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20 Years Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) 20 Years UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS): Experiences, Achievements and the Way Forward

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20 Years Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) 20 Years UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS): Experiences, Achievements and the Way Forward



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Chair

NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna

Greeting



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Welcome & Moderation



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Head of the UN Programme on Ageing 1988-2009

From Vienna to Madrid: The Role of the UN Programme on Ageing





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From Vienna to Madrid

...via New York City



VIENNA MILESTONES IN INTERNATIONAL AGEING



WORLD ASSEMBLY
ON AGING

Vienna, Austria, 26 July - 6 August 1982



On December 14, 1990 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons (Resolution 45/106). The holiday was observed for the first time on October 1, 1991.

1991
**United Nations
Principles for
Older Persons**



*Independence
Participation
Care
Self-fulfillment
Dignity*



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The decision to hold the Assembly was taken by the UN General Assembly-33 in 1978: **The Assembly on the Elderly**

In 1980 (GA-35), the name of the Assembly was changed to the **World Assembly on Ageing** “*in view of the interrelatedness of the issues of ageing individuals and the ageing of populations*”

In 1981, at GA-36, it was decided “that the World Assembly on Aging will be held in **Vienna** from **26 July** to **6 August 1982**”
– *11 days! Plus two days of pre-congress consultations!*
(*Second World Assembly: 5 days+...*)

VIENNA
INTERNATIONAL
PLAN
OF ACTION
ON
AGING



WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGING
26 July-6 August 1982
VIENNA, AUSTRIA

**“Areas of concern to
ageing individuals”:**

HEALTH AND
NUTRITION

PROTECTION OF ELDERLY
CONSUMERS

HOUSING AND
ENVIRONMENT

FAMILY

SOCIAL WELFARE

INCOME SECURITY AND
EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION

Quadrennial Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing



1985: First Review & Appraisal:

"...limited progress in improving the living conditions of [older persons]..."

1989: Second Review & Appraisal:

"...little progress..."

1993: Third Review & Appraisal

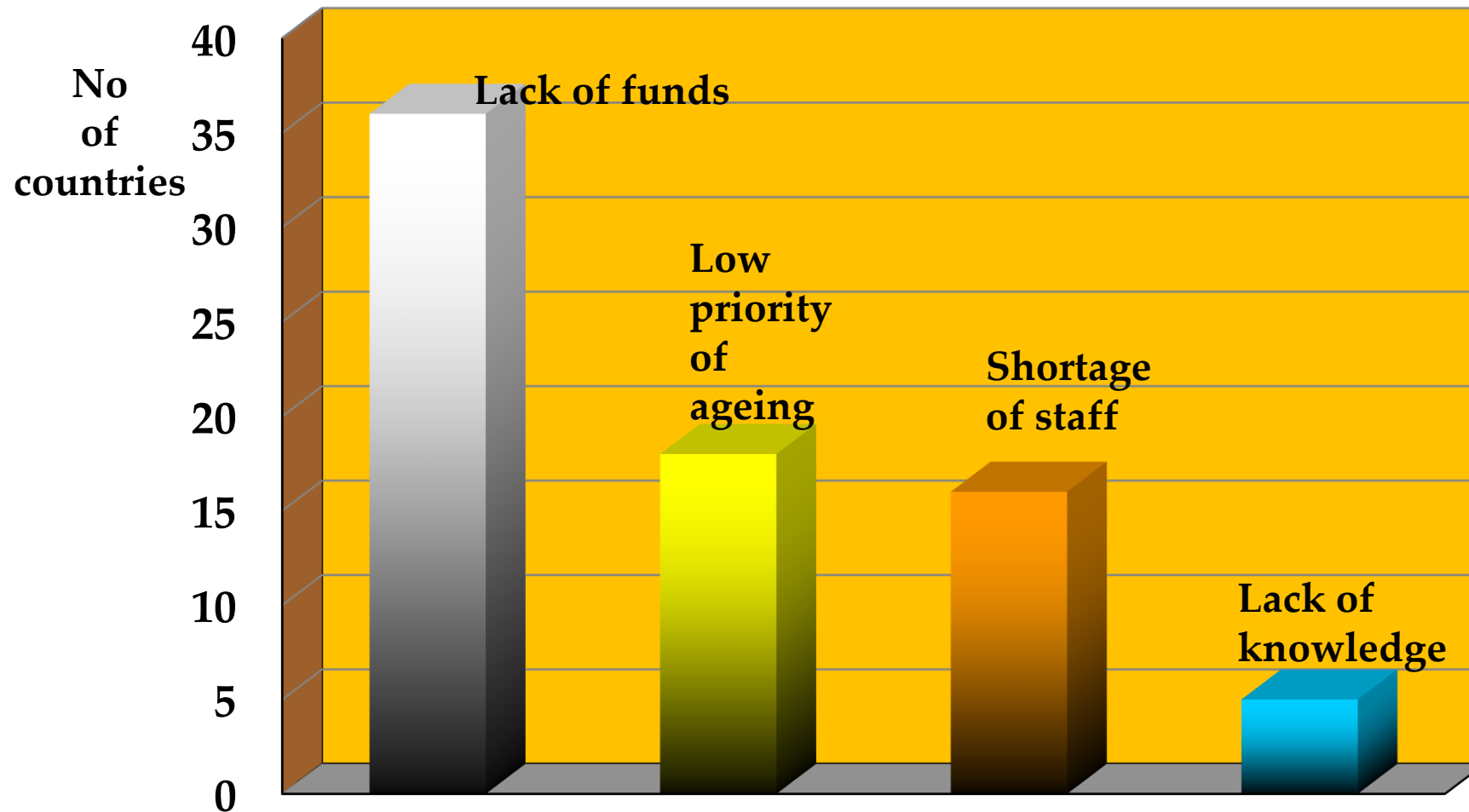
"... daunting task."

1997: Fourth Review & Appraisal

"... minimal response..."

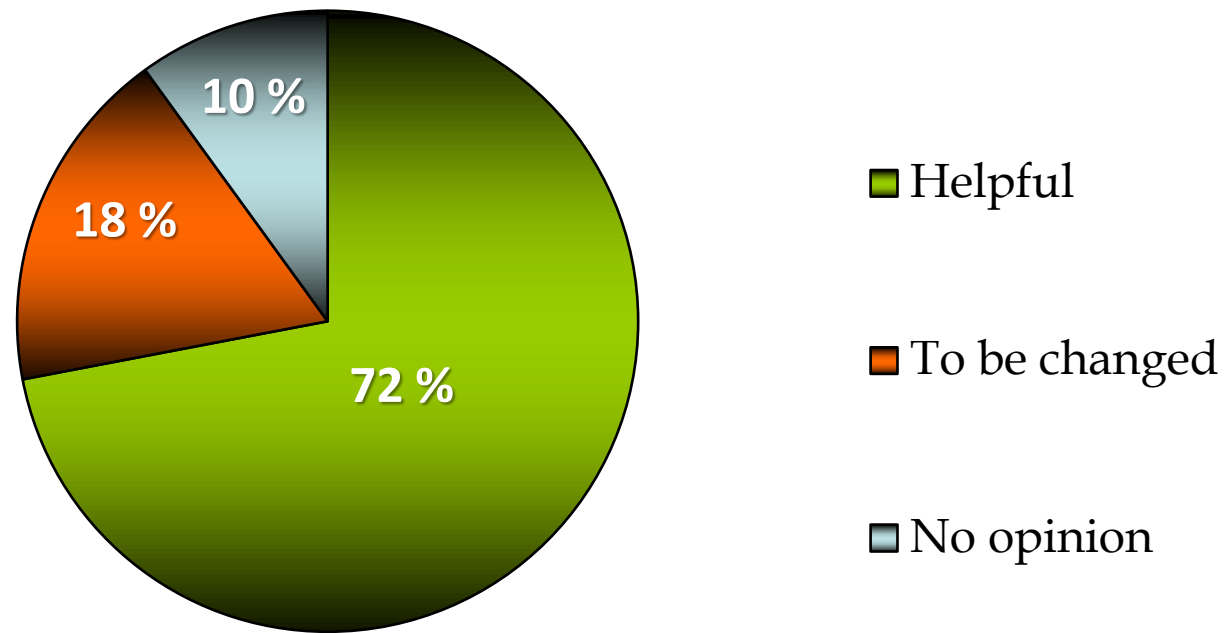
What prevented governments
from progressing in the
implementation of the Vienna Plan
of Action on Ageing?

Obstacles in implementing the Vienna Plan of Action



Source: UN Programme on ageing 2000-2001. Based on responses to a questionnaire received from 61 Member States . Reported in: [E/CN.5/2001/PC/2]

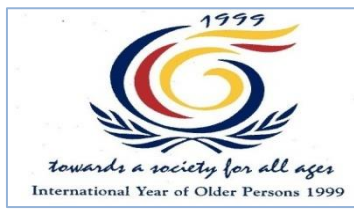
Opinions of Member States (2000) about the format of the Vienna Plan of Action:



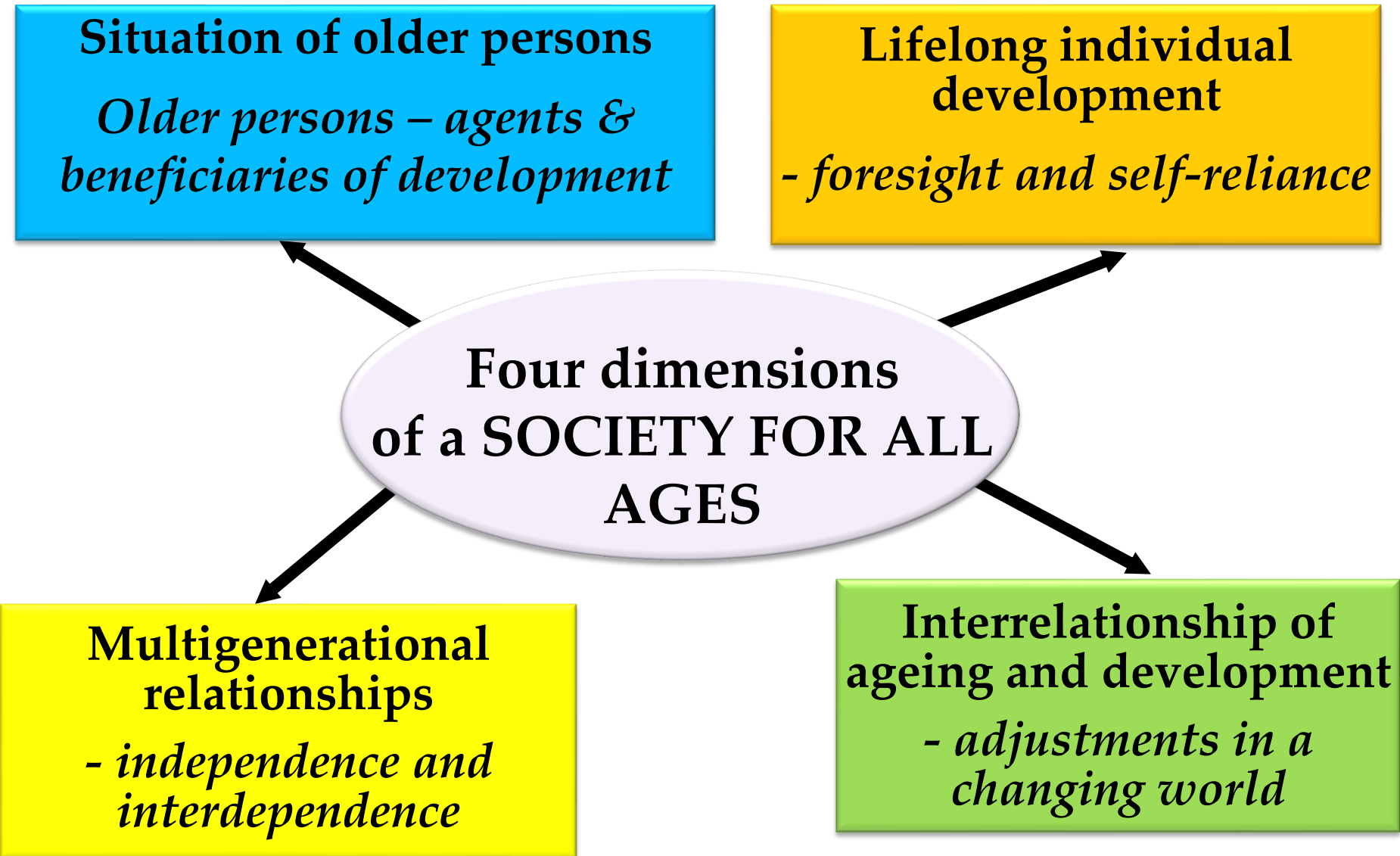


towards a society for all ages
International Year of Older Persons 1999





1999 International Year Of Older Persons: Conceptual Framework (1995)



Deciding of Madrid Assembly...



General Assembly – 53 (1999)

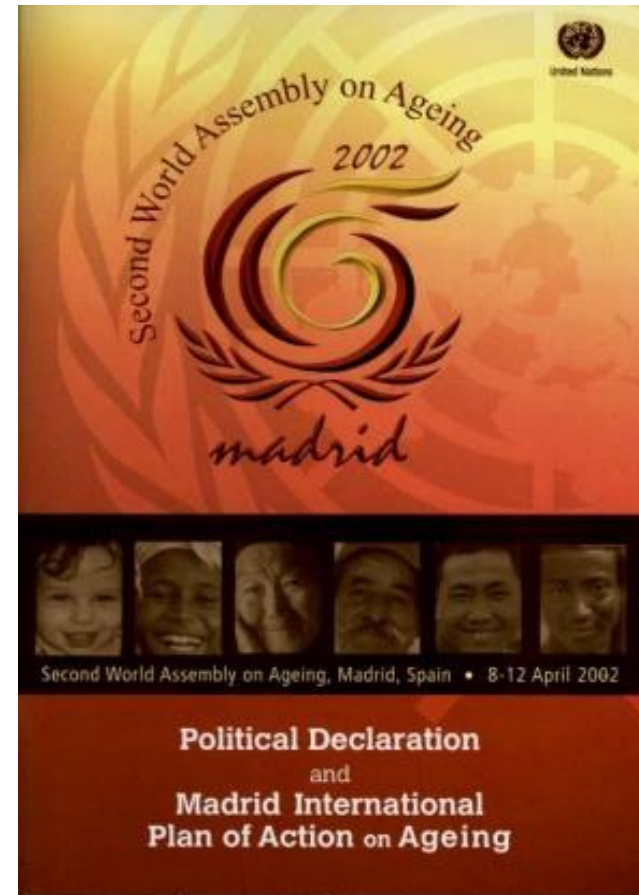
14. Decides to entrust the Commission for Social Development with the **revision** of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the **elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing**, based on new developments since 1982 and on the experience of the **International Year of Older Persons in 1999**, with a view to the adoption of a **revised plan of action** and of a **long-term strategy on ageing in 2002**



General Assembly – 54 (2000)

1. Decides to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first World Assembly on Ageing held at Vienna, to be devoted to the **overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly**, as well as to the **adoption of a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing**, encompassing its periodic reviews, **in the context of a society for all ages**

3. Accepts the offer of the Government of Spain to host the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and decides that the Second World Assembly shall be held in Spain in April 2002



From Madrid to...?



Thank you

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Erika Winkler

Chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing 2010-2017

Austrian Initiative to Establish an UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing





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Dirk Jarré

President of the European Federation of Older Persons

Learning from Experience: The Role of NGOs and the Way Forward



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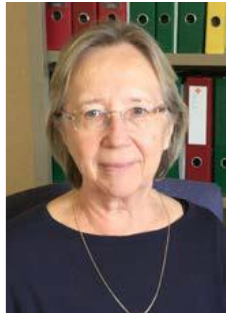
Frances Zainoeddin

Vice Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing New York

MIPAA and What Else for Older Persons?



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Vitalija Gaucaite-Wittich

Secretary of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing

Sustainability of the Intergovernmental Work on Ageing



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from an ad-hoc to a Standing Working Group on Ageing
(SWGGA)

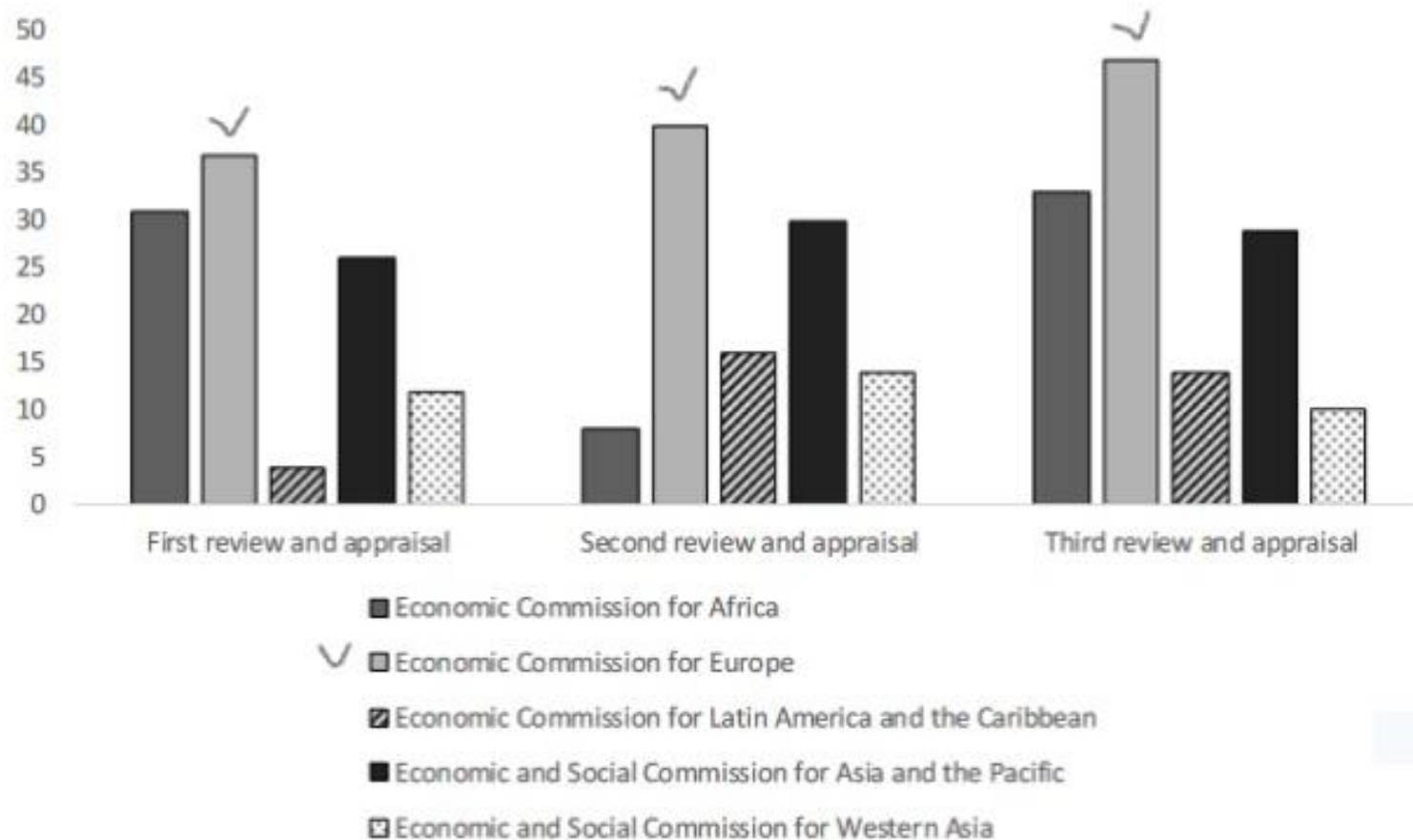
Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich
Secretary to the SWGGA



MIPAA implementation reviews



Number of countries participating in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, by cycle and regional commission



UNECE: from an ad-hoc to a standing intergovernmental body on ageing - SWGA



Task Force, Open-ended WGA, Expert Group on Ageing
(1998, 2002, 2007)

Working Group on Ageing
established in 2008

Standing Working Group on Ageing as of 2020

SWGA meets annually,
the Bureau – twice a year

Members: National focal points
NGOs, researchers, International organizations



The Standing Working Group on Ageing



Objective: Realize the potential of living longer

- Works towards improving policymaking in accordance with **MIPAA/RIS** and **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.
- In 2018-2022, focuses on the priorities outlined in **2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and SDGs (1,3,4,5,8,10,11,16,17)**.
- Works towards **integrating** population ageing and MIPAA with the 2030 Agenda and other relevant global programmes and platforms of action.

The Standing Working Group on Ageing



Main Activities 2020

- **International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion**
 - Policy seminars
 - Policy briefs
- **Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building**
 - Road Maps
 - Task Force on mainstreaming ageing / Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing
- **Monitoring and strengthening evidence base**

Policy Seminars on Ageing



2020 - Older persons in emergency situations: lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic

- **In depth discussion, experience exchange and peer learning**
 - Understanding of the ageism experienced and the challenges and needs of LTC service recipients and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - New insights on inclusive policy measures to ensure older persons' dignity and participation in emergencies

(inputs from: Austria, Canada, Finland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia; WHO Europe, LTC Network, NGO Committee on Ageing)

2019 - Informal care for persons with dementia

2018 - Ageing and the SDGs

Policy Briefs on Ageing



Sharing of policy strategies and good practice

■ 2019

“Combating Ageism in the World of Work”
(No. 21, February 2019)

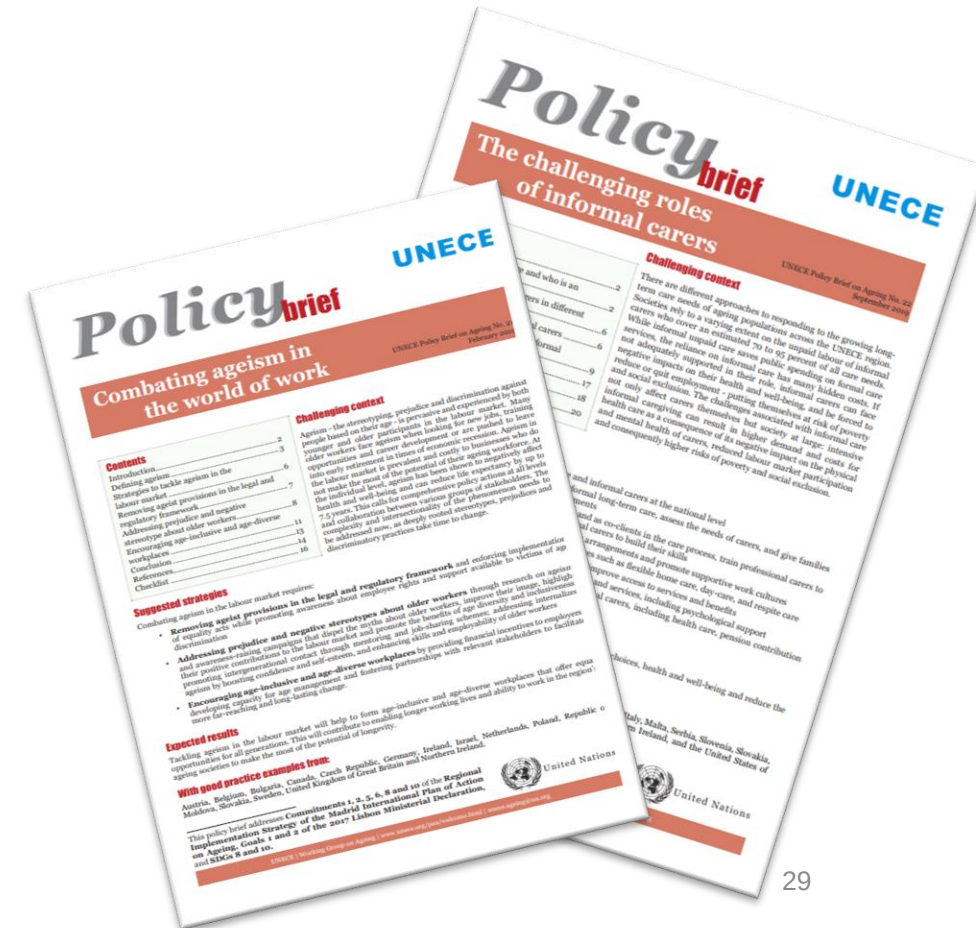
“The challenging roles of informal carers”
(No. 22, September 2019)

■ 2020

“Gender Equality in Ageing Societies” - marking the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action

“Ageing in Sustainable and Smart Cities” - to be launched at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

“Older persons in emergency situations”.



Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing



UNECE



Capacity building

■ 2019-2020

Task Force on Mainstreaming Ageing

- Developed a stocktaking questionnaire
- Collected 23 country notes from members States

Development of Guidelines

- Draft for consultation with member States & experts (July-mid-September 2020)
- To be presented to the SWGA in November 2020
- Launch in 2021 - Portugal's presidency of Council of the EU, side event at OEWG-A

Mobilizing support for the SWGA work programme in 2020–2022



Active involvement, in-kind & financial support:

- **Active participation in SWGA work**
- **Countries** hosting seminars and Bureau meetings & translating policy briefs into national languages
- **Countries - Donors** to the 'Ageing – phase III' fund for the WGA programme in 2020-2022
- **All partners:** ILO, ISSA, OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO, and the NGO Committee on Ageing
- **UNECE secretariat**



<http://www.unece.org/pau/welcome.html>

Policy Seminar on Ageing – 18 November 2020

Webpage : <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53054>

Registration link: <https://indico.un.org/event/31700>

Thank you!

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12 November 2020



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Christoph Angster

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Synergies of the MIPAA Network and the OEWG-A





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Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

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Vienna, 12 November 2020

Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

- Information exchange
 - The SWGA & OEWGA want to improve the situation for older persons
 - The Human Rights approach focus on the basic legal needs, the bottom line of everybody's rights. It does not aim to suggest in depth policy directions.
 - On the other side, MIPAA and the RIS (*Lisbon Ministerial Declaration*) can go a step further than the HR approach and focus on policy principles & recommendations

Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

- Presence at the annual conferences in April/May & November
 - Install an open communication between the representatives at the SWGA and the OEWGA
- Side events at the annual conferences
 - If possible side events should be organized at both events, to offer the chance common discussions
 - Invite keypersons like the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons or the chair of the SWGA

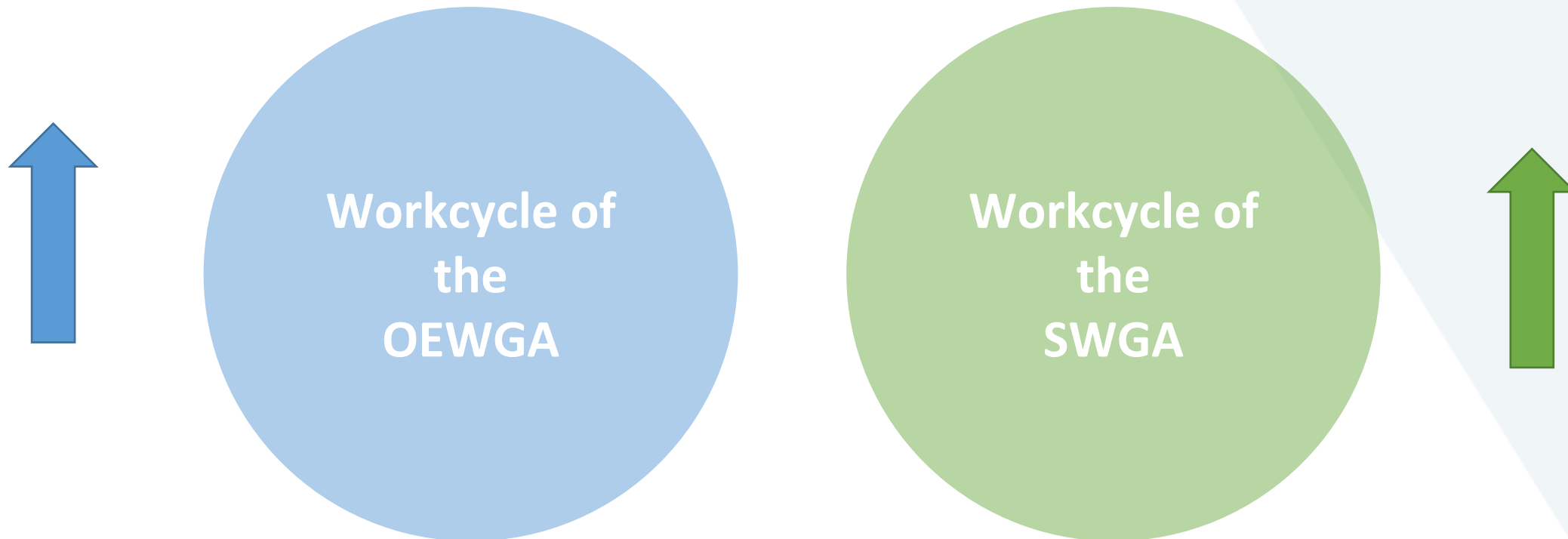
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

- 75th Session of the Third Committee
 - Reaffirmation of MiPAA also in context with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Identify possible gaps & how best to adress them
 - Age discrimination
 - Neglect
 - Abuse & violence
 - Social isolation & loneliness
 - Access to food & housing
 - Access to health care services
 - Access to employment
 - Access to legal capacities & justice

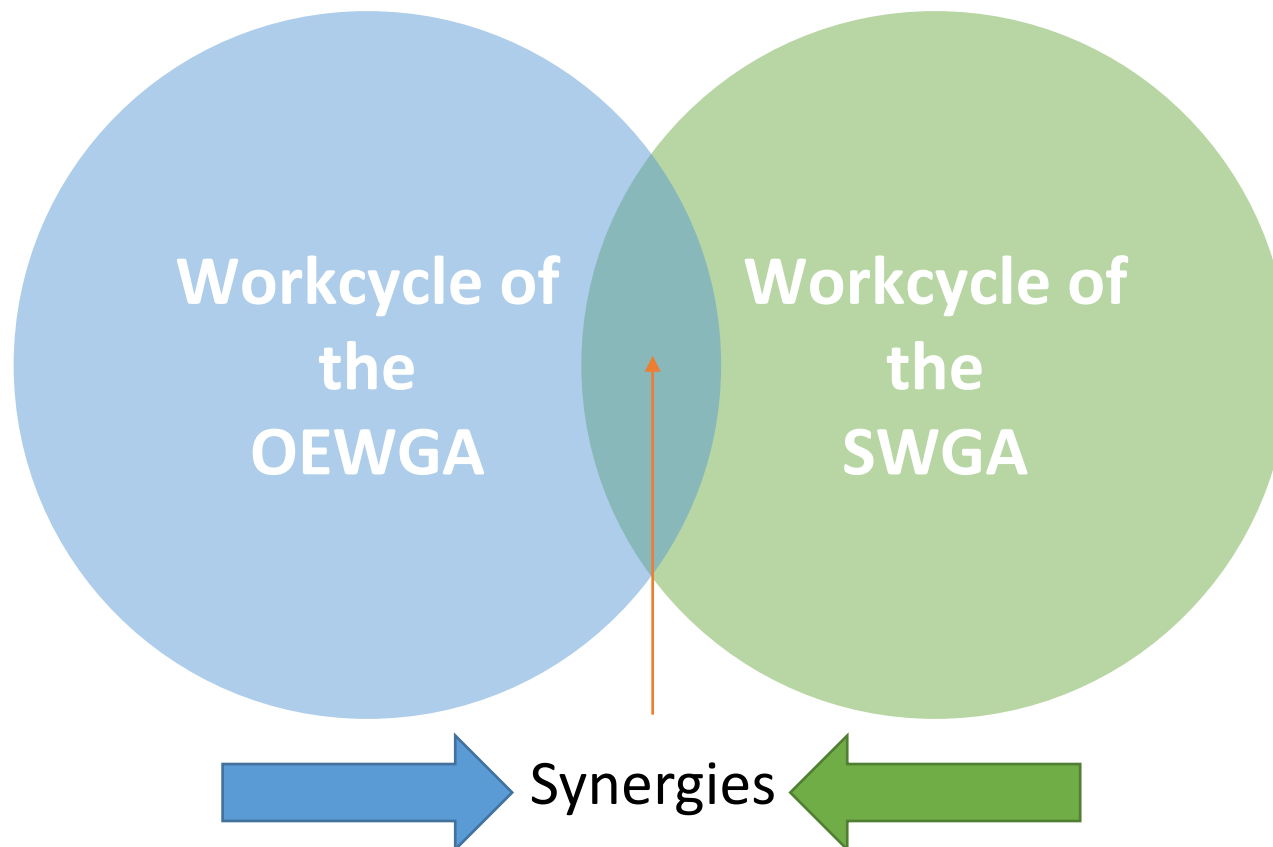
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- 75th Session of the Third Committee
 - Appreciation of close coordination b/w all UN Entities, while avoiding unnecessary duplications
 - Strengthen existing networks of national focal points on ageing

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Developments at the OEWGA

- Last annual meeting in 2020 was postponed
 - New date is not yet confirmed
 - Finalization of an OHCHR Study on Normative Gaps in the existing HR Legislation
 - Evaluation of the Latin-American and African Convention on Protecting Human Rights of Older Persons
 - In this regard it would be highly interesting to learn about the UNECE's position on such a document

Thank you for your attention!

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News from UN Regarding 20 Years MIPAA and the Way Forward

