

Wednesday, 6 November 2024
9 am – 3 pm
Mannheim, Germany

Participatory urban development: age-friendly, community-promoting and future-orientated

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Many municipalities are committed to creating an age-friendly, community-promoting and future-orientated living environment. A central aspect of this is the involvement of those who know best what is needed in their environment to promote ageing well, i.e. older people and their representative organisations.

In Germany, Section 71 of the Social Security Code XII provides the legal framework for the organisation of support structures for older people in order to ensure basic services for counselling, encounters and active participation. From an international perspective, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 'Age-friendly Cities' project offer guidance and solutions for sustainable, age-friendly and future-oriented development of municipalities.

This conference will present examples of municipal development from Germany and abroad that place particular emphasis on participatory approaches. In addition, guidelines, concepts and methods for age-friendly municipal development will be presented and discussed.

The conference is aimed at senior citizens' representatives, senior citizens' organisations and initiatives as well as municipal administrations. It is intended to provide impetus for age-friendly urban and neighbourhood development as well as for further discussions at municipal, state and federal level.

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Programme

8.30 am

Registration

9.00 am

Welcoming

- Chairperson of BAGSO*
- Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)
- Major Thorsten Riehle, City of Mannheim

9.15 am

Ageing in the city or community: facts, concepts and methods

Presentation and discussion

- Natalie Turner, Centre for Ageing Better, UK

10.00 am

Shaping municipal care structures for older people

Municipal practical examples

- Older people help shape their city – examples from Vienna, Graz, Linz, Tulln and Wörgl in Austria
Susanne Dobner, Queraum
- Ageing locally connected and its Ageing Strategy 2025
Tina Schmid, City of Winterthur, Switzerland
- On the way to an age-friendly city
Gabriele Reichhardt, Stuttgart

11.00 am

Coffee break

11.20 am

Developing sustainable municipalities for all generations

Regional practical examples

- Baden-Württemberg: QUARTIER 2030
Dr Maren Wittek, Ministry for Social Affairs, Health and Integration Baden- Württemberg
- Spanish Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities
Manuel Montero, IMSERSO
- Slovenian Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities
Ana Ramovs, Anton Trstenjak Institute of Gerontology and Intergenerational Relations

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* The BAGSO Executive Board will be newly elected the day before the conference.

Programme

12.30 pm

Lunch break

1.30 pm

In focus: Dementia-sensitive municipalities and neighbourhoods
Awareness raising – Participation – Meeting/Encounter

Presentation and discussion

- Ute Hauser, Alzheimer Association Baden-Württemberg e.V. | Selbsthilfe Demenz

2.00 pm

On the way to age-friendly, community-promoting and sustainable municipalities

Panel discussion

- Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, BMFSFJ
- Jens-Peter Kruse, BAGSO
- Ilka Borr, Healthy Cities Network, City of Saarbrücken
- Friederike Scholz, German City Council

Moderation: Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, BAGSO und AGE Platform Europe and Ina Voelcker, BAGSO

2.50 pm

Reflections and the way forward

3.00 pm

End

Moderation: Katja Nellissen

Language: Conference languages will be English and German. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Please note: Photos will be taken during the event. The photos may be published on the internet or in print media for public relations and documentation purposes.

Organisational information

■ Venue and arrival:

Jugendherberge Mannheim International
Rheinpromenade 21
68163 Mannheim, Germany

www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/mannheim-international/

The venue is around 800 metres on foot from Mannheim main station. By public transport from Mannheim main station: RNV 3 tram line from platform A (direction Neckarau, Rheingoldhalle) to the stop 'Lindenhof'. From there it is approx. 500 metres on foot. The youth hostel provides [further information on travelling](#) to the hostel and [illustrated directions from Mannheim main station](#).

■ Registration

Participation in the event is free of charge. Please register by **Friday, 18 October 2024** using the online registration form on the BAGSO website. You will then receive a confirmation email with further information. Registration by telephone is also possible.

[Registration](#)

■ Accessibility

The venue is accessible. Please inform us of any possible support requirements when registering. Within the scope of our possibilities, we will be happy to make appropriate arrangements associated with the event.

Organiser

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