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# FOREWORDS





## **2023 – a year of changes!**

*By Heidrun Mollenkopf, President*

When I look back on the year 2023, it seems to me to be characterised by progressive changes and a growing awareness of them.

In 2023, we became painfully aware of how fragile and endangered peace and democracy are in many parts of the world.

We have been talking about climate change for a long time, but it wasn't until the summer of 2023 that many people realised just how urgent – in the truest sense of the word – this problem has become. A problem that affects old and young people alike.

The changes in our society due to demographic change have also been known for a long time. Politicians, companies, and institutions are gradually reacting to the fact that the proportions of the former population pyramid are slowly being reversed. On the one hand, older people with their experience and skills are needed to compensate for the lack of younger cohorts and, on the other hand, healthcare and social systems and urban and rural regions must be adapted to the needs and requirements of the growing number of very old people: with programmes for older workers, the design of age-friendly cities and regions or the digitalisation of administration, healthcare and many other areas of the economy and society.

AGE responded within its specific mission and limited resources and possibilities. As the representative of older people in the EU, we have campaigned in our political work, in the task forces and in projects, in working groups and at conferences in Europe and worldwide for equal and fulfilling ageing in a society based on solidarity.

AGE has long been campaigning for equal rights and social participation for older people with its proposal for an AGE Equality Strategy. This concern was reinforced in 2023 by the "European Strategy for Older Persons" introduced by the Spanish Presidency in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), which was also the focus of a conference in Madrid.



I would also like to briefly recall the annual conference and the AGE Barometer 2023. Both addressed and called for the equal participation of older people in working life. In addition, as part of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, we addressed the issue of equal access to healthcare services in times of digitalisation and, at the Annual meeting of the Francophone Network of Age-Friendly Cities, demonstrated that binding legal regulations are necessary to fully realise age-friendly environments for all.

There were also changes at AGE itself: Various mandates ended in 2023, necessitating the election of a new President and of some new members of the Executive Committee. We also hope that you like AGE's new visual identity with its greater colourfulness and vibrancy and the corresponding redesign of the website and that this encourages you to use it.

As I write these lines, looking back on 2023, the year 2024 is already a few weeks old and I would therefore like to briefly include the upcoming changes. These relate in particular to the election of the European Parliament and the likely new composition of the European Commission. AGE has already taken a stand on this with its Manifesto, and we hope the concerns, needs and rights of older people will be given due consideration in the coming years.




## **New opportunities and challenges**

*By Maciej Kucharczyk, Secretary General*

At the beginning of 2023, we put our trust in the New Year to bring us, older people and civil society as a whole, closer to our goals of greater equality throughout life and democratic principles. As always, reality has exceeded forecasts, bringing good news but also new challenges.

In implementing AGE vision of a Society for All Ages, we have continued raising awareness of the often invisible or unrecognised contributions that we, older people, make to society and the economy, by sharing our skills, knowledge and experience through paid or unpaid work, volunteering, civic or political participation. The AGE 2023 Barometer was devoted entirely to age equality in employment. The assessment of working conditions for older workers and the examples of good practice in developing their potential attracted the attention of



political decision-makers and employers alike. With them, we have taken a step forward towards an age-friendly labor market and working conditions.

The European institutions have been our key ally in our advocacy of age equality. For the first time, we have a unit dedicated to older people at the European Commission within DG Justice; our fruitful cooperation with the Swedish Presidency raised awareness of the conditions needed to fully exploit the potential of older workers; and the Spanish Presidency and the EESC-European Economic and Social Committee supported our call for a European strategy on age equality.

As part of our long-standing efforts toward a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons, we used the resumption of physical meetings of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) to get States to support the convention.

Our members re-connected at the General Assembly and Annual Conference, held for the first time in a physical format for four years. On this occasion, a new AGE President, Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, a long-standing age equality expert and activist, was elected, and we adopted a Manifesto for the 2024 European elections which will help us to continue our advocacy beyond 2025.


The continuing war in Ukraine, the escalation in the Middle East, but also the climate crisis or the arrival of Artificial Intelligence in our daily lives have all been with us throughout the year, forcing us to look beyond our usual sphere of action. How can we, individually and collectively, combat the rise of extremism, strengthen the rule of law and enhance durable peace, or seize the potential of the technological revolution for the benefit of all?

While these challenges will remain in the months and years ahead, for AGE, 2023 was another step forward in improving equality throughout life and strengthening social justice and democracy.

# STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF OLDER PEOPLE



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**Since 2001, AGE Platform Europe (AGE) and its members – united by the common vision of a Society for All Ages – have been bringing the voice of older people to the table, bringing their experiences and aspirations to celebrate ageing and fight for equality at all ages.**

## **Celebrating longevity**

AGE celebrates longevity as one of the greatest achievements of humanity. Guided by the principles of dignity, solidarity and social justice, we seek to combat ageism and promote human rights throughout the life course, so we can all age with equal rights and opportunities and be valued for our contribution.

## **Older people as self-advocates**

As ‘experts’ in their own lives, older people should be able to speak out on their own behalf and express their – very diverse – needs and aspirations. We empower older adults to assert their rights, make their voices heard, and actively participate in decisions that affect their lives. The leadership of older people and their active involvement is central to all AGE activities and work.

[Read more on our vision & mission](#)

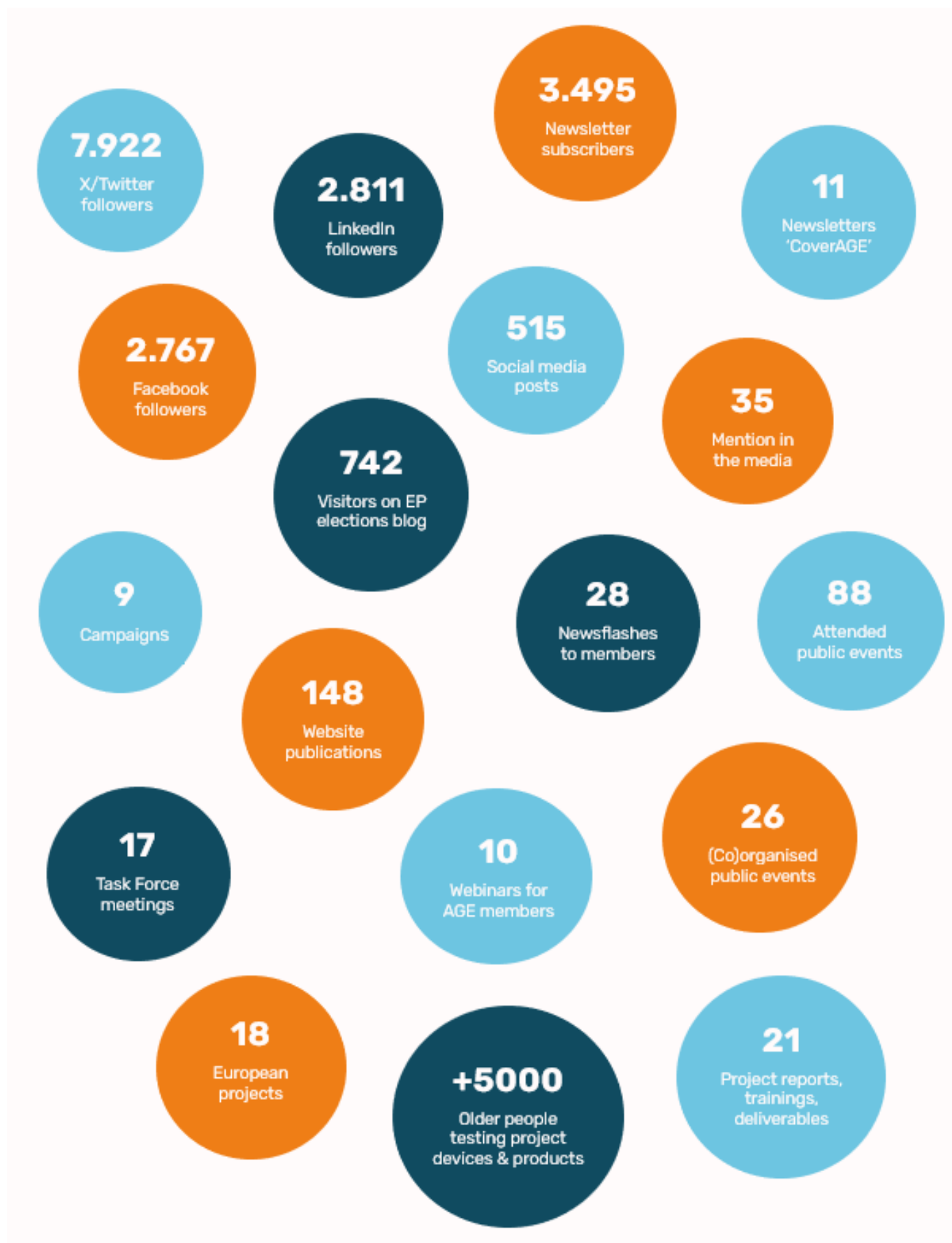
*Read more on AGE network in the last section of this report.*



# OUR WORK IN 2023



## 2023 IN FIGURES



## PROMOTING AGE EQUALITY AT EU AND UN LEVELS

AGE works for equal rights for all ages, both at the level of the United Nations and the European Union. To achieve this goal, we advocate for a European Age Equality strategy and a United Nations Convention on the rights of older people.

In 2023, several events and initiatives helped us move in this direction. The creation of a new unit within the European Commission responsible for non-discrimination and ageing issues, the start of preparations for the European elections in 2024, and the UN's Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing were just some of the major impulses we seized.

### Towards an 'age-inclusive' European Parliament

Our [Manifesto for the European Parliament \(EP\) elections](#), launched in December 2023, stresses the need for a Europe for all ages and proposes concrete measures at EU level. Over the six months of our campaign, we have aimed to strengthen alliances, mobilize support for a European Strategy on Age Equality, and used the EP Elections Manifesto to establish foundations for an inclusive European Union for all ages.

Both in Brussels and in EU Member States, we started to engage with elected MEPs and discuss synergies regarding the forthcoming EP elections in June and the new European Commission. From autumn 2023, we have been meeting European parties and political groups to present our manifesto and shed light on the need for an Age Equality Strategy to reshape the narrative on ageing and promote coherent policies and inclusive practices.

During these meetings, we also emphasized the need for solidarity between generations enshrined in EU treaties. As part of the [MEET project](#), together with the European Youth Forum, we developed an intergenerational declaration





emphasizing the importance of promoting dialogue, understanding, and connection between the younger and older generations at all levels of society. This joint initiative calls for the recognition of complementary contributions made by both younger and older individuals in society.

In 2023, for the first time, we used the [regranting scheme](#), an EU-funded financial support mechanism, to support our members' grassroots initiatives to foster an age-friendly European Parliament. Through this scheme, we funded three small-scale projects aimed at aligning MEP (Members of the European Parliament) candidates' commitments with AGE's proposal for a European strategy for age equality:

- the Cyprus Third Age Observatory (CTAO) organized a high-level political conference on healthy and dignified ageing and related media campaign in Cyprus.
- Bonum Vitae implemented a series of trainings for local leaders addressed to older people and their organisations in 7 regions throughout Poland, to raise awareness on age equality and to prepare them for the role of self-advocates in European elections.
- 50+ Hellas organized a high-level conference on age equality and participation in Greece, underpinned by communication materials.

Outside of the regranting scheme, we supported our members in meeting political parties and MEPs, while also organizing events to disseminate the AGE Manifesto to a wider audience.

In [our blog](#) dedicated to the European Parliament elections, we offered the opportunity to partners, including EU policy makers, to endorse the AGE manifesto.

**MANIFESTO**  
— 2024 —  
**EU Parliament**  
**Blog**

In 2024 we will pursue our objective of ensuring that the newly elected members of the European Parliament and a new European Commission will make a point of adopting a European Age Equality Strategy.



## United for age equality, against ageism

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In 2023, our advocacy for an Age Equality Strategy gained momentum. Following our long-standing calls to strengthen and better coordinate EU policies on ageing, we welcomed the establishment of the new unit to deal with non-discrimination and ageing issues at the Directorate General Justice and Consumers. This development will improve the coordination of EU initiatives on ageing and better anchor them in human rights.

The adoption by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) of an opinion on an EU Strategy for Older Persons largely echoed our proposal for an Age Equality Strategy and marked a significant first step in addressing the existing gaps in policies regarding equal rights in old age in Europe. The conference [Present and future policy for older persons](#) held by EESC in Madrid on 29 November assessed the progress made so far, discussed current and future challenges and made recommendations for a European Strategy for older people. This event, which engaged high-level EU and national stakeholders, is an important legacy for the upcoming EU legislature.



At the level of the United Nations, our efforts towards the adoption of a new UN convention were also rewarded in 2023, namely with Malta and Slovakia joining Slovenia, Austria and Portugal in declaring their support for new international legally binding instrument. We welcomed another exciting development in the [last session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing](#) (OEWGA): the adoption of a decision, which called for more work to be done to identify gaps in the protection of the rights of older people and propose several options to address these gaps before the 14th session. Two cofacilitators were appointed who undertook a broad consultation aiming to build greater consensus among UN Member States about the next steps. Together with our members we contributed to this process highlighting that a convention is the best way to address the gaps identified. In 2024 the co-facilitators will submit their recommendations to the OEWG. The ongoing



negotiations are a critical moment to accelerate progress towards agreement for a new UN convention and we will continue to follow them closely.

We also undertook a few concrete actions to fight ageism at EU level.

- Ahead of the EU Day of Solidarity between Generations, 29 April, we [initiated a letter](#) signed by a group of 13 MEPs calling on their peers to be more respectful towards older persons in their institutional language.
- We marked the International Day of Older Persons highlighting how ageism is largely accepted in the EU and urging for widespread mobilisation. Thanks to our prompt [advocacy](#), an ageist advertisement on an EU building has been removed. Our activism has also initiated discussions within the EU institutions about how to avoid such instances in the future.
- On International Human Rights Day (10<sup>th</sup> December), which also marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, we reiterated our call for [changing the way we speak about ageing](#). Joined by the World Health Organization and DG Justice we asked everyone to use their words as a form of everyday activism.
- Through European projects, we worked on an online game against ageism, the [“Smart Against Ageism” game](#) and an online game against hate speech and discrimination, the [“Smart for Democracy and Diversity-SDD” game](#). As part of the SDD project, we also contributed to policy recommendations and organized the [final event](#). 
- We exchanged with demographers and economists to release the first [Myth Bust Serie](#) with four debunked myths on ageing, frailty, care economy and migration thanks to the [FutuRes project](#). 
- Promoting intergenerational exchanges being key to addressing ageist prejudices, we invited organisations and interested people to join the [Mentoring Across Borders \(MAB\)](#) programme. We organised two information days to inform AGE members about the MAB mentoring methodology and activities. For organisations that expressed interest in becoming mentoring hubs, we organised two training events to prepare them to assume the role of the mentoring hub and participate in the project pilot activities. 

## Towards equal rights for ALL older people

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Sometimes it is not age alone which drives unequal treatment. Raising awareness of the situation of older people experiencing multiple discrimination remained in 2023 one of our key objectives .

In April, we published together with ILGA-Europe a joint briefing '[Intersections: the LGBTI II Survey – Older People Analysis](#)' in which we analysed the LGBTI II Survey of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), bringing to the fore experiences of discrimination and abuse faced by older LGBTI. We reiterated these findings in the mid-term review of the EU 2020–2025 LGBTIQ strategy. In [our response](#) we highlighted the accumulated effects of stigmas and discrimination that many older LGBTI people experience throughout their lives based on their age and gender identity.

We continued to contribute to the work of the Disability Platform representing the experiences and aspirations of older people with disabilities. We raised concerns following the publication of the EC proposal [for a Regulation for cross-border protection of adults](#), about provisions that do not align with the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. In June we wrote a [joint letter](#) together with the European Disability Forum (EDF) and the European Passengers' Federation calling for strengthening the rights of persons with disabilities and with reduced mobility when travelling by air. In October, we wrote a [blog post](#) for the EDF's newsletter on the intersection of ageism and ableism and the negative impact that persistent stereotypes about older people's abilities have on older people's rights.

The gender dimension continued to be mainstreamed across our activities. In 2023 we joined the MARVOW 02 project, aimed at improving the coordination to address violence against older women, which was [kicked-off in May](#).

On International Women's Day in March, we dived into the [gender dimension of digital exclusion](#) in old age with our member the Older Women's Network (OWN) Europe. The AGE [Barometer](#) on employment looked in particular into the place of older women in the labour market. An accompanying [one-pager](#) on older women at work was also developed.



## ENSURING EQUAL PARTICIPATION AND AUTONOMY OF OLDER PEOPLE

Creating a Society for All Ages means giving everyone the means to contribute at every stage of their lives and to live fully and independently. This requires changing policies and practices in many areas of society that significantly impact older people's lives.

### Empowering Older Workers: AGE Barometer on sustainable & quality working lives

Our 2023 Barometer focuses on empowering older people in the labour market. In this fourth edition, AGE members shed light on existing good practices that aim to ensure sustainable and quality working lives in Europe. In their forewords, Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, and Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE President, respectively highlight the EU's goal of achieving an employment rate of 78% for Europeans by 2030, the importance of investing in quality jobs, including for older workers, and the Barometer's aim to be a reference for policymakers, employers, and civil society.

Drafted together with AGE Task Force on Employment and Participation, the Barometer consists of an intersectional analysis across three pivotal policy objectives: supporting older workers, combatting ageism and adapting workplaces for all ages. It provides the findings, recommendations, and good practices collected by AGE members in 19 Member States.

The results of the Barometer were presented and discussed with experts, policy makers, social partners during AGE [Annual Conference](#) in June, exploring how to promote a European model for sustainable and quality working lives. The





Barometer was then officially launched in November to mark the 6th anniversary of the proclamation and signature of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

To deepen into the findings and recommendations of our 2023 Barometer, visit the dedicated pages:

- [Overview of Barometer 2023](#): Gain insights into the overarching goals, methodologies, and comprehensive data collection that form the foundation of the Barometer.
- [Support for older people in the labour market](#): Provides data and recommendations to support older people in the labor market, aiming to empower policymakers, employers, and civil society in creating satisfying and inclusive working lives for older individuals.
- [End Age Discrimination in Employment](#): Explore the Barometer's stance on ageism in the workplace, shedding light on discriminatory practices and advocating for age equality.
- [Workplaces for All Ages](#): Delve into the strategies proposed by the Barometer for creating inclusive workplaces that cater to the diverse needs of employees across all age groups.

The one-pager presenting the Barometer's key findings and actionable recommendations, and the full version of the report can be downloaded here: [Barometer 2023 - AGE Platform Europe \(age-platform.eu\)](#).

## Ensuring adequate income & social inclusion in older age

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After the 2022 inflation and cost-of-living surge, we continued to [call for mechanisms](#) that adapt pensions adequately and regularly to the changes in the cost of living.

The adoption of the [Council recommendation on minimum income](#) was the occasion for us to underline that this recommendation should not be only about social assistance, but also about minimum pensions. Through our collaboration with the Social Platform and the European Anti-Poverty Network, we participated in the '[Over the line](#)' campaign, which led to the European Parliament calling for a more binding Directive on minimum income.



With the Task Force on Adequate Income, we conducted a brainstorming session on solutions to address loneliness, another topic covered this year. Through our Swedish member PRO, we participated in the Swedish EU Presidency conference on loneliness.

We also encouraged members to engage with the European Semester process – the process of coordination of social and economic policies between EU Member States. Given the high levels of public debt after the public support during COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis and the ongoing expenses linked to the Russian war against Ukraine, we warned against a backlash against public pension systems and social investment [in our position on the European Semester 2023](#). We also highlighted the continuing trend of increasing old-age poverty.

Finally, we promoted the [findings of the High-Level Expert Group](#) on the Future of Social Protection and the Welfare State, which emphasise the importance of social investments given the multiple pressures weighing on our welfare states. While the rules for economic governance are currently under review, we emphasised the importance of enabling investments to make the most out of demographic change and increasing longevity.

## Strengthening partnership & synergies for quality care & healthy ageing

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Since the EU Care Strategy was adopted in 2022, with a Council recommendation on long-term care, we continue to follow its implementation phase. AGE's compass remains our members' common vision of care, as an empowering and person-centred instrument to uphold our rights to live independently and in autonomy.

Over the course of 2023, we have continued our collaboration and exchange with other civil society networks. We supported the creation of a [long-term partnership for care](#), launched by service providers for persons with disabilities and trade unions. We also worked to establish a care strategy taskforce within Social Platform and worked with Equinet, European Disability Forum and others to inform about the strategy and the available opportunities in terms of funding. We also took part in mutual learning exercises, where Member States exchange their good practices on long-term care, bringing in the perspective of older persons and the issues faced by persons in need of care on the ground. Furthermore, we advise the World Health Organisation in the setting up of a 'framework for an integrated continuum for long-term care services' and the development of a technical self-assessment tool for member states to identify strengths and weaknesses in their long-term care systems.

We also used the opportunity of our work in projects to further the aims of the EU Care Strategy: in InAdvance we elaborated policy recommendations together with [our members and EU stakeholders](#) for the implementation of [evidence-based Palliative Care](#) which we shared at the project's final conference in Brussels. As SHAPES came to a conclusion in 2023, we delivered [pan-European integrated care policy guidelines](#) which were presented to Members of the European Parliament in September.

InAdvance



With the Task Force on Dignified and Healthy Ageing, we conducted a number of brainstorming exercises that allowed for an exchange of ideas and good practices, on palliative care, mental health and reform priorities. The physical

meeting, hosted by the World Bank in Warsaw, aimed to identify national priorities for reform in long-term care.

In the field of health, we took part in an [EU consultation on mental health](#), in which we stressed the need for a human rights-based approach that takes into account the specificities and determinants of mental health across the life course. The resulting European Commission's communication on an '[European comprehensive approach to mental health](#)' covers a wide spectrum of mental health services and lines up the ways to support them from EU level. While it is only a commitment of the European Commission, it provides a basis for raising this issue further on the agenda in the next legislature. Our president, Heidrun Mollenkopf, also contributed to a conference organized by the World Health Organisation on [the impact of the digitalization of care systems](#) in Porto.

Together with our partners in the ValueCare project, we took part in the [International Conference on Integrated Care \(ICIC23\)](#) in May and in the [European Public Health Conference](#) in December to discuss and showcase the preliminary outcomes of the project that defends an innovative vision for health and care. We also shared the first draft of policy recommendations for the delivery of integrated health and social care for older adults, supported by digital solutions and anchored in a human rights-based approach.



Smart and healthy ageing is also the focus of the [Pharaon](#) project, where we emphasised the importance of people getting to enjoy equal rights at all ages, through newsletter and video interviews, as well as social media campaigns. Furthermore, we provided two training sessions for civil society networks in the Western Balkans on "[Engaging with policy makers and advocating for policy change in the process of EU accession](#)" and "Strengthening advocacy networks for long-term care" in the context of the Covid Resilience project. Our AGE members were also involved in a survey of the EU Navigate project on [existing cancer patient navigation system](#) in European countries.



As part of the [e-VITA](#) project, several experts working on the themes of new technologies and ageing were interviewed for the podcast series "Ageing Equal", which can be listened to on various platforms, Spotify, Soundcloud or on the [project website](#). The interviewees include our member and former President Liz Mestheneos, Eric Kihlstrom, Anastasia Ostrowski, among others.





## Fighting for accessibility & mobility as key enablers to autonomy & participation of older people

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In March 2023, the European Commission launched a [revision of the Driving Licence Directive](#). We raised [our concerns on some provisions](#), which perpetuate ageism. Together with the Task Force on Age-Friendly Environments and key allies, the European Transport Safety Council and the UN Independent Experts Claudia Mahler and Gerard Quinn, we worked hard to convince the members of the Transport Committee of the European Parliament to amend the proposal. This committee adopted [its position](#) and supported our requests to:

- Have both mobile and physical driving licence;
- Delete the provision limiting the administrative validity of the driving licence from the age of 70;
- Delete the reference to “ageing-linked behavioural” as a mental impairment.

We will keep on struggling in 2024 to make sure the final shape of the directive does not limit older people’s mobility for biased reasons.

As stated by our President Heidrun Mollenkopf during the [International Colloquium of the Francophone Network of Age-Friendly Cities](#) in Paris, in December, age-friendly environments can meet the rights and needs of older people. Although older people are very diverse, their needs are quite similar across countries and generations: a comfortable and safe home, accessible shops, public services and transportation, places to meet and connect to others. We shared the same messages [at an event](#) organised in the framework of the Urbanage project during the European Week of Cities and Region.



This is also why, we joined the consortium led by Fundación ONCE to set up the [AccessibleEU Centre](#), a one-stop-shop on accessibility. We committed to participating in this effort, to make accessibility a true reality. Likewise, thanks to [the AFC-Toolkit project](#), we supported the development of training curriculum on age-friendly environments.



Older people being the ultimate expert of their lives, we will build on our work to contribute to the next session of the UN Open-Ended Group on Ageing in May 2024, where infrastructure, accessibility habitat and mobility will be addressed.

# OUR NETWORK





AGE Platform Europe is the largest European network of organisations of and for older people. We aim to voice the diverse experiences and aspirations of the growing share of the older population in the European Union and raise awareness of ageing issues.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is composed of more than 100 organisations covering 29 countries. They include organisations of older people or directly representing older people, as well as non-profit organisations providing services to older people or active in the ageing field, established in Europe.

[Meet our members on our website](#)

## OUR GOVERNING BODIES

**Executive Committee** : meets four times a year and provides strategic guidance on advocacy work and ensures the smooth running of the organisation in accordance with the statutes and internal rules.

**Administrative Council** : meets twice a year and is responsible for the overall running of the organisation and the implementation of work programmes.

**Accreditation Committee**: is responsible for examining applications to membership.

**General Assembly**: gathering all AGE members are represented, the General Assembly meets annually to adopt the work programme, budget and applications for membership.

[Find more on our governance](#)



## OUR SECRETARIAT

Based in Brussels, AGE Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day management of the association, the implementation of work programmes and for liaising with the EU institutions. [Meet our secretariat](#)



## OUR FUNDING

AGE's policy activities are co-funded by the internal incomes (membership fees and donations, 20%) and the support of the European Union (operating grant of the EU Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme, 80%). In 2023, we received corporate donations from Essity and MED-EL. We also thank EU Institutions, including the Commission, the Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, as well as the EU Presidencies, National governments and AGE members for their support in co-organising and co-hosting our advocacy events and governing body meetings.

AGE continued its work on European Research Projects. In 2023, we were a partner in 18 European projects covering the topics of ageism, digital technologies, health and care, age-friendly environments: AFC Toolkit, Covid Resilience, EU Navigate, E-Vita, FUTURES, InAdvance, Mentoring Across Borders (MAB), Marvow 2.0, MEET, Pharaon, Smart against Ageism (SAA), See U, Shapes, ValueCare, Urbanage, the SDD – Smart for Demography and Diversity (SDD) and Agisme dans le Gard, Faith. AGE participation in EU research projects is 100% covered by EU funding (mainly the European Horizon 2020 Programme).

[View all our projects here](#)



## MEMBERSHIP TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

AGE is a member of...

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The [Platform of European Social NGOs](#) (Social Platform) is the alliance of representative European federations and networks of non-governmental organisations active in the social sector at European level. AGE's role in Social Platform is to voice older citizens' concerns and defend their rights.



The [European Anti-poverty Network](#) (EAPN), is an independent network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union.

AGE aims to bring the older people's perspective in EAPN's work and help develop solutions to prevent and address poverty and social exclusion in old age.



The [European Public Health Alliance](#) (EPHA) represents organisations active in the public health sector. EPHA aims to promote and protect the health interests of all people living in Europe and to strengthen the dialogue between the European institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of healthy public policies. AGE has since 2008 been closely cooperating with EPHA on health issues of interest to older people.

## JOIN US!

AGE Platform Europe is involved in a range of policy and information activities to put older people's issues on the EU agenda and to support networking among older people's groups.

By joining our network, you will express your support and be able to:



### Interested in becoming a member of AGE?

[Visit our website](#)



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