

2017 Ministerial Conference on Ageing
A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer
Lisbon, 21-22 September 2017

Active Ageing Index: ways to realize the potential of living longer

Side event

Venue: (Researchers' forum room)

21 September, 13:10 – 14:20

Background

The Active Ageing Index (AAI) is an evidence-based tool measuring to what extent the potential of older persons to contribute to the economy and society is realized. This contribution is made via being employed, volunteering, providing informal care, living independently, staying healthy etc. — a variety of ways captured by the indicators of the index. The AAI depicts the current situation and highlights the areas where future gains can be made. As such, it is used to inform and monitor policies for active and healthy ageing at national and subnational levels in the European Union and beyond.

More information on the AAI is available from
<https://statswiki.unece.org/display/AAI/Active+Ageing+Index+Home>.

Target audience

The side event will be useful and of interest to policymakers, civil society representatives and researchers who are keen to find out how the AAI has been and can be used to inform policies for active ageing.

Format and focus of discussion

The side event will be held as a panel discussion with five panellists familiar with the AAI and its experienced users. The panellists will focus on the matters of using the AAI at national and subnational levels from the perspectives of key stakeholder groups — policymakers, civil society, and academia. They will discuss how the AAI framework can be used to monitor ageing-related policies and strategies at local, regional and national levels and to identify areas where future gains in terms of realizing the potential of older persons can be made.

A moderator will guide the discussion.

The side event will be held in English.



Moderator

Robert Anderson, Head of the Living Conditions and Quality of Life Unit at Eurofound (the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions), member of the Expert group on the Active Ageing Index

Panellists

Pietro Checcucci, Researcher, INAPP – National Institute for the Analysis of Public Policies, UNECE Focal Point for Ageing – Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of Italy

Olga Gagauz, Head of the Centre for Demographic Research, Academy of sciences of the Republic of Moldova

Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary-General, AGE Platform Europe, member of the Expert group on the Active Ageing Index

Maria Varlamova, Researcher, Center for Integrated Studies of Social Policy National Research University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Asghar Zaidi, Professor in International Social Policy, University of Southampton, Lead researcher in the AAI project