



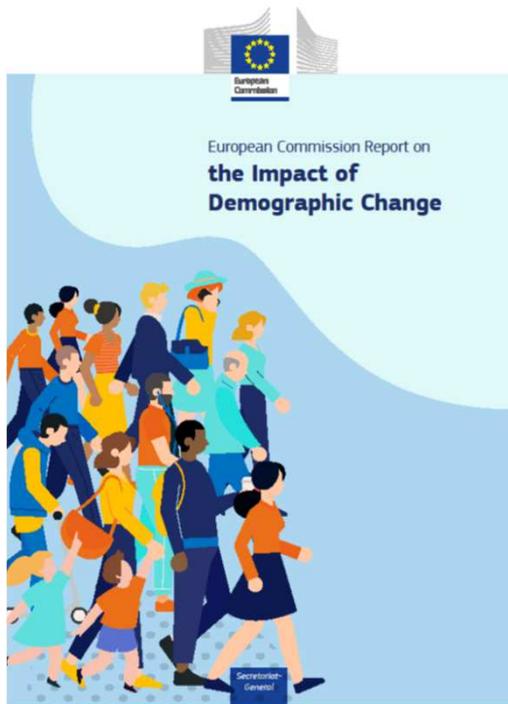
Green Paper on Ageing



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Ageing: defining the demographic landscape of the EU



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- **Life expectancy** at birth: +10 years in the last 5 decades
- Fewer births
- Working-age population shrinking
- **Median age** steadily increasing
- By 2070: 30% of population aged 65+

With an increasingly older population, **AGEING** is *the* defining demographic trend of EU

What do we mean by 'ageing'?

Ageing ≠ aged, old



Ageing is a continuous process

Individual ageing

→ personal impacts

Population ageing

→ impacts on society & economy



Ageing concerns **all ages** and generations **at every stage in life**

What is a 'Green Paper'?

- Document by the **European Commission**
- to **stimulate discussion on a given topic at European level.**
- Relevant parties (bodies or individuals) are invited to participate in a **consultation process and debate** on the basis of the questions it puts forward.
- A Green Paper may be **followed by legislative and non-legislative initiatives.**



Green Paper on Ageing: published on 27 January 2021; consultation on 17 questions, ran until 21 April 2021;

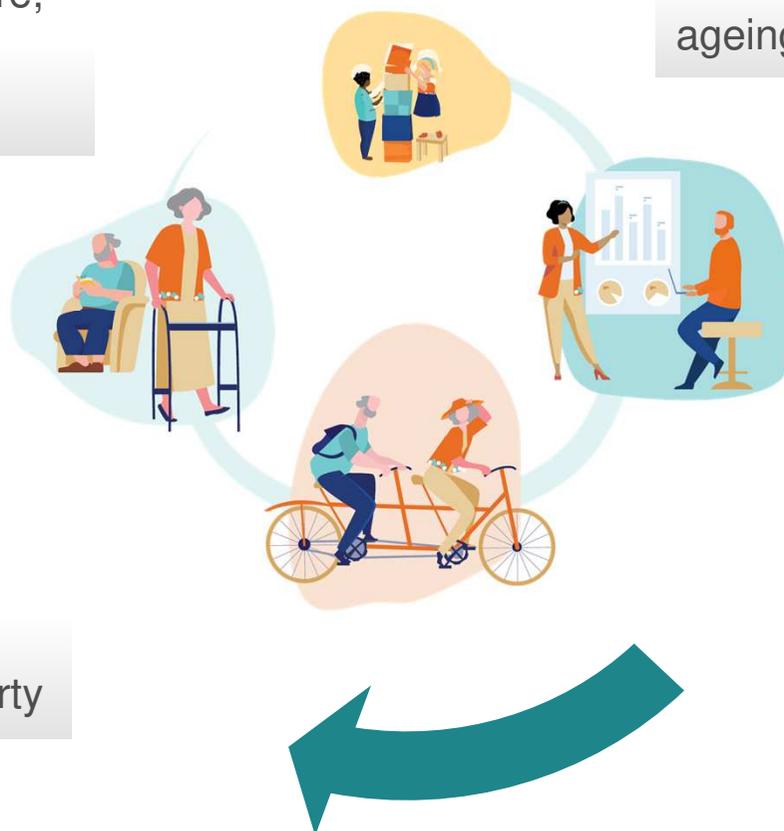
Ageing: challenges & opportunities throughout the **life-cycle**

Growing needs: healthcare, long-term care / mobility, connectivity, well-being

Formative years: life-long learning, healthy & active ageing

Working age: labour markets, productivity, innovation and business opportunities

Retirement: volunteering, intergenerational relations / adequate, fair and sustainable pension systems, old age poverty



Examples of questions for consultation

- How can **healthy and active ageing policies** be promoted from an early age and throughout the life span for everyone? How can children and young people be better equipped for the **prospect of a longer life expectancy**? What kind of support can the EU provide to the Member States?
- Is there a need for more policies and action at EU level that support **senior entrepreneurship**? What type of support is needed at EU level and how can we build on the successful social innovation examples of **mentorship** between young and older entrepreneurs?
- How can the EU support Member States' efforts to ensure more **fairness** in the **social protection systems** across generations, gender, age and income groups, ensuring that they remain fiscally sound?

After the public consultation: what next?

- **12-week consultation** period with a wide invitation to relevant stakeholders
 - The input will flow into **planned initiatives**, e.g. long-term vision for rural areas
 - Other input will serve to inform the preparation of **possible initiatives**, e.g. long-term care
 - Other contributions will serve to develop **new initiatives**



What next?



- **Follow-up to the consultation:** summary report and synopsis report informing policy responses
- **Council** work in parallel: older people in the era of digitalisation; mainstreaming of ageing in public policies; Porto Social Summit in May 2021; further work on life-course
- **European Parliament** is also preparing a position on ageing

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