

Regional summit

on policy innovation for healthy ageing in the WHO European Region

10–11 October 2023, Lisbon, Portugal



Scope and Purpose

The United Nations (UN) resolution (75/131) calls upon the World Health Organization (WHO) to lead the implementation of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030) “the Decade” in collaboration with other UN agencies, governments, international and regional organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia, and the media. The Decade is aligned with the last ten years of the Sustainable Development Goals, to promote and strengthen multisectoral and multi-stakeholder partnering to foster healthy ageing as well as to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live.

A core aim of the summit is to review the status of implementation and process evaluation of the Decade in the European Region and to discuss policy innovations and promising practices in the context of rapidly ageing populations. The summit will be a timely opportunity for a technical discussion on several key topics, including:

- Reviewing progress in countries with policies that address the health and social care needs of ageing populations and the opportunities of growing longevity;
- Raising awareness of the Decade along with its action areas and resources;
- Mainstreaming ageing into emergency contexts including climate-induced disasters and implement emergency preparedness through age-friendly initiatives at national and local levels;
- Presenting new WHO tools and recent policy guidance and to identify remaining gaps;
- Considering strategies to close gaps in evidence and strengthen data and measurements of healthy ageing;
- Discussing how to strengthen international cooperation in Europe and explore synergies between initiatives while promoting multisectoral engagement and cooperation; and
- Exploring the meaningful engagement of older persons in the implementation of the Decade.

Expected outcomes of the Summit include:

- Obtain feedback and endorsement on the Lisbon Outcome Statement: Regional Summit on Policy Innovation for Healthy Ageing in the WHO European Region;
- Exchange of notable practices from countries; and
- Establish a network of focal points for further advocacy and implementation of the Decade.