

Germany: Overview of the Development of a NAP on Ageing

Germany can look back on a long tradition of policies for and with senior citizens. It has a Federal Ministry for Senior Citizens and has laws, structures and regulations with regard to care, protection, pensions, welfare, labour issues, housing, home care, active ageing, participation etc.

The Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) with its 10 commitments provides a frame for a National Action Plan (NAP) which is in preparation and will give an overview of policies for senior citizens in Germany in the past and in the future. In statements to each of the 10 commitments by the Federal Government, the German federal states (Länder) as well as an expert group composed from Civil Society, the RIS finds appraisal. Civil Society was included in the composition of the National Action Plan to fulfill the 2nd commitment of the RIS.

The German NAP highlights – amongst others – national, regional and local policies for the elderly, laws and regulations concerning senior citizens, labour market policies for older people, pensions, health care, housing, as well as help and protection for those who need it. It also deals with the challenges and chances of demographic change, NGOs and civil engagement for and of senior citizens, active ageing, generation solidarity, potentials of older people and gains of their knowledge and experiences for society and work.

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