



The European Older People's Platform

La Plate-forme européenne des Personnes âgées

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# AGE in a glance

- Gathers 150 associations from 27 EU States
- Represents 28 million older people across the European Union



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# AGE – the European Older People's Platform

- Principal areas of work
  - Information to and from members
  - This concerns people of 50+
  - Policy areas
    - Employment of seniors
    - Pension systems and income of older people
    - Social Inclusion
    - Social protection and access to health and social care services
    - Discrimination by age
    - Accessibility to transport services, questions on housing
    - New technologies for independent living



# AGE and actions of Health Promotion

- 1) AGE promotes a healthy life-style: coordinates actions at local and national level; makes EU propositions
- 2) AGE supports WHO initiatives for ageing well
- 3) Calls for E.C. Action to protect dignity in old age



# Increased longevity: find innovative solutions

- A better understanding of the services required
- Build greater social cohesion
- Mutual learning – exchange of good practice
- Strive for intergenerational solidarity



## LONG TERM CARE

- AGE needs to understand the specific needs of elderly people and people with difficulties
- A balance between quality of life of ageing patients and the technical health care and support they will need
- E.U. Workshops to propose quality guidelines
  - AGE Platform participates with the expertise of its members
- AGE takes Long term-care in a broader perspective including non discrimination, adequate housing and environment approaches.



## **Some leading principles for Long Term Care**

- Vast majority of Long term Care is provided by INFORMAL carers
- Postpone as long as possible dependency
- Take account of the diversity among users





# Healthy Ageing in Europe

- 5 recommendations
- Create better conditions for employment and voluntary work of older citizens
- Ensure involvement of older people and carers
- Promote actions for healthy actions
- Outdoor environment and quality of housing
- Ensure a partnership approach



## **Instruments and tools**

- AGE's toolkit for the regional and local actors – a brochure produced in partnership with the Committee of Regions.
- On what tools, and what funding instruments?
- Relevant projects



## Instruments and Tools

- The Council of Europe publication « Enhancing rights and inclusion of ageing people with disabilities and older people with disabilities: a European perspective
- « looking after and maintaining the dignity of all citizens as they grow older, including those with haemophilia»
- Thank you for the invitation to your debate.