

What we achieved

BEST OF 2025

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Key Policy Papers
AGE Positions

- AGE Proposal for an EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism
- AGE Barometer 2025 on older workers and the future of work
- Tackling Old-Age Poverty
- Mental health should be a priority throughout the life-course

1 Historic Win for Older Persons' Rights – UN to draft a new convention on the rights of older persons

On 3 April 2025, the UN Human Rights Council adopted by consensus a decision to set up a working group to start drafting a **UN Convention on the human rights of older persons** to improve legal protection in old age.
This was a historic milestone, following many years of advocacy by AGE Platform Europe, older persons, civil society organisations, and allies worldwide.

2 Release of AGE Proposal for an EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism

Following the public consultation launched by Commissioner Glenn Micallef, which invited civil society to contribute with concrete actions towards the development of the **EU's Intergenerational Fairness Strategy**, we and our members worked together to propose an **EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism**. This proposal was the most widely supported in the consultation. It sets out **nine practical, high-impact flagship initiatives** aimed at ending ageism and embedding age equality across EU policies.
We have widely disseminated this proposal through bilateral meetings at multiple levels of the European Commission and our members across several EU countries have advocated for the proposal at national level.

Rights don't diminish with age.

The Europe we want is for all ages!

Projects on Ageing

Key Outcomes

- Learning Communities of Practice (The Climate We Speak)
- Inspiring Stories, Experiences and Practices related to ageing of people with disabilities (GOLD)
- FLINT: the European framework for long-term integrated care (Laurel)
- Violence against older women factsheet (MARVOW 2.0)
- Policy Discussion Paper "A Resilient Future of Europe" (FutuRes)
- Training on developing and implementing age-friendly environments (AFC Toolkit)

3 Victory for Equality: EU Keeps Anti-Discrimination Directive

In a significant development for equality in Europe, the **European Commission has decided not to withdraw the long-stalled Horizontal Equal Treatment Directive** from its 2025 Work Programme.
This decision followed months of sustained pressure from the European Parliament, and civil society, including AGE Platform Europe, and marked a critical moment in the fight to strengthen legal protection against discrimination in Europe.

4 Launch of the European Parliament Intergenerational Forum

Launched on 7 October 2025, the **Forum** is led by Members of the European Parliament Idoia Mendia Cueva and Michał Szczerba. It focuses on ageing, longevity, healthy ageing, the rights and social inclusion of older people, and solidarity between generations. The Forum provides a platform for democratic, pro-European parties to exchange ideas and develop new initiatives. AGE Platform Europe continues to play an active role in this initiative.

5 Launch of the AGE Barometer 2025

Released on 27 November 2025, this edition focuses on **"Older workers and the future of work: navigating digitalisation, the green transition, and labour shortages"**. It explores older workers' experiences and the barriers they face in a rapidly changing world of work, and highlights inspiring practices and policy recommendations from our Employment and Participation Task Force members.

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We elevate older people's voice, bringing their experience and aspirations to the table to celebrate ageing and fight for equality at all ages.