

THE BEST4OLDER LGBTI PROJECT

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WHY



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MULTIPLE DISCRIMINATION OF OLDER LGBTI

Eurobarometer on discrimination (2015) – Perceptions of discrimination in EU

58% sexual orientation

56% gender identity

42% age

**AGEISM + HOMOPHOBIA/TRANSPHOBIA
= Discrimination towards older LGBTIs**



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CONSEQUENCES



*The lack of recognition of same-sex couples has an impact on their **access to social protection and on their financial security**. This becomes particularly worrying when people get older and cannot ensure that their (dependent) partner will have access to their pensions and assets.*

*Older LGBTI people, and in particular, older trans and intersex persons, may have **specific health needs** and may face ongoing **stigmatization** in the field of healthcare.*

*Some older LGBTI people **experience social exclusion and invisibility** and cannot rely on the same family support as other older people. This raises specific challenges related to whether long-term care is inclusive of older LGBTI people **needs**.*



ILGA EUROPE / AGE PLATFORM - *Equality for older lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people in Europe* - November 2012



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THE PROJECT

- ❑ The Best4OlderLGBTI project, funded under the REC programme of the EU, intends to **contribute to the fight against discrimination based on age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics** of older people.
- ❑ Our **target groups** are NGO's, health and social professionals, anti-discrimination experts, public in general and other specific and strategic targets, such as professional of public services, employers and university students.
- ❑ The main activity is to develop a **raising awareness campaign** in 6 EU Member States, contributing to the decrease of inequalities and discrimination in attendance of public services and health and social care, as well as in **encouraging the report of cases of discrimination**



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THE PARTNERSHIP

- ❑ **ANS (IT) – Coordinator** an NGO active to promote the wellbeing of older persons and to contrast aged-based and intersectional discrimination of older persons and elder abuse.
- ❑ **CASO50+ (PT)** a non-profit organization focused in the promotion and prosecution of initiatives promoting health and well-being, active aging, and quality of life of older adults.
- ❑ **AGE ACTION (IR)** is the national non-governmental organization concerned with ageing and older people. It has nearly 4000 members and is the only Irish NGO working in the field of elder abuse.
- ❑ **KMOP (GR)** an NGO with over 40 years of experience in the provision of services to disadvantaged groups.
- ❑ **ROSE 50+ (NL)** is a network of organizations that looks after the interests of LGBTI elders and has the aim of improving the position of LGBTI elders in the area of care and welfare.
- ❑ **EASI (RO) - dissemination** Representing more than 30 organizations from 15 European countries, aims the advancement of Social Innovation in Europe through the development of research and pilot projects.
- ❑ **FLUXPHERA (PT) – monitoring and evaluation** works in regional development, planning, entrepreneurship, training & learning.



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THE ADVISORY BOARD



AGE Platform is a European network of around 165 organisations of and for people aged 50+ directly representing over 30 million older people in Europe.



ILGA EUROPE is a European NGO with 391 European, national and local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) member organisations in 45 European countries



ENSA is a network of cities and European Regions that has the aim of promoting international cooperation in the social field.



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GENERAL AIMS OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Make the issues of discrimination towards older LGBTI **visible** and present in the society, and so contributing to raising awareness about it, and to the appreciation of the rights of older people (and) LGBTI.
- ❑ **Discuss myths, stereotypes, discriminant attitudes** and their consequences, bringing up and promoting the rights of older people (and) LGBTI.
- ❑ **Support social and healthcare providers** to be more **aware** about LGBTI elders specific needs as well as about their experiences of rejection, discrimination, hostility and fear.



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AWARENESS RAISING (ONLINE)



A **website** in several languages of EU Member States (English, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Dutch, Greek and French) containing

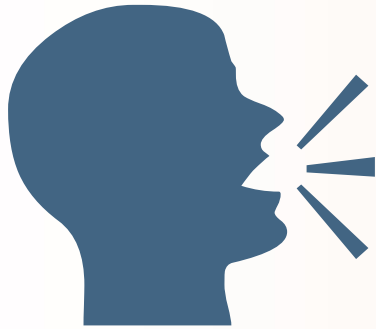
- ☐ on-line awareness actions
 - ☐ testimonial videos
- ☐ information about rights, legislation, research, literature about the topics



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AWARENESS RAISING (OFF-LINE)



A **face-to-face** awareness raising campaign based on

- ❑ billboards – leaflets - posters
- ❑ face-to-face awareness actions address to different target groups



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TRAINING FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS



Adapt, pilot and replicate a **training programme** for health and social professionals targeted at deconstruct negative images about aging and the way of living sexuality.



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THANK YOU!
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