



## Age-related EU programmes and initiatives

This note takes an inventory of European initiatives and programmes directly or indirectly related to active aging.

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### Horizon 2020

**Sub-programme (if any):** Societal Challenge – Health, demographic change and well-being

**Description:** This strand of the H2020 programme foresees the launch of 50 calls. The majority of these calls will fund research activities in the field of health along 7 topics, two of which are directly related to ageing: “Understanding health, ageing and disease” and “advancing active and healthy ageing”. About a quarter of the calls will be dedicated to co-ordination activities, aiming to support health-related research and initiatives.

**Budget:** 1.2 billion Euros for 2014-2015.

**Type of support:** Grants; co-funding between 70% (for research activities expected to become profitable in the short term) and 100% (all other types of activities).

**Web Link:**

Programme guide:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/common/1617611-part\\_8\\_health\\_v2.0\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/common/1617611-part_8_health_v2.0_en.pdf)

Participant portal : <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

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### European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

**Description:** This is one of several Innovation Partnerships between the Commission and the Member States. Its triple objective is to support research in the field of active and healthy ageing; to make social and healthcare systems in the EU more sustainable; and to create a competitive market for goods and services related to active ageing. It is implemented partly through calls for proposal in the framework of other related initiatives (H2020, Health Programme, ESIF...). The other main activities is the creation of a common platform for stakeholders.

**Type of support:** platform for stakeholders

**Web-link:** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/index/aboutus>

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### **Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) – More years, Better lives**

**Description:** This programme is a cooperation between several European States (both in and outside of the EU), as well as Canada, to support research on demographic change.

**Budget:** Depend on countries contribution.

**Type of support:** Grants for researchers

**Web-link:** <http://www.jp-demographic.eu/>

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### **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)**

**Funds:** ERDF, EAFRD, ESF, Cohesion Fund, INTERREG

**Description:** ESIF can be used for several type of projects related to active ageing.

- ERDF: support for research and innovation, for ICT, for infrastructure and for social inclusion.
- INTERREG: this scheme allows several public entities to cooperate to implement ERDF-funded projects. Again, it can be used for research in the field of active and healthy ageing or for social inclusion projects (in particular for making infrastructure more accessible).
- ESF: support for social inclusion: it can be used for project related to senior education, to the fight against age-based discrimination, or to the provision of better public services for senior.
- EAFRD: support for rural communities, including infrastructures and services for senior citizens living in rural areas.
- Cohesion Fund: support for infrastructure (in particular transport), that can be used for projects aiming to develop age-friendly infrastructure.

**Budget:** 351.8 billion Euros

**Type of support:** Funds managed at national or regional levels.

**Web-link:** [http://ec.europa.eu/contracts\\_grants/funds\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/funds_en.htm)

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### **Health Programme**

**Description:** Implemented through calls for proposal, the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU Health Programme supports research and innovation in the field of health, as well as prevention and information campaigns. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> priorities of the programme, “Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health system” and “Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens” can be linked to active ageing issues.

**Budget:** 449.4 million Euros for 2014-2020.

**Type of support:** Grants.

**Web Link:** [http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm)

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### Active and Assisted Living Joint Programme

**Description:** This partnership between the Commission and the Member States is the successor of the Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme and will keep the same administrative structure. It will run at least until 2020, with the objective of supporting research on innovative-ICT services for active ageing, by working with SMEs, researchers and associations representing senior citizens.

**Budget:** 700 million Euros for 7 years.

**Type of support:** Grants.

**Web-link:** <http://www.aal-europe.eu/>

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### Erasmus+

**Sub-programme (if any):** “Leonardo da Vinci” and “Grundtvig”

**Description:** Leonardo da Vinci is dedicated to vocational education and training at all stages of life. Grundtvig is dedicated to adult education (one of its priority being the development of innovative ICT tools for adult learning).

**Budget:** Total budget for Erasmus+ 2014-2020 is 14.774 billion Euros

**Type of support:** Grants

**Web-link:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_fr.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_fr.htm)

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### Europe for citizens

**Description:** Europe for citizens can support activities or networks dedicated to foster participation of senior citizens in democratic life or to develop inter-generational dialogue.

**Budget:** 185.468 million Euros

**Type of support:** Grants for LRA and NGO, including support for specific activities, town twinning, town networking and operational grants.

**Web-link:** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php)

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### URBACT III

**Description:** URBACT is a learning and exchange programme that facilitate the formation of networks where cities can share their experiences and increase their institutional capacities. Among the priorities for 2014-2020, three (“strengthening research and innovation”, “Promoting

employment and supporting labour mobility”, and “Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty”) can be used as a framework for networks of cities active in age-related projects.

**Budget:** 67.8 million Euros during the previous period (2007-2013)

**Type of support:** Network

**Web-link:** <http://urbact.eu/en/homepage-2/>

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### **Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)**

**Sub-programme (if any):** PROGRESS (+ EURES)

**Description:** PROGRESS’ objective is to support the development and coordination of public policy in the field of employment, social inclusion, working condition. The new programme for 2014-2020 has a special strand on social innovation and social policy experimentation.

EURES (“European Employment Services”) supports employment in the EU. It can be used to implement targeted mobility scheme. It can thus be used as a tool to promote employment of senior.

**Budget:** 500 million Euros for PROGRESS and 140 million Euros for EURES, for 2014-2020.

**Type of support:** Grants; Research.

**Web-link:** <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=1093>

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### **Right, Equality and Citizenship Programme**

**Sub-programme (if any):** -

**Description:** This programme’s objectives are to fight discriminations and violence against vulnerable groups and to promote EU citizens’ right. It can thus be used for projects against age-based discrimination and to fight all forms of violence against elderly in vulnerable situation, as well as for projects aiming to expend senior citizens’ rights.

**Budget:** 439 million Euros for 2014-2020

**Type of support:**

**Web-link:** [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm)