Advancing Research and Training on

Ageing, Place and Home

- HOMeAGE –

Recruitment Guide

12 Ph.D. Positions

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Call for Doctoral Researcher Applicants

Ageing in place is critical to the future of ageing societies in Europe. Older people's places are recognised as fundamental to long term health and wellbeing outcomes - a fact that has been magnified during the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet, critically, almost a third of older people in Europe experience neighbourhood deprivation, a fifth encounter a lack of cohesion, a growing number are homeless, and approximately 3 million continue to reside in institutional settings. There are significant concerns that efforts are failing to support ageing in place. With its development as a field fragmented across disciplines and sectors, and with few researchers equipped to tackle this fragmentation, innovation in research and policy risks stagnation.

HOMeAGE is a new, nine country, Marie Skłodowska Curie (MSCA) Doctoral Network Programme funded by the European Commission. **HOMeAGE seeks to recruit 12 Doctoral Researchers (DRs)** on a full-time basis over three years starting in September 2023.
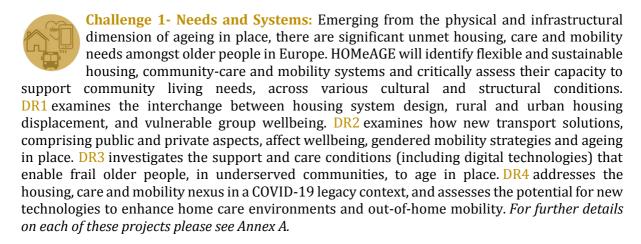

The Doctoral Researchers will be hosted by one of the beneficiary organizations in the HOMeAGE network, and will be supported by associated partner organizations. HOMeAGE beneficiaries and partners represent the key intersectoral actors in the field, comprising: leading research units; major intergovernmental organisations; international civil society actors; governmental and non-governmental organisations; public advisory agencies and innovation bodies. HOMeAGE delivers a unique employability and skills development process for DRs ensuring that they can lead the response to current research and policy deficits.

HOMeAGE will address the three interconnected challenges of (1) needs and systems, (2) home and belonging and (3) rights and voice, through the work of the 12 DRs and their individual research projects (IRPs).

The Three Challenges and Doctoral Researcher Projects

Challenge 1- Needs and Systems: Emerging from the physical and infrastructural dimension of ageing in place, there are significant unmet housing, care and mobility needs amongst older people in Europe. HOMeAGE will identify flexible and sustainable housing, community-care and mobility systems and critically assess their capacity to support community living needs, across various cultural and structural conditions. DR1 examines the interchange between housing system design, rural and urban housing displacement, and vulnerable group wellbeing. DR2 examines how new transport solutions, comprising public and private aspects, affect wellbeing, gendered mobility strategies and ageing in place. DR3 investigates the support and care conditions (including digital technologies) that enable frail older people, in underserved communities, to age in place. DR4 addresses the housing, care and mobility nexus in a COVID-19 legacy context, and assesses the potential for new technologies to enhance home care environments and out-of-home mobility. *For further details on each of these projects please see Annex A.*

Challenge 2 – Home and Belonging: Implicating the social and cultural dimension of ageing in place, older adult place-based engagement is changing in European societies. HOMeAGE will identify innovative place-based pathways for engagement as a means to create new channels for building a sense of home and belonging amongst diverse older populations, in diverse places. DR5 explores how digitalisation might support agency and belonging of older men and women post Covid-19, and the implications for gendered identity. DR6 evaluates the meaning of home and community for older people ageing in less 'normative' and segregationist settings (custodial, transient) to inform new pathways for securing integration for displaced populations. DR7 examines how environmental change (manifest in different settings types) and personal life transitions combine to shape positive health and ageing and placemaking across the exclusion-integration continuum. *For further details on each of these projects please see Annex A.*

Challenge 3 – Rights and Voice: Arising from the institutional dimensions of ageing in place, current structures fail to sufficiently represent the voice of older people, and address their right to age in place. HOMeAGE will identify integrative frameworks, that are responsive to the diversity of older people and their places, to drive relevant and rights-based policy development on ageing in place. RWP3 will interrogate how empowering older people and promoting representations of community living can advance rights-based policy for ageing in place in a Covid context. DR8 examines the marginalisation of rurality and care needs in ageing in place policy and the implications for rights to care, and sustainability of homecare in rural and remote settings. DR9 interrogates the actual and symbolic representation of older people as rights holders in the development of ageing in place technologies and innovation policy, and the consequences for digital exclusion. DR10 examines social rights as a basis for equitable, non-ageist policy development on ageing in place, contrasting community and institutional settings. DR11 investigates how urban change and regeneration policy disrupts ageing in place for diverse groups and how participatory policy processes might counter this disruption. DR12 critiques age-friendly policy in its application to planning and development processes to enhance the voice and representation of diverse populations. *For further details on each of these projects please see Annex A.*

Duration of Fellowship

Each project is funded for a 36 month period from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2026. The successful candidate will also register for a structured PhD in the awarding university. Please note, in some institutions PhD programmes are for a 48 month period – please see individual requirements for relevant university.

Mobility and Secondment
In line with the MSCA goal of enhanced mobility and intersectoral working, each DR will be required to undergo two secondments (placement) of 4 months duration. These secondments will involve a placement at another beneficiary organisation, and a cross sector partner organisations. Please see Annex A for details specific to each individual research project.

HOMeAGE Beneficiary Organizations and Associated Partners

The table below presents the HOMeAGE Beneficiary Organizations who will host the 12 DRs, and the primary supervisor in each case. Each individual research project will also be linked to the associated partners. For a full list of associated partners, please see Annex B.

Country	Host Organisation	Division/Unit	Primary Supervisor
Ireland	University of Galway (UoG)	Irish Centre for Social Gerontology	Kieran Walsh
Czech Republic	Masarykova Univerzita (MU)	Faculty of Social Studies	Lucie Vidovicova
Belgium	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)	Dept of Adult Educational Science	An-Sofie Smetcoren/ Liesbeth De Donder
Germany	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universitaet Frankfurt Am Main (GUF)	Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (IAW)	Frank Oswald
Italy	Istituto Nazionale di Riposo e Cura per Anziani (IRCSS INRCA)	Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing	Giovanni Lamura
Netherlands	Open University (OU)	Faculty of Humanities	Alexander Peine
Finland	Tampereen Korkeakoulusaatio SR (TAU)	Faculty of Social Sciences	Anu Siren
United Kingdom	The University of Manchester (UoM)	Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing	Tine Buffel
Switzerland	Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW)	Institute for Social Planning, Organisational Change and Urban Development	Matthias Drilling

Application Process

The following is an overview description of the application process for the HOMeAGE doctoral researcher positions. Before making an application please review the details below and the job/project descriptions for each individual DR available at www.icsg.ie/homeage.

General and project specific eligibility requirements

All applicants must fulfil the following general eligibility criteria, or otherwise will be rejected:

- must have completed a Master's degree or equivalent at the time of start (Sept 2023).
- must not have a doctoral degree at the date of their recruitment;
- should comply with the mobility rules, where they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting organisation for more than 12 months, at any point during the 36 months immediately before their

recruitment date (short stays such as holidays or compulsory military service are not taken into account);

<u>Project specific eligibility criteria must also be met. Please see individual job descriptions for these criteria.</u>

Essential language requirements

The working language of HOMeAGE is English. Applicants are required to either be:

- A native English speaker;
  Or
- A non-native English speaker who has demonstrable sufficient competencies in oral and written English. If successful, the candidate maybe required (depending on the essential criteria of the individual host organisation) to fulfil the academic IELTS (minimum score: 7.5), TOEFL internet-based (minimum score: 113) tests or an agreed equivalent.
  Or
- A non-native English speaker who has completed a Masters degree through English.

How to apply

You can apply for one specific DR position or for multiple DR Positions. In the application form we will ask for you to select all positions you wish to be considered for during the process in rank order. **<u>*Please note that you only need to develop a research proposal for your primary choice.</u>**

Your application must consist of three documents:

1. Application form with eligibility declaration (Word file);

2. Supporting materials, which must include: (a) curriculum vitae; (b) motivation letter; (c) evidence of qualifications (e.g. formal transcript and degree certificates); (d) English language certificate, if applicable; and (e) two references (a single PDF-file);

3. *****Research proposal (2000 words maximum) based on the applicant's interpretation of the selected project – please see application checklist at the end of this document for details (Word file).

All applications must be submitted by **28th February at 6pm CET** *to*
HOMeAGE@universityofgalway.ie

Interviews of shortlisted applicants

All shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview. The interviews will take place online and are intended to be scheduled in March 2023.

HOMeAGE Doctoral Network Application Form

Name:	**Application for DR -** Please indicate the project(s) you wish to apply for – you may apply for more than one position by selecting the DR's in order of preference (e.g. 1, 2 3 etc.) with no. 1 being your preferred option.
Address:	
	DR1 ☐ DR2 ☐ DR3 ☐
Country:	DR4 ☐ DR5 ☐ DR6 ☐
	DR7 ☐ DR8 ☐ DR9 ☐
	DR10 ☐ DR11 ☐ DR12 ☐
Nationality:	**Gender:**
Telephone number:	**Email Address:**

Mobility

Please indicate your location from 1 September 2020 to 31st August 2023. This information is needed to determine whether you (will) fulfill the EU Mobility Rule for the position(s) you apply for. The researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the contract will start. Please list accordingly:

Location #1
Start Date:
End date:
Country:
Main activity:

Location #2
Start Date:
End date:
Country:
Main activity:

Location #3
Start Date:
End date:
Country:
Main activity:
 (Please replicate as necessary)

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Your qualification

Please indicate when you have obtained (or expect to obtain) your Master degree (or equivalent), as well as the university awarding the degree and the country this university is located.

Name of university:

Country:

(Expected) date of award:

Referees
Please list the names and information of two referees.

Referee #1
Name:
Organisation:
Affiliation:
Email address:
Telephone number (including country code):

Referee #2
Name:
Organisation:
Affiliation:
Email address:
Telephone number (including country code):

Eligibility Declaration

Mobility and residence:

"I meet the mobility requirements for Marie Curie Doctoral Candidates. At the time of selection, I will not have resided or carried out my main activity (e.g. work, study etc.) in the same country as the Hosting Network Partner for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to 1 September 2023 (short stays such as holidays are not taken into account)."

Please tick here to confirm this declaration. ☐

Signed:_____   Date: _____

Application checklist

- Completed application form
- motivation letter (indicating why you wish to conduct this research project and why you believe you would successfully be able to complete this project).
- Curriculum Vitae
- certified transcripts of results of Masters' degree in relevant discipline.
- evidence of IELTS or TOEFL scores for non-native English speakers.
- 2,000 word research proposal in the following format:

Proposal format (not to exceed 2,000 words)

1. *Background to the research proposal, objectives and main research question*
   Suggested word count: 600 words.

2. *Methodology and proposed timeline for completion of research*
   Suggested word count: 1000 words.

3. *Original contribution to knowledge of the proposed research (including potential for broader societal impact)*
   Suggested word count: 400 words.

4. *Literature references (in author/date format)*
   Max. 20 references (not included in word count)

Annex A - Project title and summary descriptions

A short description of each DR project is presented below, with the associated beneficiary host organisations and the associated partner organisations. The descriptions also present the different disciplinary contributions of the interdisciplinary and intersectoral supervisory teams.

DR 1	Host institution: VUB	PhD enrolment: VUB	Duration: 36 months
Project Title: Housing systems, displacement and ageing in alternative housing models			
Objectives: To: (1) analyse system-related mechanisms behind housing displacements among older women and men in urban and rural settings (2) identify innovative, collective housing models; (3) assess accessibility of models for vulnerable older adults, and their links to solidarity and care/support. *Mixed-methods (suggested):* interviews; participatory research; photo elicitation; secondary analysis (EU-SILC; SHARE).			
Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by VUB, UHasselt, WWZ and UoM, identifying housing models to support ageing in place for vulnerable groups. Educational science will examine how communal models contribute to community care, with a specific focus on gender and intersectional identities in constructing vulnerable positions in housing systems. Architectural design examines innovations in the built/spatial environment and wellbeing. Gerontology addresses exclusionary practices, patterned by gender and diversity, in ageing and housing. The policy component focuses on how models are situated in national housing policy. A policy brief on collective housing innovation, and a policy brief on optimal housing for the excluded will be produced.			
Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with T. Buffel (UoM)(4m) will provide insight into inequalities in lived experiences of home and housing environments. Secondment 2 with H. Teugels, (WWZ) (4m) will target norm-critical innovation and the inclusion-housing policy nexus.			
DR 2	Host institution: TAU	PhD enrolment: TAU	Duration: 36 months
Project Title: New mobility solutions for ageing in place			
Objectives: To assess: (1) the effects of new public transport solutions on the mobility strategies and the out-of-home gendered participation of older men and women; (2) the impact of these solutions on wellbeing and the neighbourhood community; (3) the potential of these solutions for supporting living longer at home. *Mixed-methods:* survey design; secondary data analysis; GIS analysis; in-depth interviews.			
Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by TAU, TOI and IRCCS INRCA to understand the gendered links between transport and ageing in place and where new mobility solutions can enhance wellbeing and gender identities. The intersection of Gerontology and Civil Engineering will provide spatial analysis of mobility needs and constraints in late life, and assess the cost-benefits of solutions. Technology studies will reveal if technologies augment mobility within/beyond locales. Policy will explore solutions, and preconditions for success. A policy brief on mobility needs, and a brief on enabling solutions will be produced.			
Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with Dr. Barbabella IRCCS INRCA (4m) will facilitate an exploration of ICT as a facilitator of older adult's public mobility. Secondment 2 with S. Nordbakke TOI (4m) will guide learning on research translation for transport policy design.			
DR 3	Host institution: IRCCS INRCA	PhD enrolment: UNIVPM	Duration: 36 months
Project Title: Addressing spatial disparities of frail older people through care and support			
Objectives: To examine: 1) under which support and care conditions frail older people, living in underserved communities, are able to age in place; 2) what role technologies play in facilitating supported ageing in place in this vulnerable social group; 3) develop new digital-health modalities for frail older adults ageing in place. *Mixed-methods:* secondary data analysis; expert interviews; qualitative interviews.			

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Expected Results: A PhD, supervised by IRCCS INRCA, UNIVPM and Tech4Care SRL, presenting an in-depth analysis of care/support contextual and individual factors preventing (spatial) exclusion of frail older people. Economic sociology will investigate the effects of care services as well as changes in the availability of formal and informal social supports. Technology studies will examine the supportive impact of technological solutions and the policy component will examine the potential for new digital modalities. Gerontology will analyse spatial drivers of exclusion for this group. A policy brief on social and spatial exclusion of frail older people, and a policy brief on the preventative (including technological) factors, will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with K. Walsh (NUI Galway) (4m) will deliver learning on social exclusion models in later life. Secondment 2 with Dr. Chiatti (Tech4Care SRL) (4m) will expose the DR to innovative technologies for ageing in place.

DR 4	Host Institution: IRCCS INRCA	PhD enrolment: UNIVPM	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: **Technology-enhanced housing, care and mobility (HCM) in a post-pandemic context**

Objectives: To examine: (1) which new technologies (tech) improve older adult lives and address HCM needs; (2) HCM policies focussing on the introduction of new technology; (3) the socio-economic impact of technologies for: older people; informal carers (if present); housing markets; care systems and mobility. *Mixed-methods:* secondary data; survey; case studies; norm-critical innovation; interviews.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by IRCCS INRCA, UNIVPM and Tech4Care SRL, providing a systematic analysis of drivers/barriers in new tech application for HCM in a post-pandemic context. Economic sociology will reveal the impact on community care delivery. Technology studies will analyse state of the art tech for later life HCM. The policy component will identify enablers in tech introduction. Educational science will assess housing for (post-pandemic) inclusion. A policy brief on tech impact on older person/carer wellbeing, and a brief on HCM policies for tech adoption will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with A.S. Smetcoren (VUB) (4m) will deliver learning on housing models for later life and European housing policy. Secondment 2 with Dr. Chiatti (Tech4Care SRL) (4m) will expose the DR to research informed technology innovation.

DR 5	Host institution: GUF	PhD enrolment: GUF	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: **Digital (in)equalities and belonging for ageing in place**

Objectives: To analyse: (1) the relevance of digitalisation strategies for diverse groups ageing in place; (2) how older people learn new ICT skills, and how this is influenced by gender and class; (3) how diverse men and women use ICT skills in daily life to augment agency and belonging in place. *Mixed-methods:* critical strategy analysis; focus groups; interviews; locality mapping; ambulatory assessment of ICT use.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by GUF, IFA and NUI Galway to better design ICT strategies for agency and belonging processes in place. Psychology will reveal behaviour in ICT use and individual goals for belonging and ageing in place. Sociology will analyse how social challenges are represented in ICT strategies, and how older people make meaning of ICT use. Educational science will address how older people use ICT to shape their own education process in community life. Gerontology will assess how the excluded are accounted for in ICT design. The policy part analyses ICT policy for connectivity in place. A policy brief on digital education best practice, and a policy brief on educational ICT strategies for ageing in place will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with Prof. Walsh (NUI Galway) (4m) will provide social gerontological perspectives on ageing in place. Secondment 2 with J. Barrett (IFA) (4m) will provide learning on overlapping ICT policy and age-friendly global agendas.

DR 6	Host institution: MU	PhD enrolment: MU	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: **Ageing in unusual places and ageing out of place**

Objectives: To explore: (1) ageing in unusual/segregationist places: custodial (prisons), closed (friaries; nursing homes), and transient (homeless shelters) sites; (2) alternative meanings of home for these populations, addressing gender and diversity aspects of displacement; (3) how this analysis can be used to refine person-environment (P-E) models. ***Intersectional approaches*** and in-depth narrative interviews.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by MU, GI o.p.s. and GUF, identifying learning from ageing in nonstandard places as a basis for more adaptive P-E models that can aid policy development. Sociology will reveal how gender and diversity, and intersectional identities, have shaped residential experiences across the life course. Anthropology will allow for a contextual analysis of the sites. Psychology will show the role of adaptive strategies in fostering belonging in such contexts. The policy component will unpack considerations for service coordination and environmental planning. A policy brief on the prevalence of aging in nonstandard places in Europe, and a policy brief on flexible person-environment (P-E) models for policy will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with F. Oswald (GUF) (4m) will allow learning on P-E fit models and how they can apply to diverse settings. Secondment 2 with J. Lorman, (GI o.p.s.) (4m) will expose the DR to advocacy and rights agendas relevant to ageing out of place.

DR 7	Host institution: UoG	PhD enrolment: UoG	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Change processes, social connectedness and positive health in place

Objectives: To investigate: (1) how environmental change (population; development; housing) intersects with life transitions to influence place belonging for diverse groups; (2) how these processes link to, and how individual and community-level place-making actions (including housing/care options) foster, positive health. ***Mixed methods***: quantitative (longitudinal analysis; causal inference); qualitative (case-studies).

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by NUI Galway, DoH and GUF, targeting the promotion of connectedness and positive health as outcomes of ageing in place during environmental and personal change. Health economics will harness econometric techniques and data-linkage methods to reveal causal and associative relationships. Gerontology will identify mediators of exclusion in changing places. Educational science will show how changes impact individual agency in place making. The policy part will focus on life-time community design. A policy brief on change processes in place, and a brief on positive health will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with F. Oswald (GUF) (4m) will expose the DR to theories concerning self and identity in later life. Secondment 2 with C. Ryan DoH (4m) will target learning on public health policy and positive ageing in supporting ageing in place.

DR 8	Host institution: UoG	PhD enrolment: UoG	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Rurality, rights and sustainability in home care and ageing in place policy

Objectives: To examine (1) the representation of 'rurality' and needs in ageing in place, homecare and Covid-19 policies for heterogeneous rural dwellers; (2) European patterns of homecare access in rural sites, charting potential rights violations and inequalities; (3) the lived experience of homecare for diverse groups (gender; new-comer/native residents; ethnicity; class) in 2-3 international rural sites, and responses to address needs during Covid-19. ***Intersectional approaches, mixed methods***: discourse analysis; secondary analysis; case-study methods.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by NUI Galway, Age Action IRL and VUB identifying spatial justice development frameworks to inform rights-based rural homecare policy for ageing in place. Gerontology will apply structural theories of exclusion to place-based homecare for diverse groups. Human geography will use spatial justice concepts to analyse representations and rights in terms of rurality and care. Public health will show public health disparities in rural homecare. The policy component will reveal equality dimensions of homecare. A policy brief on spatial dimensions of homecare, and a brief on a rights-based framework will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with L. De Donder- (VUB) (4m) will provide learning on social anthropology theory and methods relevant to ageing in place. Secondment 2 with N.O'Connor-(Age Action IRL) (4m) will expose the DR to public health/policy translation techniques.

DR 9	Host institution: OU	PhD enrolment: OU	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Representations of older people in ageing in place technologies

Objectives: To interrogate: (1) actual/symbolic representations of ageing in design projects of digital/smart technologies funded by ageing in place innovation policies; (2) processes by which certain images of older people (disability) come to prevail; (3) alternative practices (with practitioners) that reflect ageing diversity. Multi-site ethnography (test labs; homes; care sites); responsible R&D; norm-critical innovation.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by UU, VILANS and NUI Galway, mapping the practices through which ideas about later life are co-created in design projects. Technology and sustainability studies assesses ageing in place technology user involvement, implementation and policy processes. Gerontology will apply critical theories to explore these processes as *epistemic practices* that co-constitute later life. Together, this research will critically interrogate the increasing entanglement of ageing in place policies with the promises and practices of digital innovations. The policy component will translate results into recommendations for ageing in place technology policies. A policy brief on innovation practices for ageing in place, and a brief on design recommendations will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with A. Siren (4m) will focus on symbolic exclusion theory and technology as a mediator of exclusion. Secondment 2 with H.Nap (VILANS) (4m), will provide learning on policy processes and formulating stakeholder advice.

DR 10	Host institution: VUB	PhD enrolment: VUB	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Social rights and equitable, non-ageist policy development on ageing in place

Objectives: To investigate: (1) the extent ageist practice, prior and during Covid-19, prevents heterogeneous older populations to age in place (community; institutions) with dignity, and the barriers to securing rights to accessible and suitable community supports; (2) how stereotypes and prejudice influences policy reform/investment in ageing in place; (3) value of an age-friendly, inclusive policy framework based on European pillar of social rights. ***Intersectional approaches and qualitative methods:*** focus groups; interviews; documentary analysis.

Expected Results: A PhD supervised by VUB, AGE and MU. Educational science will reveal how policy and societal/cultural change processes can be managed in relation to community and institutional settings. Sociology will illustrate persisting forms of structural ageism in ageing in place. The policy component will develop innovative frameworks to promote human rights for ageing in place. A policy brief on rights and ageing in place, and a policy brief on non-ageist policy processes will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with L. Vidovićová (MU) (4m) will provide training on structural inequalities and public policy. Secondment 2 with AGE (J. Wadoux) (4m), will target policy concerning older people's rights, ageism and anti-discrimination.

DR 11	Host institution: UoM	PhD enrolment: UoM	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Urban regeneration and its impact on ageing in place experiences and policy

Objectives: To investigate: (1) ageing in place among diverse groups (long-term residents, migrants, gender, class) in diverse city contexts; (2) whether regeneration policies reflect diversity of ageing populations; (3) how co-production of age-friendly initiatives support inclusive decisions around city development/recovery post COVID-19. ***Mixed methods***: census data; participatory methods and peer research.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by UoM, MU, GMCA that informs new urban regeneration policy frameworks to enhance ageing in place of diverse populations. Gerontology will apply theories of ageing and intersectionality to urban sites. Urban design will explore influence of built environment modifications on quality of life in older age. Technology and innovation studies will reveal how inclusive technologies may serve as protective mechanisms in everyday life, and in promoting voice. A policy brief on urban change and ageing, and a brief on harnessing regeneration as an implementation tool for ageing in place will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1 with A. Peine (UU) (4m) will expose DRs to critical analysis of relevant innovation strategies. Secondment 2 with P. McGarry GMCA (4m) will demonstrate challenges in developing a regional age-friendly policy in contemporary sites.

DR 12	Host: FHNW	PhD enrolment: UoG	Duration: 36 months

Project Title: Diverse older populations, voice and planning age-friendly environments

Objectives: To explore: (1) how diverse older people are incorporated into ageing in place policy development linked to spatial planning; (2) the value associated with these perspectives in the policy and planning process; (3) how age-friendly planning and development processes can reflect and implement gender, class, ethnic perspectives. *Mixed methods*: content analysis; qualitative and participatory methods.

Expected Results: A PhD, co-supervised by FHNW, NUI Galway and VUB focusing on policy mobility and facilitating older people's voices on ageing in place. Spatial planning will consider success factors and barriers in facilitating voice/representation and explore how to embed this within policies intended to foster age-friendly communities. Gerontology will help reveal contrasts between urban and rural perspectives in representation/voice. Education science will enable an exploration of how older adult voices are represented in diverse contexts and different decision-making levels. A policy brief on voices of older people, and communities for developing policy, and a policy brief on how communities can facilitate voice will be produced.

Planned secondment(s): Secondment 1, K. Walsh (NUI Galway) (4m) will facilitate analysis of regional, national and local policy contexts and variation in representation and secondment 2, Alana Margaret Officer and Thiago Hérick de Sá (WHO Geneva), will allow learning on participatory approaches to engage older people within communities.

Consortium Member	Country	Dept./ Division / Laboratory	Scientist-in-Charge
Stichting Vilans	Netherlands		Henk Herman Nap
Gerontologický institut, o.p.s.	Czechia		Jan Lorman
Università Politecnica Delle Marche	Italy	Research Centre on Integration in Social and Health Services (CRISS)	Micol Bronzini
Tech4Care SRL	Italy		Carlos Chiatti
Age Action Ireland Ltd	Ireland		Nat O'Connor
Oslomet-Storbyuniversitetet	Norway	Norwegian Research Institute – NOVA	Marja Aartsen
Transportokonomisk Institutt	Norway	Department of Mobility	Susanne Nordbakke
Age Platform Europe	Belgium		Julia Wadoux
Department of Health	Ireland	Research Services, R & D and Health Analytics	Christopher Ryan
International Federation on Aging	Canada	Secretary General	Jane Barratt
Kenniscentrum Woonzorg Brussel VZW	Belgium		Herwig Teugels
Hasselt University	Belgium	Faculty of Architecture and Arts	Ann Petermans
The Manchester Metropolitan University	United Kingdom	Manchester School of Architecture	Mark Hammond & Stefan White
The Greater Manchester Combined Authority	United Kingdom	Greater Manchester Ageing Hub	Paul McGarry
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	Switzerland		Vitaljia Gaucaite
PI Consultancy NL LLP	Netherlands		Erik Prins
World Health Organization	Switzerland	Demographic Change & Health Ageing Unit	Alana Officer

Annex B – Associated Partner Organisations