



For the Wellbeing and Dignity of Older people

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Age- and dementia- friendly environments as investment for a sustainable EU

AGE Platform Europe marked the 21st September, World Alzheimer's day, with a press release on supporting age and dementia-friendly environments.

"In the framework of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, AGE Platform Europe and Alzheimer Europe join forces to call for the launch of a **European Covenant of local and regional authorities on demographic change**, whose objective will be to promote age and Alzheimer-friendly environments across the European Union"

France experiments locally social councils to give a voice to service users in healthcare (in FR)

From the webpage: <http://www.lamaisondelaautonomie.com/index.php/Dernieres-news/conseil-vie-sociale-departemental.html>

Renforcer les espaces de démocratie sanitaire et l'expression des usagers en établissements et services de santé sociaux et médico-sociaux au sens de la loi "Hôpital, Patients, Santé, Territoires" : telle est l'ambition des conseils de la vie sociale départementaux initiés par l'ARS.

AGE endorses global call for action to protect the rights of older people

In view of the third session of the United Nations Open-ended working group on ageing (OEWG) that took place in New York in August 2012, AGE joined forces with other NGOs to call on governments to strengthen legally-binding standards on the rights of older people and develop adequate protection regimes. This document was shared in the OEWG as an advocacy tool and is entitled 'Protecting the Rights of

The WeDO project is now reaching its final phase, two months before the end. After having finalised the EU quality framework for long-term care services and translated it in 9 languages, the partners are now preparing next Steering Group meeting which will take place on 15-16 October 2012. This last meeting before the final conference will aim at preparing the 'after' WeDO project and gather all the necessary information to finalise the national strategies or plans of action for the wellbeing and dignity of older people. The partners will also meet with the EU coalition to prepare the EU strategy for the wellbeing and dignity of older people. The will finally prepare the final conference on

Germany: creation of an 'Alliance for people with dementia'

On the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day on 21th September 2012 a new "Alliance for People with Dementia" was founded, as a central component of the demographic strategy of the government.

The aim is to develop tools and support to people affected by dementia and the promotion of understanding and awareness of dementia in order to counteract social exclusion. 26 local alliances are launched in multigenerational houses – financed by the national government. By 2016, 500 of these nationwide local networks shall arise.

Save the date! 14/11 final conference of the WeDO project in the European Parliament

The conference will aim at presenting the European Quality framework for long-term care services and examples of national strategies and action plans for the wellbeing and dignity of older people. It will also aim at organising a lively debate with key stakeholders in the long-term care sector with a panel discussion and a debate with the floor (European commission, European Parliament, Council, representatives of care homes, older people's organisations, carer's organisations, service providers, researchers, policy makers at national level, etc.).

Grants for age-friendly houses

Building blocks informal care

Event

- [23/11/2012 Final conference 'Train, improve, reduce!' in Brussels](#)
- [20/11/2012 "Creating an age-friendly European Union" AGE Thematic Seminar](#)
- [14/11/2012 WeDO Final conference](#)
- [16-17/11/2012 · Ageing I LGBT](#)
- [10-11/10/2012 Congress 'Become old tomorrow · decide our future now !'](#)
- [27-28/09/2012 "Active Ageing - The Challenge for Providers"](#)

Resources

- [Demography, active ageing and pensions](#)
- [International expertise analysis on dementia](#)