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Project update – Year 1

The first year of the FUTURAGE project has been focused on gathering inputs from across Europe to shape the content of the Road map

National consultations

The starting point was a series of national consultations conducted between October 2009 and February 2010 in eleven countries of the European Research Area in Ageing, to determine the national research priorities. These national priorities were fed into the thematic workshops (opposite), which were the next step.

Council of Scientists

In April 2010 the members of the Council of Scientists – senior researchers with previous experience in European ageing research – were asked to provide feedback on the research priorities generated by the national consultations and the first round of thematic workshops. Their comments were also requested on the structure and format of the project.

Stakeholder workshop

Between the two rounds of thematic workshops, in May 2010, the first stakeholder workshop was held, to allow policy makers and research funders the opportunity to comment on the research priorities generated so far. At a meeting attended by over 150 people, the European Parliament was the venue for the event during the afternoon. This session was hosted by MEPs from the STOA Panel for Science and Technology Options Assessment who examined the FUTURAGE project and explored the strategic importance of ageing research for the whole of Europe.



Thematic workshops

Two rounds of thematic workshops took place in February/March 2010 and June/July 2010. Scientists from across Europe were invited to attend and provide their input on the research priorities which should be included in the Road Map

Social & Economic Resources

Ancona, Italy, 25th-26th February 2010: the agenda focused attention on both the economic roles of older people within society, and the care agenda.

Ancona, Italy, 7th-9th July 2010: the programme added an extra emphasis on the lifecourse, to represent the dynamic nature of ageing and to refocus discussion away from “old people”.

Environments of Ageing

Heidelberg, Germany, 4th-5th March 2010: the discussion covered both individual and societal foci and home and out-of-home environments.

Lund, Sweden, 16th-18th June 2010: the agenda examined methodology and implementation issues and also provided young scholars a chance to freely their perspectives on the issues.

Healthy Ageing

Newcastle, United Kingdom, 15th-16th March 2010: the programme split the discussion into: inequalities; interventions; prevention and promotion, and; psychosocial factors and healthy ageing.

Newcastle, United Kingdom, 11th-13th July 2010: the agenda covered gaps that had been identified as not being effectively covered in the first workshop, and more detailed discussion of cross-cutting issues.

User involvement

Brussels, Belgium, 25th-26th March 2010: the discussion focused around three key areas: user involvement and how it can be supported; industrial best practice at implementing older people’s expectations, and; how older people express their expectations and needs.

Barcelona, Spain, 13th-14th July 2010: this event was structured around the three scientific themes of other workshops, to allow end users to comment on the science-based research priorities.