

Launch of the Covenant on Demographic Change

7 December 2015



A Covenant on Demographic Change “Supporting innovation for age-friendly environments in Europe”

hosted by Committee of the Regions, Brussels

The Covenant on Demographic Change

As one of its core goals, the AFE-INNOVNET network was 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.

Programme

9:00-10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Moderation by Helen Campbell, Vice-President AGE Platform Europe

10:00-10:30 **Opening Session** by Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions together and Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament.

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- 10:30-10:50 **Setting the scene** by Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Warwickshire County Council and Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe
- 10:50-11:10 **Towards an age-friendly world**, John Beard, Director of the World Health Organisation's Department of Ageing and Life Course
- 11:10-11:30 **Ageing in Cities**, Setsuko Saya, Head of the Regional Policies for Sustainable Development Division at OECD
- 11:30-11:50 Coffee break
- 11:50-12:10 **The emerging European Silver Economy Strategy**, Paul Timmers, Director of Sustainable and Secure Society Directorate, DG CONNECT
- 12:10-12:30 **The key role of research, the example of the TNO Urban Strategy**, Kees de Huy, Director Smart Cities
- 12:30-13:00 Debate with participants
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:15-14:30 **Presentation of the Covenant on Demographic Change**
By Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General AGE Platform Europe
- 14:30-16:00 **Why do we support Age-Friendly Environments and the Covenant on Demographic Change**
Sarah Rochira, Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales (UK)
Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Warsaw (Poland) - tbc
Biscay (Spain) . name to be confirmed
Furio Honsell, Udine (Italy)
Dublin City Council (Ireland) . name to be confirmed
Groningen (Netherlands) . name to be confirmed
- 16:00-16:30 Debate with participants

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16:30 -17:15 **Closing session: the way forward**

AAL JP Representative (name to be confirmed)

Lambert Van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament

Arnoldas Abramavicius, Committee of the Regions

Dutch Presidency (name to be confirmed)

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Target audience

Local and regional authorities, civil society organisations, research centres and universities, industries and service providers: all relevant stakeholders willing to move forward on innovation for age-friendly environment.

Translation

From/to English, French, German, Polish and Spanish

Venue



Committee of the Regions
Jacques Delors Building
Room JDE 52
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1040 Brussels

About the Thematic Network AFE-INNOVNET

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 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 peoples 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).

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