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## Innovation for age-friendly environments in Europe : joint AFE-INNOVNET and AFEE workshops for policy makers

8-9 December 2015, Brussels

This event is meant to support the implementation of the Covenant on Demographic Change. After presenting a concise overview on the outcomes and tools developed by the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network and the AFEE Project, seven workshops will be held to support local and regional authorities in developing and implementing action plans on age-friendly environments. These workshops cover a broad range of topics, from participatory approaches in initial assessments and planning, the design of action plans in cross-sectoral cooperation, the definition of outputs and outcomes, and finally to the monitoring and evaluation of results.

### The Covenant on Demographic Change

As one of its core goals, the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network has committed to frame and launch a Covenant on Demographic Change by the end of 2015. The overarching goal of the Covenant will be to engage local and regional authorities and other relevant stakeholders in developing environments supporting active and healthy ageing, thus improving healthy life expectancy, enhancing independent living of older persons and creating a society for all ages. The Covenant will aim at fostering synergies between relevant stakeholders in cooperation with existing initiatives such as the WHO Global Network on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, the WHO-Europe Healthy City Network and the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing



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**Tuesday 8 December**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**8.30-12.30**

**Venue: VLEVA, Kortenberglaan 71 - 1000 Brussels**  
Translation from/to : English, French, German and Spanish

From 8:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
9.15	Opening	Representative of Flanders
	Introduction and moderation	European Commission
	The WHO framework for age-friendly cities and communities	Manfred Huber
	Trailer: Manchester - Researching Age-Friendly Cities	Film (1'20")
	Involving older people: a key requirement	Mireia Ferri
	Discussion	
11.00	Coffee break	
	Evaluation and impact assessment: where to start with?	Rodd Bond
	Discussion	
12.15	Introduction to the workshops	Anne-Sophie Parent
12.30	Lunch and transfer to workshops	

**WORKSHOPS**

**14:15-17:00**

All the workshops will follow the same discussion structure and will accommodate around 15 participants

WS1 - in Dutch	<b>VLEVA</b> - Kortenberglaan 71 - 1000 Brussels
WS2 - in French	<b>CEMR</b> - Square de Meeus 1 - 1000 Brussels
WS3 - in English	<b>CEMR</b> - Square de Meeus 1 - 1000 Brussels
WS4 - in German	<b>Meklenburg-Vorpommern EU Office</b> - Bld Saint Michel 80 - 1040 Brussels
WS5 - in English	<b>South Denmark European Office</b> - Av. Palmerston 3 - 1000 Brussels
WS6 - in English	<b>Wales House</b> - Rond-Point Schuman 11 - 1040 Brussels
WS7 - in Spanish	<b>Valencia Regional Office</b> - Avenue Edmond Mesens 7A - 1040 Brussels

**18: 00-19:30**

**Reception at Brussels' City Hall**  
**Grand Place - 1000 Brussels**

**Wednesday 9 December**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**9.15 - 13.00**

**Venue: VLEVA, Kortenberglaan 71, 1000 Brussels**  
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9.15	Opening and moderation	
	Feedback from the workshops by moderators and discussion	
11.15	Coffee break	
11.45	The way forward for the Covenant on Demographic Change and the age-friendly environment agenda	
13.00	Lunch	



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### Target audience

This event is mainly targeting policy makers from local and regional authorities. Nevertheless, the participation of representatives of the civil society organisations, research centres, universities, industries and service providers are expected to enrich the discussion and strengthen the partnership approach.

### About the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network

The Thematic Network on Innovation for Age-Friendly Environments is enshrined in the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, driven by the European Commission (DG CONNECT and SANTE) and supports the Action Group D4 on Age-Friendly Environments. Indeed, to support the scaling up of existing and future innovative age-friendly environments across the EU, a large group of partners led by AGE Platform Europe have set up this thematic network to connect stakeholders (public authorities, older people's organisations, service providers, industry, researchers) interested in the promotion of age-friendly environments at local, regional, national and EU level. This project is funded by the CIP ICT Policy Support Programme (Grant Agreement 620978).

[www.afeinnovnet.eu](http://www.afeinnovnet.eu)

### About the Joint Project "Age-Friendly Environments in Europe" (AFEE) conducted by WHO Regional Office for Europe, with the support of the European Commission (DG EMPL)

The AFEE Project provides new tools and guidance for local and regional authorities to design and assess action that is needed to create more age-friendly environments. They present a synthesis of the latest evidence from a broad range of research and concrete experiences, including tools developed across Europe on local, regional, national and international level. AFEE support local and regional authorities in the design, the monitoring and evaluation of age-friendly actions, in a participatory and cross-sectoral way of working.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Life-stages/healthy-ageing/activities/age-friendly-environments-in-europe-afee>

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