



Affiliated Symposium IV.

Symposium of the EuroAgeism Horizon 2020 project

Information on the project goals, main findings, and continuing impact

Date: Oct 20, 2022, Time: 16:00 - 18:00 hod

Place: Small Symposium Hall, Congress Venue Olšanka, Prague, Czech Republic

ABSTRACT

Europe has the largest percentage of older adults worldwide. Yet, there is a high prevalence of ageism; the complex and often negative construction of old age, in society at large, and among researchers and practitioners in particular. In contrast to the wide prevalence of ageism, the majority of research, to date, has targeted racism and sexism and neglected to address ageism. A similar neglect is found on the policy side, as age is still not an explicit part of a U.N. declaration of human rights. To address these shortcomings, EuroAgeism Horizon 2020 project was focused on harmonising different theoretical and methodological disciplines in the field of ageism. It aimed to bring together science and policy by creating an opportunity for a true dialogue that will allow graduates of the program to capture positions as scientists, educators, science advisers, policy advocates, lobbyists, or legislators in the field of ageism. EuroAgeism advanced the field by delivering an attractive multi-disciplinary (social science, health science, engineering, and design), inter-sectorial (academia, healthcare, non-governmental, inter-governmental, and governmental organizations), international (North, East, and Central Europe, Middle East, Pan-European, and international) research, training and supervision program on ageism in various aspects and field, including inappropriate prescribing and medication safety (ESR7 project within the EuroAgeism H2020 programme).

The research was a direct response to the European Commission's Active and Healthy Ageing initiative, with an overarching goal to improve the quality of life of older people. By pursuing 15 research projects, it aimed to achieve the following goals: a) explore ways to improve the active participation of older adults in the workforce; b) address ageism in relation to access to goods and services, including appropriate medications and medication safety services, and c) promote an age-friendly society, which helps older adults to realize their full potential. EuroAgeism was a policy oriented research project dedicated to dissemination of findings also to policy stakeholders and the general public to decrease ageism in everyday life, in medication use and the clinical and social practice.

This Symposium shows an overview of all works conducted during the project and presents works conducted during ESR7 project in the medication area related to

inappropriate geriatric prescribing and inappropriate medication use in Central and Eastern European countries.

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Small symposium hall

16:00-16:05	Invitation of guests for the EuroAgeism H2020 project
16:05-16:15	Ageism as the newly studied concept at the European level - European and international activities helping to combat ageism in healthcare and medication use Barbro Westerholm et al., Age Platform Europe, Brussels, Belgium
16:15-16:30	Main EuroAgeism project activities and findings including healthcare area, mission, and continuing impact of the EuroAgeism project Angela Kydd, Liat Ayalon et al. for Corsorcium of the EuroAgesim H2020 project Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK; Bar-Ilan University, Tel-Aviv, Israel
16:30-16:45	Medication use and aspects of ageism- theoretical background and activities of the ESR7 EuroAgeism H2020 project Daniela Fialová et al., Charles University, Czech Republic
16:45-17:00	Inappropriate prescribing in older adults in Central and Eastern Europe - results of the ESR7 EuroAgeism project Jovana Brkic et al., Charles University, Czech Republic
17:00-17:15	Inappropriate drug use and potentially drug-drug interactions in older patients in Turkey – results of the EuroAgeism H2020 project Betul Okuyan et al., Marmara University, Turkey
17:15-17:30	Inappropriate drug use and its impact on incidence of falls and hospitalizations in older patients in Croatia – results of the EuroAgeism H2020 project Maja Ortner Hadziabdić et al., University of Zagreb, Croatia

17:30-17:45	Prevalence, country-specific prescribing patterns and determinants of benzodiazepine use in community-residing older adults: findings from the EUROAGEISM H2020 ESR7 project Anna Lukačšínová et al., Charles University, Czech Republic
17:45-18:00	Prescribing of psychotropic medications in Serbia – results from the EuroAgeism H2020 project in the national sample Ivana Tadić, Sofia Šesto et al., University of Belgrade, Serbia
18:00-18:10	Final discussion and conclusion



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