

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHANCES PROJECT

The CHANCES project aims at combining and integrating on-going cohort studies in order to produce evidence on ageing-related health characteristics and determinants in Europe, and their socio-economic implications.

Fourteen cohorts participate in the project, covering populations from 18 EU Member States, four associate countries, and three additional countries. The combination of these different studies will lead to an integrated approach to the study of health in the elderly. The project is planned to address five main types of health related characteristics:

- Incidence of chronic conditions, disabilities and mortality;
- Prevalence of chronic conditions and disabilities;
- Health-related determinants of chronic conditions and disabilities;
- Ageing-related characteristics as determinants of chronic condition, disabilities and mortality;
- Social and economic implications of chronic conditions, disabilities and mortality in the elderly.



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The ageing of the world population is one of major global challenges of this century. For many people old age is associated with illness. The challenge posed by population ageing makes it necessary to ensure that the extra years of life are as good as possible, without limited health and social involvement opportunities.

Older people' abilities to contribute to the society should never be underestimated, and no artificial or preventable barriers should limit them. WHO has stressed that healthy ageing goes beyond avoidance of disease and disability.

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