

ABOUT US

The ESU (European Seniors' Union) unites 41 senior associations in 27 countries. It was founded in Madrid in 1995 and is led since 2013 by its President Em. Prof. dr. An HERMANS.

Our vision is that of a society for all ages, based on solidarity and cooperation between generations. The mission of the ESU is the promotion of the role of the elderly in European long life societies, the fight against discrimination and abuse, the development of intergenerational solidarity and the creation of inclusive age-friendly policies at all government levels. The right and the responsibility of every single person to lead a life in dignity and respect throughout his /her whole life course is a basic principle of our mission.

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EUROPEAN SENIORS' UNION



OUR EUROPEAN DREAM

We, seniors have seen Europe growing from a divided, destroyed and deprived Europe after World War II to what is now an era of freedom and peace, prosperity and democracy, where citizens travel, live and work freely. We have every reason to be proud of the dream of the founding fathers and of what Europe has achieved. But we do not take these achievements for granted. Uniting Europe in freedom, democracy, justice and solidarity is a challenge for every day.



OUR KEY CHALLENGE

We believe in people of all generations to lead Europe out of the recent crises. We want our economies to return to growth that produces jobs, with young people looking to their future with confidence, seniors feeling proud of their accomplishments and families protected and strengthened to endorse the challenges and risks of changing societies. One of the key challenges of today's societies is demographic change. The EU, the Member States and all citizens, together we are called to cope with the gains, strengths and limitations of ageing societies. We, senior citizens, want to be part of a better Europe for all ages.



FOR A BETTER EUROPE FOR ALL CITIZENS

WE HIGHLIGHT:

No age-discrimination

Everyone, regardless of age, gender or dependency is entitled to enjoy the fundamental human rights, lead a life of dignity and independence and participate in social and cultural life.

An age-friendly society

An age-friendly society is an effective approach for responding to demographic changes

- based on a positive attitude to ageing
- with services and structures accessible to all,
- enabling active participation and involvement,
- providing protection, support and empowerment.

Active ageing

An inclusive labour market enabling older workers to remain at work for longer. Use and promote age diversity and intergenerational learning.

Intergenerational solidarity

Adequate, fair and sustainable social protection systems (health care, long-term care, pensions...) for both current and future generations.

Human dignity for the most vulnerable

Improvement of the application of universal human standards to persons of all stages of life, also to persons who have reached old age and in particular the most vulnerable older people, people at risk of poverty, abuse, loneliness ...

Learn from each other

Europewide networks and movements to mainstream the promotion of an age-friendly society in all relevant EU policy processes and funding programmes to create synergies and support action at all levels.

A challenge for all

The European Union, governments at all levels, researchers, stakeholders, the media, civil society and all citizens are called to create, promote and stimulate a long life society, respecting all age groups.

