SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AGEING RESEARCH IN EUROPE

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FUTURAGE: AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS

- Background: FORUM, ERA-AGE

- FUTURAGE
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Objectives

- To facilitate coordination of existing ageing research programmes
- To promote multidisciplinary research activities between countries
- To share good practice in coordination and management of ageing programmes
- To develop European ageing research programmes
- To help break down the barriers between ageing research and policy and practice

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Major achievements

- A joint post-doctoral fellowship scheme
- The creation of national agency research forums in 11 countries (based on the UK model)
- A unique database of European research programmes on ageing
- A database of European research centres
- The production of a comprehensive schedule of key research priorities for future ageing research
- Two good practice guides on research programme management involving older users in research
- Establishment of partnerships among ERA-AGE members
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Immediate Tasks

- Extension of membership
- FLARE summer schools
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- European research programme on ageing
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Objectives

- State-of-the-art assessment of research priorities, emerging fields and methods
- Wide involvement of Europe’s leading scientists in the ageing field
- Full engagement with key non-academic stakeholders in ageing research
- Public information about ageing research
- Launch the definitive road map
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Participants

- 11 ERA-AGE partners
- University of Namur (Belgium)
- University of Heidelberg (Germany)
- Italian National Institute on Ageing
- Universities of Leicester and Sheffield (UK)
- University of Tampere (Finland)
- Research Users: European Older People’s Platform (AGE), Age UK
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Implementation

- Priority Scientific Themes: Biogerontology, Social and Economic Resources, Environments of Ageing, Healthy Ageing
- A Life Course Perspective
- Close Engagement with Users (especially older people)
- Process: Scientific and Stakeholder Workshops, European Forum, Council of Scientists
KEY PRINCIPLES

- Multi-disciplinarity
- Life Course Approach
- Holistic Person-centred Perspective
- Cross-national
- Cross-cultural
- Involves Older People
- Engages with all Other Relevant Research Users to Maximise Impact
- Builds Capacity

A Lasting Reference Point for European Ageing Research
POLITICAL SUPPORT

‘Ageing research is an area of great social, political and economic importance for the European Union.’

‘I want to re-focus research and innovation policies very clearly on developing a coherent strategic research agenda which will tackle the grand societal challenges, which include both the promotion of healthy living and healthy ageing.’

‘It is not the ageing of the population per se that is the challenge but rather the challenge to keep older people healthy.’

‘These challenges can only be confronted if innovative and multi-disciplinary approaches are taken.’

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For example, the ‘Futurage’ initiative is an FP7 European project which aims to produce a definitive road map which will guide European research on ageing for the next ten years to come. The ‘Futurage’ programme is undertaking the most extensive consultation ever conducted in this field and it is mobilising stakeholders, including medical practitioners, policy makers, industry and representatives of older people to work out the terms of this road map…”

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