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Statement of originality:

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This deliverable has been developed all along the life of the AFE-INNOVNET project. As part of the WP3, it was meant to support the mobilisation effort and to inform the overall content of the project.

Methodology

The information contained in the directory has been gathered through different channels all along the life course of the project in an EXCEL sheet. The starting point was desk/Internet research. Information on existing national strategies on age-friendly environments was already gathered during the European Year 2012 and this was used as a basis for AFE-INNOVNET project. However, language barriers limited the scope of the desk research which is why further contributions have been requested:

- from consortium partners and members of the TN: e-mails were sent to the consortium partners (in particular in February 2015 – M13) and the directory was made available in the private part of the AFE-INNOVNET website in order to allow them adding resources and information (Draft document posted in May 2015 – M16);
- and from identified contacts: AGE and CEMR members (with a particular attention to the geographical scope), key persons met during events, conferences or meetings, synergies with partners from other projects, notably MOPACT (the MOPACT project aims at mobilising the potential of Active Ageing in Europe through an interdisciplinary approach), or contacts from the European Year 2012 coalition (from May 2014 – M4). The numerous bilateral meetings held across the project offered also key information in particular for regional strategies;
- from the WHO Regional Office for Europe (Feb. 2015 – M13).

Definition

Since the phrase “age-friendly environments” is not yet widely used by national or regional authorities, the following key words were added: “active ageing” and “healthy ageing”. Considering that age-friendly environments are meant to foster active and healthy ageing, we considered it made sense to enlarge the criteria.

Active ageing (WHO): the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.

Age-friendly environments (WHO): environments (such as in the home or community) that foster Healthy and Active Ageing by building and maintaining intrinsic capacity across the life course and enabling greater functional ability in someone with a given level of capacity.

Healthy ageing (WHO): the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables well-being in older age.

The content

The directory contains two main parts: national and regional strategies for active and healthy ageing or for age-friendly environments.

As for the national strategies, the column has been split into 4 different parts:

- Transversal strategy
- Employment
- Participation in society
- Independent living

The last three categories reflect the main areas covered during the European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between generations. They also partly cover the pillars of the Active Ageing Index, namely 1) Employment, 2) Participation in society, 3) Independent, healthy and secure living, 4) Capacity enabling environment for active ageing.

A column on regional strategies has been added for two main reasons:

- in some countries the regional level is actually very relevant and is a key level to take on board in the field of active and healthy ageing;
- this addition is also in line with the way the Covenant has been structured: the synergies and link up between the different governance levels (from the local to the European one) are key to ensure a proper implementation with a comprehensive approach of age-friendly environments. It is indeed very uncommon that one level has all responsibilities and competences in the field of ageing.

The directory provides links to relevant websites instead of gathering contact persons whose position can be subject to change. It also avoids disseminating contact data at large scale level. It has been developed on a platform that is available to anyone in order to facilitate the share and use of the information, as well as its update.

Directory of active and healthy ageing strategies (national and local level)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11A84SGcDoPYhLjdd8MzJSwzypC9SiNAwWZcEQv6acio/edit?usp=sharing>

Limits

This deliverable should be considered as a picture taken at a specific period of time but obviously this kind of directory should be regularly updated. Indeed the situation can change depending on the political context whatever the governance level is. This is not a scientific research work since this is not the purpose of a thematic network to implement such activities and this should be read in the light of academic work already published on active and healthy ageing or on age-friendly environments. Readers can for instance refer to the AFE-INNOVNET library which provides an indicative list of academic articles on the subject ([http://www.afeinnovnet.eu/library/useful-links#Academic resources](http://www.afeinnovnet.eu/library/useful-links#Academic%20resources))

Next steps

In the future, we can expect that with the Covenant on Demographic Change, it will be possible to update this information notably thanks to the reporting that will be done annually by Full members but also with the support of Ordinary members and Associate members which are supposed to provide support to the Full members by sharing information on their own initiatives.

This will also be an interesting tool for the members of the Covenant in order to better reflect on their own national situation and use the example of other countries to build their own cases if necessary.

It could also be interesting to integrate into the table “disability strategies” since they will contribute to creating age-friendly environments, for example by improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and ageing persons.

Some “family” strategies could also support age-friendly environments when it comes to issues such as informal carers.

Last but not least, the document could be further developed in the future with the synergies with business actors and emerging strategies on silver economy.