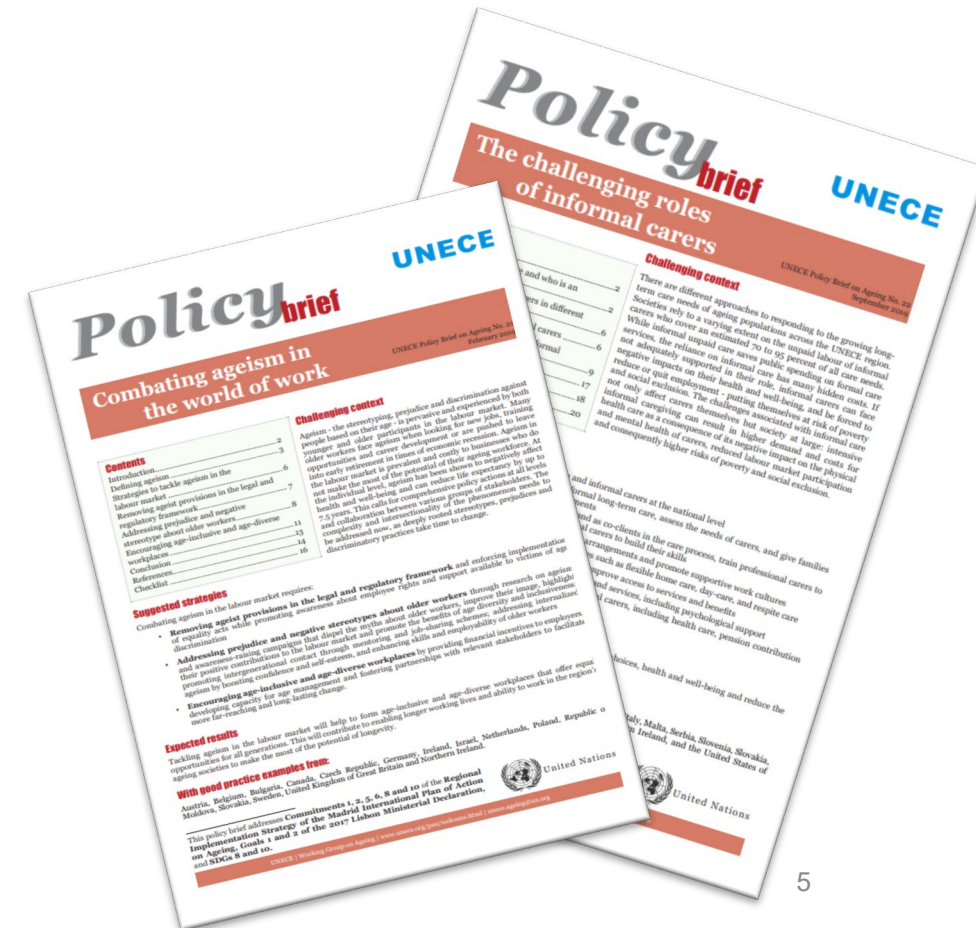


# Policy Briefs on Ageing



## Sharing of policy strategies and good practice

- **2019 - issued**
- **“Combating Ageism in the World of Work”**  
(No. 21, February 2019)
- **“The challenging roles of informal carers”**  
(No. 22, September 2019)
- **2020 planned issues**
- **“Gender Equality in Ageing Societies”** - marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action
- **“Ageing in Sustainable and Smart Cities”** - to be launched at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **“Older persons in emergency situations”**.



# Roadmaps for Mainstreaming Ageing



## Tailored advisory services upon member State request

- **2019 - Belarus**
  - Two field missions, 65 recommendations
  - Foundation for the national strategy “Dignified longevity 2030”
- **2020 - Kazakhstan**
  - First field mission in January 2020
  - To be presented at the WGA in November 2020



# Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing



## Capacity building

### ■ 2019

#### **Task Force on Mainstreaming Ageing**

- Started working in June 2019
- Developed a stocktaking questionnaire
- Collected 15 country notes from members States

### ■ 2020

#### **Development of Guidelines**

- To be presented to the WGA in November 2020
- Launch in 2021 - Portugal's presidency of Council of the EU



## Monitoring and strengthening the evidence base

- **Active Ageing Index**
  - “2018 Active Ageing Index: Analytical report”
  - Pilot studies in Romania and Spain
  - AAI for non-EU countries: Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia; Republic of Moldova
  - Data update foreseen for 2020.
- **Generations and Gender Programme**
  - Joined GGP recently:
    - Kazakhstan (completed survey in 2019)
    - Republic of Moldova (starts survey in 2020)**





# MIPAA/RIS implementation review



## ■ Preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> review and appraisal of the implementation of MIPAA/RIS (2018-2022)

### Draft timeline:

- **Spring 2020**, the WGA Bureau discusses draft guidelines for the country report and opens the call to host Ministerial Conference
- **September 2020**, the Bureau issues the guidelines and launches the national MIPAA/RIS review process – deadline for submitting national reports – September 2021
- **November 2020**, the WGA starts acting as a preparatory committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing; establishes declaration drafting group & conference organizing group.



# Mobilizing support for the WGA work programme in 2020–2022



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# Thank you!

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