

# “The Europe we want is for all ages”

7 proposals for the European elections 2019

## WHY THIS MANIFESTO

Europe needs to tackle its demographic challenge in a fair and sustainable way and fulfil the pledge to leave no one behind.


To achieve this, the European Union must be driven by its citizens towards actions that will embody our common core values of non-discrimination, equality and solidarity.

## WHAT WE DEMAND

**AGE Platform Europe calls on the European Parliament to foster initiatives that will protect the rights of Europeans at any age.**

Respect for dignity and autonomy are universal human rights that are central prerequisites to effective and meaningful participation in society.

 1/4 residents of the European Union is already aged 60+

 By 2080, the very old (80+) could more than double

40% Women's pension are still 40% lower than men's pensions in today's EU

30% of older Europeans lack access to long-term care services

**We propose 7 ideas...**

that will help preserve our right to work and engage as active citizens in local communities, to access adequate social protection and care, as well as the right to live a later life free from discrimination and abuse.

# As candidates to the European Parliament elections, we call on you to ensure that:



1. Fighting **AGE DISCRIMINATION** will become an identified priority on equal foot to all other grounds of discrimination and that an ambitious directive on equal treatment will be promptly adopted.
2. EU action on **EMPLOYMENT** will take a life-course perspective to create inclusive labour markets that meet the needs of today's European ageing workforces.
3. **SAFE, ADEQUATE and SUSTAINABLE PENSIONS** will be guaranteed to both women and men today and for future generations.
4. The right to **AGE IN DIGNITY** is protected through adequate and affordable person-centred health and long-term care accessible to all to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages.
5. EU supports **HEALTH FOR ALL** with a preventive and life-course approach and prevents loneliness through European funds.
6. **UNIVERSAL ACCESS** to goods and services will be guaranteed in today's digitalised society, including for older persons.



Ebbe Johansen  
AGE Platform Europe president

“The elections come at a turning point for the European Union to urgently reconnect with its citizens. The European Parliament must show that working together gives better results in promoting social justice and equality within the European Union.”

Ageing should also be mainstreamed in actions on **HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT**, and **TRANSPORT** to create age-friendly environments across the European Union.

7. At national level, Member States develop national **STRATEGIES ON AGEING** with the active involvement of older persons.

At EU level, the **INTERGROUP** on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations is re-established after the elections for MEPs and citizens to be able to debate how to best tackle Europe's demographic challenge.

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