

Work Plan “Oldest Old” across Europe and within MYBL

During the GA meeting on 25 -26 October in Paris the MYBL community agreed on the work programme “Demographic Change, Equality and Wellbeing” and identified a number of specific topics in need of attention. “Oldest Old” has been named as one of these topics and Austria has been invited to take the lead in planning joint European (MYBL) initiatives concerning this topic. Against this background the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science (BMBWF), the Federal Ministry for Health (BMASGK) and the national scientific platform “Network Ageing” in Austria propose the following work plan.

It consists of the following **milestones and next steps** to be taken in 2018:

- Develop a first overview paper on “Oldest Old” research across Europe

The short paper shall outline and describe the most relevant studies and accessible research activities concerning the oldest old population across Europe – particularly involving MYBL partner countries. The basic objective of the paper is to provide a condensed overview on topics, target groups, applied methodologies, main results and funding of the different studies. On this basis it will be possible to assess more easily the current situation and landscape of oldest old research in Europe and to identify potential synergies as well as divergent approaches and research gaps – representing future challenges. The overview paper will also serve as the basis for specific input and planning of future activities during the expert workshop.

Feb. – June/Sept 2018

- A joint expert workshop on “Oldest Old” research

BMBWF, BMASGK and *Network Ageing* in Austria will invite MYBL partners and experts across Europe to a one-day workshop that shall be held in Vienna (alternatively in Venice in cooperation with the European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing/EICA). On the basis of the described overview paper the participants shall firstly and jointly amend the same document by providing relevant information missing so far. Secondly, the experts shall discuss about general approaches and pros and cons behind applied methodologies in European research on the oldest old. Building up on results of the Paris workshop 2017 they will try to identify potential (and so far disregarded) synergies – such as the comparability of specific data sets, but will also highlight the need for joint actions and necessary fields for collaboration. In this way research approaches and methodologies shall be improved and even more meaningful and – at least partly – comparable future results shall be derived and translated into policy and practice for the oldest old across Europe.

Sept 2018

- A final paper combining the overview paper and the results of the expert workshop and including recommendations on joint (scientific and policy) initiatives as well as specific proposals for national and international translational research activities shall be written. After making the paper available to a wider audience at a conference and reflecting on the inputs gained, it shall also be published.

Nov 2018

- A presentation in the course of a conference or a meeting dealing with the current situation, the outstanding results and the future challenges in “Oldest Old” research across Europe shall be given.
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