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# More Years, Better Lives

The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change

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## The Joint Programming Initiative

“More Years, Better Lives.  
The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change  
(JPI-MYBL) ”

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## Aims of the JPI-MYBL

- Gain understanding of the multi-faceted phenomenon Demographic Change by a cross-disciplinary and holistic approach and make use of the economic potentials of an **Ageing European Society**.
- Elaborate a European **Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)** to identify research gaps, define adequate implementation (joint) activities and formulate recommendation to political stakeholders.
- Better **coordination and Agenda-Setting for national/regional and EU research activities** relevant for Demographic Change
- **Exchanging best practice, pooling of expertise/financial resources and performing joint activities to** provide scientifically proven data to tackle problems related to Demographic Change efficiently.



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## Countries supporting the JPI

### 14 Members



Austria



Belgium

Finland



Denmark



Germany



Italy

Netherlands



Poland



Canada



Sweden

Switzerland



Turkey



UK



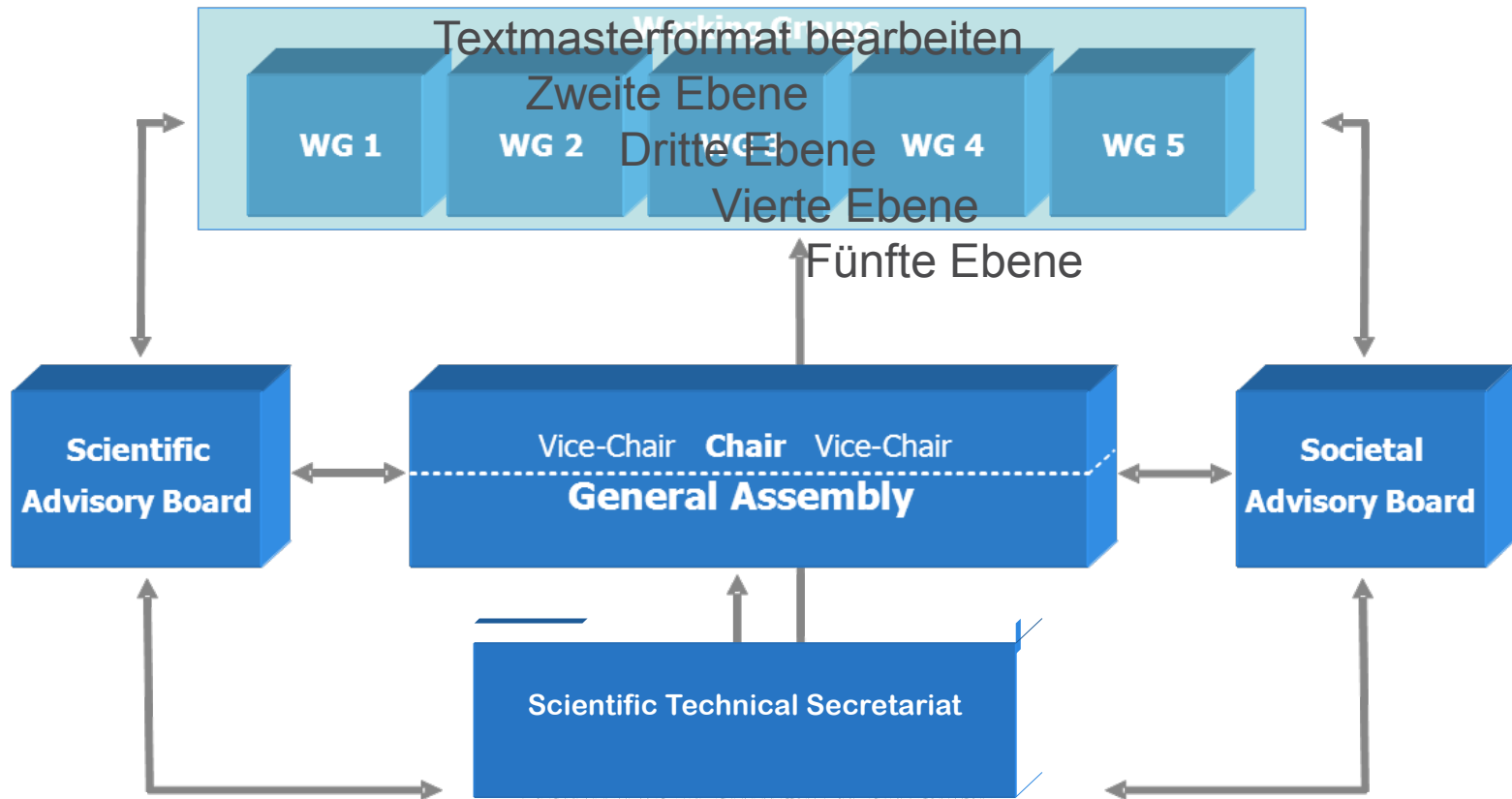
Norway

### Observers

France, Spain, Croatia



## JPI Governance Model





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## JPI „Troika“

Prof. Marja Vaarama

National Institute for Health and Welfare,  
Finland

**Chair**

Dr. Rosita Cottone

Federal Ministry of Education  
and Research, Germany

**Vice-Chair**

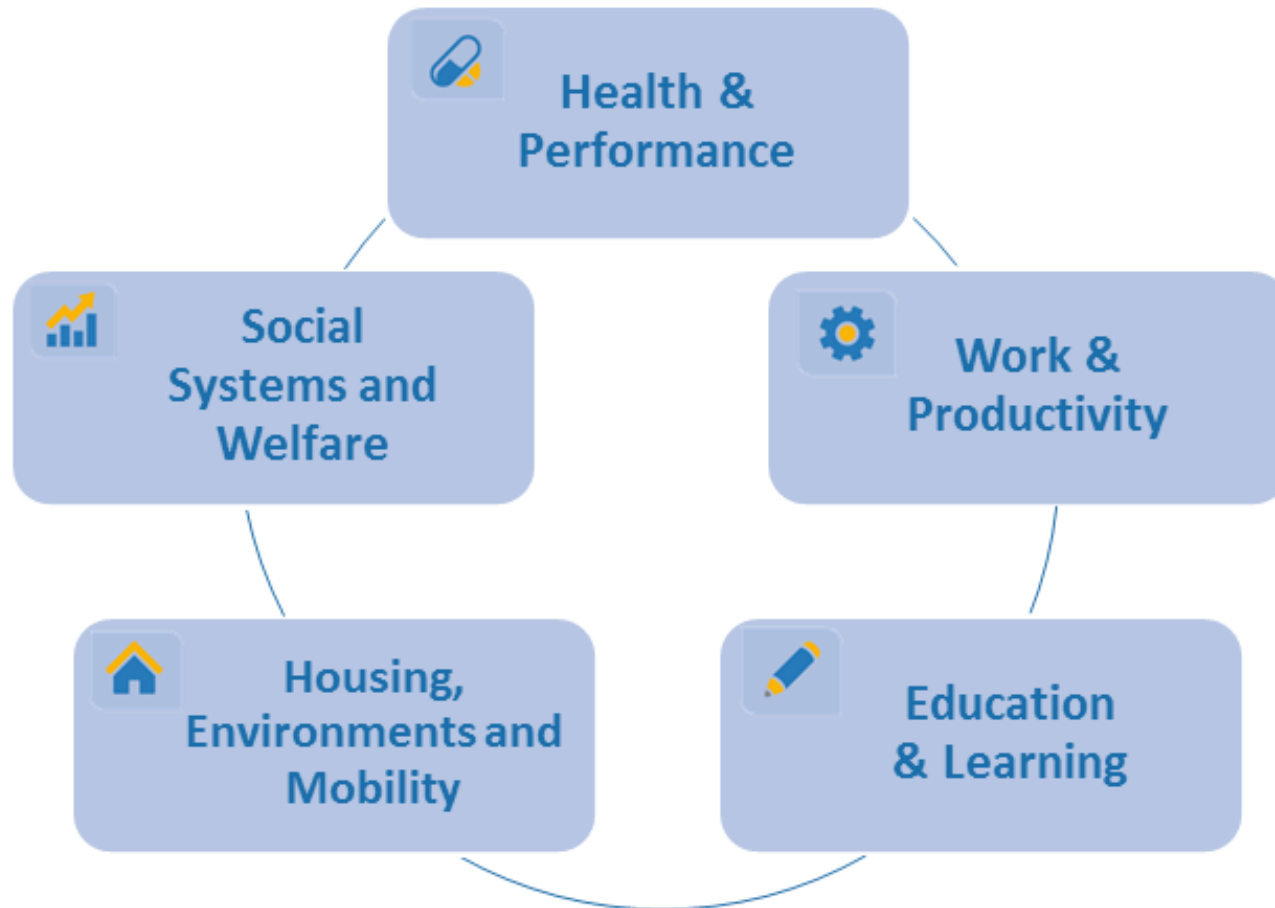
Prof. Paolo M. Rossini

Catholic University of Rome, Italy

**Vice-Chair**



Research for Demographic Change requires an interdisciplinary and holistic approach across different domains





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## Composition of the Scientific Advisory Board





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Title	First Name	Family Name	Nationality	Discipline	Function
Prof. Dr.	Erik	Buskens	NL	Medical Technology Assessment	WG1 Chair
Prof. Dr.	Rosa	Gomez-Redondo	ES	Population Studies	WG1 Vice-Chair
Prof. Dr.	Eskil	Wadensjö	SE	Social Policy	WG2 Chair
Dr.	Andreas	Motel-Klingebiel	DE	Sociology/Gerontology	WG2 Vice-Chair
Prof. Dr.	Peter	Nolan	UK	Economics, Industrial Relations	WG3 Chair
Prof. Dr.	Mikko	Härmä	FI	Occupational Health	WG3 Vice-Chair
Prof. Dr.	Stephen	McNair	UK	Adult Education	WG4 Chair
Dr.	Tine	Fistrup	DK	Geronto-Pedagogics	WG4 Vice-Chair
Prof. Dr.	Jens	Dangschat	AT	Urban/Rural and Spatial Sociology	WG5 Chair
Dr.	José Javier	Yanguas Lezáun	ES	Biological Psychology	WG5 Chair
Prof. Dr.	James	Vaupel	DE	Demography	External Expert
Prof. Dr.	Mats	Thorslund	SW	Sociology	External Expert
Prof. Dr.	Marie Eve	Joël	FR	Economy	External Expert
Prof. Dr.	Marja	Jylhä	FIN	Gerontologist	External Expert
Prof. Dr.	Carol	Jagger	UK	Epidemiology of Ageing	External Expert
Prof. Dr.	Stefano	Cappa	IT	Neurologist	External Expert





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## Composition of the Societal Advisory Board



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## Members of the Societal Advisory Board

- **Age Platform Europe**
- **Council of European Municipalities and Regions**
- **Eurocarers**
- **Eurochambres**
- **European Association for the Education of Adults**
- **European Hospital and Health Care Federation HOPE**
- **European Social Network**
- **European Trade Union Confederation**
- **Hospitaller Order of St. John of God**
- **Insurance Europe**
- **International Society for Gerontechnology**
- **European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning**



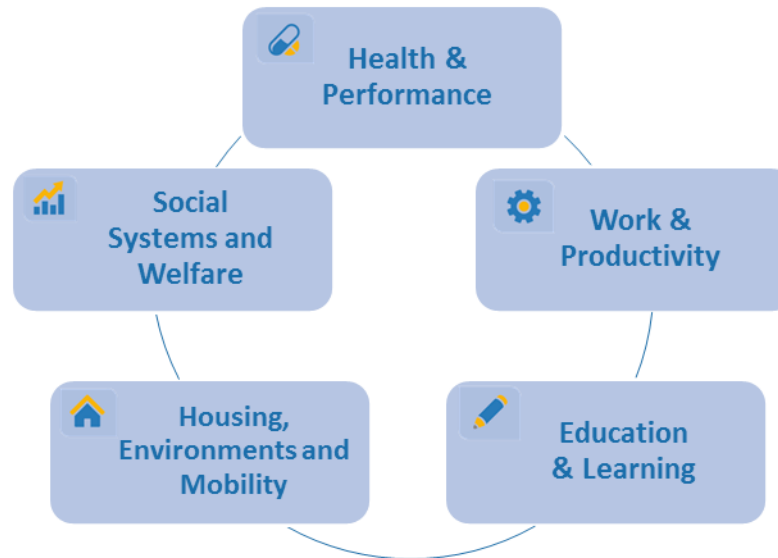
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## Research Topics of the Working Groups





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## Research topics of the Working Group Health & Performance

### Health and functioning

Inter-individual differences: cohorts, generations and disparities in ageing

Relevant goals and outcomes in research on health and functioning

### Promotion of health and functioning

Systems of care - content and organisation

Integrated research and common databases



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## Research topics of the Working Group Social Systems & Welfare

- Life course changes and institutional fit
- Pensions
- Care provision
- Employment performance
- Gender aspects
- New modes of governance
- Distributive performance
- Economic performance
- Addressing the underlying data issues



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## Research topics of the Working Group Work & Productivity

- Productivity: High road, low road and the Ageing Society
- Sustainable Work and Health/Well-Being
- Employment Systems and Work-life-Participation
- Work organisation and Management
- Societal Choices & Consequences



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## Research topics of the Working Group Education & Learning

- What is the rationale for investment in older people's learning?
- Does learning contribute to social inclusion or exclusion?
- What is the relationship between learning and cognitive decline?
- What motivates older people to learn, and what are the benefits?
- What are the implications of changing technologies?
- What institutional structures are most effective at supporting older people's learning?
- How adequate is current data?





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## Research topics of the Working Group Housing, Environments & Mobility

Current and future spatial distributions of ageing populations

Physical and social environments for older people

Planning, designing, financing and organising physical and social environments involving older people

Impact of social, economic and spatial inequalities on older adult's living conditions

Role of residential relocations in promoting well-being for older people

Transport and mobility for ageing societies



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## Cross-Cutting Issues (SAB)

Subjects each working group will address:

- Economics ( costs and benefits)
- Life course perspective
- Infrastructure (data) / capacity (personal)
- Inequality
- Gender
- Multidisciplinary research aspects

## Recommendations by the SOAB

1. The economic and social **sustainability of the welfare state** on EU, national and **regional/local level** has high priority.
2. The **effects of an ageing labor force on productivity** is important, but also the **opportunities of longer working lives**.
3. **Conditions for a long, healthy and active life** are important, but also social and health care addressing especially the needs of frail elderly.
4. **Lifelong learning** has to be researched **on the level of effective educational systems and the level of individual learning** – oriented not only toward lifelong integration into the labor force, but also at **enhancing quality of life** and the non-economic contributions to the life of others and to society.
5. **Measurements of social sustainability and quality of life** should be developed, standardized implemented and evaluated in social policies across Europe – including comparative research on “**good practices**” on the level of European regions, municipalities and organizations.



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## Next meetings on the road to the SRA

- 30-31 May 2013, Brussels: Joint meeting of SAB, SOAB, GA and invited experts to discuss first preliminary version SRA
- June 2013: Approval of preliminary draft SRA
- Sept – Nov 2013: National Consultations on SRA
- December 2013: Approval of SRA by GA
- **March 2014: Launch of SRA**



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## Fast-Track Data-Project (February 2013)



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## Aspired output of the fast-track activity

A **"map" of data sources** relevant to the **study of demographic change** as it affects people over the age of 50, bearing in mind a life course perspective.

This will be a document in three parts:

- An **overview** and critical **analysis** of the **data available**
- A **detailed list of sources**, at **national** and **European** levels, describing their key features, strengths and limitation
- **Recommendations to government**, scientific and data agencies on how to improve the quality, comparability, relevance and accessibility
- This “map” would provide policymakers and scientists with a **comprehensive overview** of where to find appropriate data for interdisciplinary and cross-policy research.



## Composition of the scientific working group

No.	Country	Name	Affiliation
1	Austria	Mag. Maria M. Hofmarcher	European Centre for Social Welfare
2	Belgium	Hans Peeters	KU Leuven
3	Croatia	Dr. Marcel Leppée	Institute of Public Health Zagreb
4	Denmark	Prof. Chantal Pohl Nielsen	Danish National Centre for Social Research
5	Finland	Prof. Pasi Moisio	THL
6	France	Prof. François Villa	University Paris 7 "Denis Diderot"
7	Germany	Dr. Andreas Motel-Klingebiel	German Centre of Gerontology
8	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Prof. James W. Vaupel*</b>	<b>Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research</b>
9	Italy	To be determined	
10	Netherlands	Dr. Frank Pijpers	Statistics Netherlands
11	Spain	Vicente Rodriguez	MINECO
12	Sweden	Prof. Kenneth Abrahamsson	FAS / Luleå University of Technology
13	UK	Prof. Mike Murphy	London School of Economics

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### Nachrichten

Discussion Papers of JPI Working Groups online  
06.03.2013

J-AGE Project Started on 1 September  
02.09.2012

Commission welcomes Council endorsement of JPI "More Years, Better Lives".  
13.10.2011

### Termine

Societal Advisory Board Meeting  
Brussels,  
26.03.2013

General Assembly Meeting  
Oslo,  
13.06.2013

Work, Well-being and Wealth: Active Ageing at Work  
Helsinki,  
26.08.2013

Kommende Termine...

## Willkommen

Joint Programming ist ein neuer forschungspolitischer Ansatz um Zusammenarbeit und Kooperation in Forschung und Entwicklung zur Bewältigung gesellschaftlicher Herausforderungen in Europa zu fördern. Die Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) "More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change" hat sich das Ziel gesetzt, nationale und europäische Forschungsprogramme (und deren Träger), die sich mit dem demografischen Wandel in Europa befassen, zusammenzubringen.

Der demografische Wandel betrifft zahlreiche Gesellschaftsbereiche: die Gesundheitsversorgung und Pflege älterer Menschen, die Sozialversicherungssysteme und den Arbeitsmarkt, das Bildungssystem sowie die Entwicklung ländlicher und urbaner Räume und Infrastrukturen. Die Joint Programming Initiative verfolgt deshalb einen transnationalen, multidisziplinären Ansatz. Sie vereint Forscherinnen und Forscher aus unterschiedlichen Disziplinen und Forschungszusammenhängen, um den Herausforderungen dieser Entwicklung zu begegnen und das vorhandene positive Potenzial dieses Wandels durch gemeinsame Forschungsanstrengungen zu nutzen.

Gegenwärtig sind 13 europäische Staaten an der Initiative beteiligt.





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