

European Parliament

Intergroup on Ageing and Solidarity between Generations

Moving forward to address Demographic Change in Europe



Main activities and successes of the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational solidarity

2008

- Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP, Co-President of the Intergroup, hosted a reception to present the results of the mature@eu project. This two-year project “mature@eu - **supporting employers recruiting and selecting mature aged persons**” created a support package (based on open source e-learning environment and a toolbox collecting together innovative training materials) to enable employers and HRM managers to develop effective, age-diverse recruitment policies.
- Lambert Van Nistelrooij MEP and Claude Moraes MEP, co-Presidents of the Intergroup on Ageing, co-organised a conference with the support of AGE and EPHA on “**Mainstreaming Healthy Ageing in the renewed Social Agenda**”. During the debate, the future Czech and Swedish Presidencies also announced their commitment to improve cooperation and actions at European level aimed at increasing the quality of care services of elderly people and at preventing elder abuse.
- Jean Lambert MEP hosted a conference on the situation of **older migrants** in the EU
- Regarding European Parliament dossiers, the Intergroup had the possibility to work on the following issues: services of general interest, life-long learning, elder abuse, social inclusion and the non-discrimination directive

2009

- The Intergroup on Ageing was actively involved in influencing the Commission to put forward its **proposal on a non-discrimination directive outside employment**. Liz Lynne MEP, former member of the Intergroup, was rapporteur for the text

2010

- The Intergroup met with Commissioner Andor to prepare the **campaign for the European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and solidarity between generations** and wrote an official letter to President Barroso
- Liz Lynne, cochair of the Intergroup, hosted an event on a ‘**European Strategy to fight elder abuse**’ introducing the European Charter on the rights and responsibilities of older people in need of care and assistance

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2011

- **Preparation of the European Year 2012** on Active ageing and solidarity between generations. The Intergroup played a crucial role to push for the European Year 2012 to be dedicated to the ageing of the population. Thanks to the Intergroup, the European institutions included "solidarity between generations" in the scope of the year, ensuring that the year addresses the challenges posed by the demographic shift and helps find sustainable and fair solutions for all generations. Meetings with Intergroup members were also organised to allow them feed in the Year's work programme and activities. It organised a conference aiming to prepare the EY2012 and gathering a wide range of organisations working in relation to active and healthy ageing.
- The Intergroup followed closely the preparation and setting up of the **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy ageing**. It organised a debate on the European Innovation Partnership in the field of active and healthy ageing and emphasized the need to involve MEPs in the steering group.
- **European Year 2011 of Volunteering**: the Intergroup organised a conference to discuss and see how to strengthen older persons' participation in volunteering activities and agreed on a Resolution on the importance of involving older people in volunteering activities
- The Intergroup organised a conference on "**Improving medicines for Older people**" to mark the 15th June, World Awareness Day Against Elder abuse.
- Regarding European Parliament dossiers, the Intergroup had the possibility to work on the following issues: the Agenda for new skills for new jobs, the European Platform against Poverty, collective redress, social services of general interest, and the impact of the crisis.

2012

- The Intergroup supported a draft resolution on the European year 2012 and participated in many conferences linked to the Year, notably with the EP Interest group on carers.
- The Intergroup and the MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) held a joint meeting at the European Parliament on **Cancer control for older people**
- The Intergroup hosted a conference on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing
- Heinz K. Becker MEP hosted the final conference of the WeDO project which developed a **quality framework for long term care services**
- Regarding legislative files and own-initiatives reports, the Intergroup had the possibility to work on the following topics: pensions, age-related diseases for women, the Health for Growth Programme, the European Innovation Partnership on Active and healthy Ageing, the European semester, passenger rights in all transport modes and the integration of migrants in the labour market.
- Claude Moraes MEP hosted the **launch of AGE Manifesto for the European elections 2013**

- Regarding legislative files, Members of the Intergroup had the opportunity to work on the following topics: clinical trials, the consumer agenda, the impact of the crisis on access to care for vulnerable groups, social housing, web-accessibility, the European Semester, basic payment accounts, Roma inclusion strategies, violence against women, life-long learning and the situation of fundamental rights in the EU

2014

- Claude Moraes MEPs hosted a **joint civil society event on “European Elections 2014: Mobilising EU citizens”**
- Members of the Intergroup had the possibility to sign and promote AGE Manifesto and **campaign for the European elections** as well as publish columns on AGE Campaign blog “Towards an Age-Friendly European Parliament”
- Regarding European Parliament dossiers, the Intergroup has the possibility to work on the implementation of the 2014 Priorities of the European Semester