Background

The Covenant on Demographic Change was launched on 7 December 2015.

It gathers European public authorities at local, regional and national level, committed to developing and implementing an action plan on age-friendly environments based on WHO Age-Friendly Cities’ Guide and in the spirit of the 2013 Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe. Other stakeholders, such as universities, research centres, civil society organisations, and businesses can also join the Covenant to share their expertise and learn from others’ experience.

It builds on the outcomes of the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network on innovation for age-friendly environments, and closely cooperates with existing initiatives such as the WHO Global Network on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, the WHO-Europe Healthy City Network, and the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.

Join the Covenant on Demographic Change to

Work on:
- Housing
- Social participation
- Health and social services
- Transport
- Employment
- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Social inclusion
- Communication and information

Collaborate with:
- Local and regional authorities
- European and national institutions
- Industry and service providers
- Civil society organisations
- Universities and research centres

Benefit from:
- Mutual learning
- Partnership opportunities
- Workshops and events
- Enhanced visibility for your initiatives
- Right to join WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Interested?

- Visit www.agefriendlyeurope.org
- Follow us on Twitter (@AgeFriendlyEU)
- Join our LinkedIn group (Covenant on Demographic Change)
- Or contact us directly at contact@agefriendlyeurope.org

The Covenant on Demographic Change gathers European public authorities, at local, regional and national level, and other relevant stakeholders, committed to develop environments that support active and healthy ageing, enhance independent living and well-being of older persons, and create a society for all ages.
EUROPE IS AGEING...

People aged 55+ who provide care to elderly or disabled relatives

13%

1900 47

2012 80

2050 83

Average life year expectancy in Europe

SILVER ECONOMY IS SEEN AS A KEY AREA FOR JOB CREATION IN THE COMING YEARS

1 in 3

People with longstanding illness has experienced accessibility issues

AGE-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS ARE A SOLUTION

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2014

7 December 2015

Launch of the EU-funded AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network on innovation for age-friendly environments, which aims at launching the EU Covenant on Demographic Change

2015

7 December 2015

Official launch of the EU Covenant on Demographic Change at the Committee of the Regions, Brussels

2016

Full members of the Covenant (European local and regional authorities) start developing an action plan on age-friendly environments, with the help of the Covenant’s ordinary members (civil society organisations, businesses, universities, research centres, etc.)

From 2017 onwards

The first full members of the Covenant (European local and regional authorities) start implementing their action plan on age-friendly environments

The Covenant on Demographic Change has been launched by the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network (EU ICT PSP, GA 620978)