A central tool to our dissemination strategy, the Monitoring RIS website supports the follow-up process of the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), for the UN European region, currently covering 56 countries.

The website provides access to

- Ageing-related policies and strategies both at the European (UNECE, EU) and national level
- National implementation activities
- Indicators and country facts and figures
- Publications
- Networks and NGOs working in the field of ageing

www.MonitoringRIS.org

The European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, an intergovernmental organisation affiliated to the United Nations, has been mandated to undertake various follow-up activities of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) since 2002.

The MA:IMI project, an institutionalised collaboration between the European Centre and UNECE, originally under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, was laid down in 2004 in form of a “Memorandum of Understanding”. This Memorandum between UNECE and the European Centre was renewed in March 2009.

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Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation

A project of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

In collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, UNECE
In 2008, the European Centre’s MA:IMI project has entered its second phase. The period of the second review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) (2008-2012) will undoubtedly be an important and critical one, as the challenges facing ageing societies are further pronounced due to the demographic dividend now ending in many UNECE countries. A last window of opportunity to implement the core measures to live up to the goals, objectives and commitments formulated in Madrid and Berlin, in 2002, and reconfirmed in León in 2007, will open till around 2012.

**Work Programme and Main Activities**

**2008-2012: Second Phase – MA:IMI / II**
- Introducing new, additional sets of indicators
- Publishing research findings
- Updating the “Monitoring RIS” website
- Generating timely dissemination of information via newsletter alerts
- Organising technical workshops and international conferences

- Developing “Indicators of Achievement”
- Collecting, visualising and analysing data
- Setting-up the “Monitoring RIS” website
- Disseminating research and analysis in publications and in international conferences
- Organising workshops, conferences and seminars

**2001-2002: Preparatory and Conference Phase**

**Indicators of Achievement**

A key outcome of the first phase of the MA:IMI project is a set of indicators to monitor the implementation of the political goals and objectives as formulated in MIPAA and RIS and to measure progress made in achieving them. The indicators, developed and prepared in consultation with international experts, cover four main domains:

- Demographic factors
- Income and Wealth
- Labour market participation
- Social protection and financial sustainability

In gathering and compiling data on these indicators, a unique database has been created.

In addition, during the second phase of the project, we are developing, and collecting corresponding data, on:

- Long-term care;
- Gendering ageing; and
- Quality of life indicators

**Selected Publications**

Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi (Eds.) (2007) *Mainstreaming Ageing Indicators to Monitor Sustainable Policies*

Manfred Huber et al (Forthcoming) *Facts and Figures on Long-Term Care Europe and North America*

Bernd Marin and Eszter Zólyomi (Ed.) (Forthcoming) *Women’ Work and Pensions: What is Good, What is Best? Designing Gender-Sensitive Arrangements*