



Manifesto of the European Green Seniors

Beside climate change and digitization we must recognize demographic changes as one of the great challenges of the 21st century and deal with it. Now!

Right to Work: We campaign for flexible and good working conditions, that don't make you ill, because we need the experience and manpower of older people who want to work longer. There must be part-time and training opportunities without ageism.

Right of Participation: Seniors who are fit and healthy want to contribute to society through social engagement and opportunities for voluntary work. We need more widely available networks of lifelong learning and community facilities to help older people fully using their considerable potential.

Right to Fair Pensions: Governments must evaluate and where needed re-evaluate how pension calculations are structured to ensure sufficient pension payments to stop people falling into old-age poverty despite having worked and contributed all throughout their lives. Basic incomes during working years need to lead to this level.

Right of Aging in Place: Staying at home in old age is what most people desire and which is also good for the climate. To do this, we need demography-proof tax laws, neighborhoods with good local infrastructure, amenities and affordable, barrier-free, energy efficiency in housing, co-housing and options for shared living. Furthermore we want the provision of compassionate, timely and professional 'care at home', with state subsidy for those who need it.

Right to High Quality Elder Care: We also need compassionately and professionally run and registered nursing homes, that are culturally and queer sensitive and free of any discrimination. Facilities to be subject to regular checks to guarantee all human rights standards and prevent elder abuse. There has to be a sufficient number of palliative care, care homes, outpatient services, with state subsidy for those who need it.

Right to Public Health Care: All EU countries must have a fully functioning, comprehensive health care system, with health services that are affordable. We strongly object to the privatization of health and social services for profit purposes.

Right for inclusive cities and communities: We promote the World-Health-Organisation-project of Age-friendly Cities and Communities and the '15 minutes city', where all basic necessities of daily life are available by walking or cycling for a short distance. We need to counteract heat islands in cities with trees and plants, to stop the number of heat victims among older people, which has

increased already by over 50% during last heat waves. Climate and demographic changes demand such corrective measures.

Right to Public Transport: A fully inclusive community is based around a comprehensive network of affordable and efficient public transport options as a prerequisite for participation. For the last kilometer home we need on-demand transport and a sufficient number of age-friendly benches so that older people can be mobile without a car.

Right to Communal Life: Many older people feel lonely when friends or partners become ill or die. We need inclusive meeting places where there is no need to consume and where there should be offers for everyone. Friendship benches, which signal that you want to have a conversation can also help reduce loneliness.

Right to Digital Participation: Nobody should be left behind for lack of basic digital knowledge in a world that increasingly functions by digital means. We strongly promote the need to ensure the availability of training facilities, free of charge and rental devices and WIFI in public places and meeting places to help all community members to live a satisfying and constructive life.

We EUROPEAN GREEN SENIORS address this Manifest

**to all GREEN PARTY Member States in the EU
to all GLOBAL GREENS**

**Because, Climate and Demographic Changes demand that ALL
GREENS act Together.**

PLEASE JOIN US

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