



The Oxford Institute of
Population Ageing

BUILDING AN EVIDENCE BASE FOR ACTIVE AGEING POLICIES: ACTIVE AGEING INDEX AND ITS POTENTIAL

**International Seminar
16–17 April 2015, Brussels**

Programme

**VENUE:
Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Sciences and Arts,
Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussels**



Thursday, 16 April 2015

- 08:45 – 09:30** **REGISTRATION (Entry hall)
and WELCOME COFFEE (Marble room, first floor)**
- 09:30 – 13:20** **PLENARY SESSION (Auditorium Albert II, ground floor)**
- 14:30 – 16:30** **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (Ockeghem room / Rubens auditorium,
ground floor)**
- 17:00 – 18:30** **POSTER SESSION (Marble room, first floor)**
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09:30 – 09:45 **OPENING BY CO-ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS**

09:45 – 11:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

Chair: Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, UNECE

Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD
Ageing Unequally

Milorad Kovacevic, Chief Statistician, Human Development Report Office, UNDP
Added value of composite indicators for policymakers

Asghar Zaidi, University of Southampton
Analytical paper on AAI trends

11:15 – 11:35 *Coffee break (Marble room, first floor)*

11:35 – 13:20 **USE OF AAI FOR POLICYMAKING**

Chair: Sarah Harper, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

Lucie Vidovičová, Masaryk University, Brno
“The expected, perceived, and valued social roles of older people: a secondary analysis of European surveys”

Marvin Formosa, University of Malta
“Responding to AAI: innovations in active ageing policies in Malta”

Moritz Hess, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University Mannheim
“Population Ageing, the Intergenerational Conflict, and Active Ageing Policies – a multilevel study of 27 European countries”

Pearl Dykstra, Erasmus University Rotterdam
“Are societies with a high value on AAI more age integrated?”

13:20 – 14:30 *Lunch break (Marble room, first floor)*

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS: 14:30 – 16:30

WORKSHOP ON SUBNATIONAL ADAPTATIONS OF AAI

(Rubens auditorium, ground floor)

Chair: Jolanta Perek-Białas, Warsaw School of Economics, Jagiellonian University Cracow

The workshop is devoted to presentation and discussion of selected papers on the application of the Active Ageing Index at a subnational level — regional or local. A growing interest towards

subnational application of AAI is due to the fact that a large part of ageing-related policies are formed and applied at regional or local levels. However, the task of calculating AAI at a subnational level may become rather complicated, e.g. due to a lack of data. Workshop participants will learn about experiences of AAI adaptation, related challenges, and discuss suitable solutions and how the analysis at a subnational level can lead to advances in active ageing at national level.

Vicente Rodríguez, Institute of Economics, Geography and Demography.
Spanish National Research Council
“Active Ageing Index: application to Spanish geographical scales”

Luciana Quattrociochi, Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)
“Greying Italy across time, space and gender”

Willeke van Staalduinen, Dutch Centre for Health Assets
“Evaluating socio-economic impact of Age-Friendly Environments”

Amaia Bacigalupe, University of the Basque Country
“Active Aging Index in a southern European region (Biscay): main results and potentials for policymaking”

WORKSHOP ON COMPARATIVE PAPERS

(Ockeghem room, ground floor)

Chair: Kenneth Howse, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

At this workshop the papers on comparison of the Active Ageing Index results across countries and regions, as well as on comparison of active ageing experiences of different groups of population / cohorts will be presented and discussed. The workshop will look also into the determinants behind different active ageing measures and outcomes, including ageing-related policies, economic and social context and others.

Kasia Karpinska, Erasmus University Rotterdam
“Differences in AAI in Eastern European countries. A comparison of Poland and the Czech Republic”

Eralba Cela, Polytechnic University of Marche
“Ageing in a multicultural Europe: perspectives and challenges”

Andrzej Klimczuk, Warsaw School of Economics
“Comparative Analysis of National and Regional Silver Economy Models in European Union”

Christian Ernst Heinrich Boehler, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies
“Estimating weights for AAI from stated preferences: proposal for a Discrete Choice Experiment”

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Conveners: Eszter Zolyomi, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research and **Robert Anderson**, Eurofound

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WORKSHOP ON METHODOLOGICAL PAPERS

(Rubens auditorium, ground floor)

Chair: Asghar Zaidi, Southampton University

At this workshop the papers devoted to the Active Ageing Index methodology will be presented and discussed. It will cover such topics as adjustment of weights; suggestions for additional / complementary indicators, or domains; as well as overall different approaches to index calculation. Methodology issues related to adaptation of AAI to subnational use or use outside of EU might also be discussed under this workshop. It will also cover the sustainability of the index over time.

Javier Olivera, University of Luxembourg

“Well-being differences in old-age in Europe: the Active Ageing Index by cohorts”

Bruno Arpino, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

“Active Ageing Typologies: A Latent Class Analysis of the Older Europeans”

Sara Valente de Almeida, Centre for European Policy Research (CEPS)/
NOVA Health Care Initiative

“How relevant is Active Ageing? Evidence from Portugal”

Sara Marsillas, University of Santiago de Compostela

“Study on active ageing at individual level based on AAI”

WORKSHOP ON USE OF AAI IN NON-EU COUNTRIES

(Ockegehlem room, ground floor)

Chair: Giovanni Lamura, National Institute of Health & Science on Ageing (INRCA/IRCCS),
Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing

The workshop will look into experiences of calculation of the Active Ageing Index outside of the European Union. Originally, in 2012, AAI was calculated for the EU countries only. The data for the index computation are extracted from a number of European social surveys (EU-LFS, EQLS and others). This means that for countries wishing to use AAI but not participating in the mentioned surveys calculation of the index may turn out challenging. The participants will learn about and discuss the results of AAI computation in a number of non-EU countries, difficulties that the authors of the research have faced, and possible ways of making such a task easier.

Qian Xiong, Texas A&M University

“Active Ageing and Policy Implications in China”

Elena Golubeva, Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangelsk

“Arctic region and main domains of AAI in Russia: from global to regional perspective”

Maria Varlamova, Higher School of Economics, Moscow

“AAI as an Evidence Base for Developing a Comprehensive Active Ageing Policy in Russia”

Suchandrima Chakraborty, International Institute for Population Sciences,
Mumbai

*“Active Ageing Index in India - Is the UNECE approach applicable to
Developing Countries?”*

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Chair: Ralf Jacob, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and
Inclusion

Jorge Pinto Antunes, European Commission, DG for Health and Food Safety

Anne-Sophie Parent, AGE Platform Europe

Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

13:30 *Lunch (Marble room, first floor)*