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Online event

Thursday, 25 June 2026
14.30 to 16.30 CEST

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In 2027, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) will undergo its fifth review and evaluation. In preparation for this important event, governments in the UNECE region will submit their national reports by autumn 2026 on their measures to implement MIPAA, its Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) and the UNECE Ministerial Declaration – the outcome of the fourth review process concluded in 2022.

This online event focuses on the role of civil society in this review and appraisal process. Best practices will be presented on how older people and their organisations can be involved in the review process and a discussion will take place on how civil society can play a decisive role in shaping ageing policy.

The event is part of the series 'An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange', which includes six online events until the end of 2026. The series provides a platform for civil society to connect, exchange ideas and to stay informed about the latest international developments in ageing policy and the human rights of older persons.

Programme

14.30

Welcome and introduction

- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, BAGSO board member and representative of civil society in the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) of the UNECE

14.40

The bottom-up participatory approach: lessons from the last 25 years of MIPAA

- Dr Lisa Warth, Chief of the Population Unit at UNECE and Secretary of the SWGA

15.00

Examples from UNECE Member States

- Mercedes Gallego Angulo, National Focal Point on Ageing of Spain, IMSERSO
- Ángel Yagüe Criado, Project manager at the Spanish Confederation of Organisations for Older People (CEOMA), Spain
- Pietro Checcucci, Chair of Task force on updating the MIPAA Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS), INAPP, Italy
- Valentina Curzi, member of the research group on demographic dynamics and active ageing, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP), Italy
- Burcu Ayhan Ekenci, Head of Department of Research and International Relations, Ministry of Family and Social Services, Türkiye

16.00

The way forward: Joint Forum of Civil Society and the Research Community

- Dr Kai Leichsenring, representative of research/academia in the Bureau of the SWGA of the UNECE
- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf

16.20

Concluding remarks

- Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, Head of Unit at the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- Ina Voelcker, Head of the Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing, BAGSO

16.30

End

Moderation: Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf and Ina Voelcker

Organisational information

Languages

Conference languages will be English, German, French and Russian.
Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Registration

Participation in the event is free of charge. Registration via the online registration form is required. Individual registrations by telephone are also possible.

Registration form

BAGSO will collect your data for verification purposes and to send you further information about the event. Your data will not be passed on to third parties. Furthermore, the privacy policy of Zoom Video Communications, Inc. applies.

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If you have any support requirements, please inform us as soon as possible via email to **international@bagso.de**. Within the scope of our possibilities, we will make appropriate arrangements associated with the event.

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