

# Risk Cartography - Does ageing undermine fundamental institutions of modern Europe?"

## AGEING AFFECTS WELFARE

**STATEMENTS**

- Economic reforms throughout the EU have impacted many countries' social security systems, risking growing gender-based inequalities regarding employment and retiring age.
- European populations are shifting dramatically. By 2060, social expenditure linked to age will represent 4.7% of GDP on average, while public expenditure by way of pensions could rise by 2.4% of GDP on this very date.
- The EU must ensure that older people can live their lives in dignity.
- Unemployment is rising in the elderly.
- In Europe, the ratio for active to retired individuals is 4/t. In 2060, it will be 3/t.
- The average age of Europeans is creeping upward steadily, which is putting intense pressure on Europe's generous state-pension systems.
- There is a lack of EU reform on elderly issues.
- Elderly people are not empowered past retirement age.
- The number of retired people will double by 2060.
- Pension reform has become central to EU crisis management involving sovereign debt, creating decision making processes, and member state self-interest.
- Cuts are happening and not the only option.

**THINGS**

- The equality principle was reinforced through a recent decision by the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- Need to extend working lives.
- Re-examine the possibility of abolishing the compulsory retirement age.
- The first objective of pension reform must remain to ensure adequate retirement income for all.
- Invest in the health and social services.
- Use reverse mortgages to provide in retirement.
- Elderly should obtain training and remain in labour market.
- EU wide single policy pensions reform.
- pension reform of the second pillar.
- Elderly should obtain training and remain in labour market.

**PROTAGONISTS**

- Court of Justice of the European Union
- European Economic and Social Committee
- President of AGE
- Ole Settergren / OFCE / Henri Sterdyniak
- / Işıkülü Andor / E.U. Employment and Social Affairs Commission
- EU Commission President
- Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Ageing
- EU commission for employment, social affairs and inclusion
- Mervyn Kobler, Special adviser at Age UK
- AGE platform director

## AGEING AFFECTS EMPLOYMENT AND WELFARE

**STATEMENTS**

- The number of young people up to the age of 14 will drop from 100 million to 66 million in 2050. / The number of people over 80 will rise from 4.1% to more than 11% in 2050.
- Demographic projections indicate a decline of about 6.8 per cent - 20.8 million - in the number of people of working age by 2030. / Two people of working age (15-64) will thus be needed to support one retired person over 65, compared to a ratio of four to one today.
- Link pension sustainability to the annual growth in order to ensure better balance between time spent in employment and time spent in retirement.
- Sustainable long-term strategy of the pension schemes has to be based on increasing the young entrants in the labour market.
- Only one in 10 Europeans is very concerned about ageing. / One third of Europeans say they would like to work beyond their pensionable age. / By 2060, estimates show there will be only two Europeans of working age (15-64) for every person over 65.
- By 2060, estimates show there will be only two Europeans of working age (15-64) for every person over 65. / So far policymakers failed to take action against the demographic changes.
- Prolonging working lives is necessary and will require more quality jobs for both younger and older workers.
- The European year offers a unique opportunity to address demographic change as an opportunity.

**THINGS**

- generational accounting / generation check/ impact assessment / Guaranteed jobs for young people
- vitality of elder people / respecting the dignity of elderly / elderly volunteering
- White Paper on Pensions / Increasing retirement age
- Quality job creation / private retirement schemes
- Senior employment, Active ageing and good health
- vitality of elder people / respecting the dignity of elderly / elderly volunteering / intergenerational justice
- Create an EU wide market of goods and services designed for our ageing society.
- EU age-friendly environment network / EU accessibility act

**PROTAGONISTS**

- Secretary General Anne-Sophie PAREN
- European Commission
- László Andor, European employment, social affairs and inclusion commissioner
- Heinz Becker, Member of parliament's employment and social affairs committee

## ISOLATION OF THE ELDERLY

**STATEMENTS**

- The prevalence of dementia is predicted to double globally by 2030 / European parliament priorities have to go beyond the labour market concerns.
- The 65+ age bracket is the fastest growing demographic group in Europe. We must guarantee them a decent life and respect for human dignity.
- Even in good economic times the state alone cannot offer the best and most rational answer to isolated elderly.

**THINGS**

- Actions to tackle poverty and exclusion and to guarantee access to quality social services so that older people can live in dignity.
- A strong engagement for the eradication of poverty and social exclusion must be the overall objective of the new EU strategy for 2020.
- reintegrate the older generation into society / acknowledge the social value of older volunteers

**PROTAGONISTS**

- Heather Roy, Secretary general of Euródiacommia
- Marjan Sedmak, vice-president of Age Platform Europe

## ISOLATION OF THE ELDERLY

**STATEMENTS**

- Smartphone applications
- EU law needs amending
- ICT technology use and training in elderly can help older people be less dependent on state and increase their participation in society.
- Smartphone applications
- Broader and stricter EU legislation to give rights to older people
- Greater solidarity between generations is needed to offer care.
- Joint EU initiatives needed to spread awareness of discrimination
- Raising the retirement age
- The recommendation calls on member states to join the EU joint programming initiative which will seek to develop a common strategic research agenda on ageing.
- Governments increase spending on good-quality health and long-term care
- Health prevention / Care and cure / independent living
- The associations want a legislative proposal from the European Commission.
- Senior employment, Elderly volunteering and work, Active ageing and good health
- EU funding possibilities to promote active ageing
- Enhancing the participation of old volunteers
- equal treatment directive
- EU needs more stringent and common legal provisions to provide support for the elderly.
- Elderly women as a cultural, social and professional resource
- Better measures for reconciliation of work life and family life, and an integrated approach to child and elder care services, as well as fully-paid carer leave for those who care for a dependent relative
- Host forum to inform regional and local authorities, European institutions, research centres and social organisations and networks about existing and new concepts in the field of social innovation and giving insights in how to create and implement innovation in their social policy.
- It is not easy to start up social innovation projects. In a time of crisis, public budgets are limited, local partnerships have to be set up, civil participation may be limited and the relationship between the various European programmes is sometimes unclear.

**THINGS**

- The European Older People's Platform
- European E-Health
- / European Disability Forum /
- Belgian Embassy
- Slovakian Age concern
- EU commission for employment, social affairs and inclusion
- European Commission
- Linda McAvan, MEP Employment, public health and food safety committee
- Europe 2020
- European Consumer's Organisation / European Trade Union Confederation / Confederation of Family Organisations in the EU / Environmental Law Services / Réseau Financement Alternatif / European Coalition for Justice / European Environmental Bureau / FreshshareholderS EU
- Jean Lambert, Co-chair of the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity
- Nicola Robins, European political adviser for Age UK
- Edith Bauer, Parliament Rapporteur on the situation of women approaching retirement age
- European Alliance for Families
- European Union Committee of the Regions

## ACCESSIBILITY TO TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ELDERLY

## ELDER DISCRIMINATION

## SHRINKING EUROPEAN WORKING AGE POPULATION

## THE NEED FOR HEALTHY AGEING

## THE ABSENCE OF COLLECTIVE REDRESS LEGISLATION WITHIN THE EU

## HOW TO ASSURE A QUALITY LIFE FOR THE ELDERLY AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY

## ELDER DISCRIMINATION

## POVERTY IS INCREASING IN THE RETIRED IN THE EU

## ELDER WOMEN DISCRIMINATION IN LABOUR MARKET

## THE IMPACT OF AGEING ON FAMILY POLICIES

## THE DIFFICULTIES OF IMPLEMENTING LOCAL APPROACHES TO POLICIES ON AGEING