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### Week Programme in a nutshell

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Monday 30 November</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 December</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 December</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	<b>Friday 4 December</b>
<b>10:00 – 12:15</b>		<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>		<b>Case study Session The Netherlands</b>	<b>Case study Session Spain</b>	<b>Case study Session France</b>
	<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>13:30 – 14:30 UK time</b>	<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	
	<b>Case study Session Norway</b>	<b>Case study Session United Kingdom</b>	<b>Case study Session Sweden</b>	

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# Adapting European Cities to Population Ageing:

## Policy Challenges and Best Practices

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Population ageing raises common challenges for cities. This challenge has become even more evident in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis that has affected our whole society, but older people in particular. The crisis has literally threatened their lives, and those who survived have been faced with increased loneliness. This shows once more how important it is to design our cities age-friendly and keep older people's interest in mind in policy making.

A group of cities, who were forming the Eurocities Urban Ageing Working Group, asked ESPON's support to investigate the effectiveness of policies and initiatives to develop age-friendly cities. In the first half of 2020, the [ESPON ACPA](#) (Adapting European Cities to Population Ageing) project was completed with a final report, a policy handbook supporting the decade of healthy and inclusive urban ageing, case study reports, maps and figures.

Together with the AGE Platform Europe, Eurocities, Greater Manchester Combined Authority/Greater Manchester Ageing Hub (lead stakeholder of ESPON ACPA) and the World Health Organisation, ESPON is organising an **online conference week** about population ageing. The week starts with an opening event, with a number of high-level speakers and experts, including vice president of the European Commission and Commissioner on Democracy and Demography Dubravka Šuica.



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The opening day is followed by sessions on the case study cities investigated in ACPA: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Gothenburg, Greater Manchester, Hengelo, Nantes, Oslo and Zaragoza. At the **ESPON Conference Week on Ageing**, you will be able to:

- Learn about the challenges that European cities are facing due to population ageing;
- Discover inspiring policy responses to overcome these challenges;
- Ask policymakers and experts of population ageing about their population ageing strategy;
- Discuss and exchange experiences of successful adoption to population ageing.

### Program and registration

The **opening session** is taking place on Monday 30 November from 10:00 till 12:15 (CET). Next, six **case study sessions** will be held about the stakeholders cities. These will take place between Tuesday 1 December and Friday 4 December. Below, you can **register** for the opening session and a city session of choice. Please refer to the annex for the schedule per day and more information.

### Practical details

- Attending the sessions is free of charge.
- The kick-off event will be held in English. The six case study sessions will be in the local language.
- The sessions will run through Webex. You will receive more technical information on how to join the sessions after you have signed up for the event.
- In case of questions, please contact Ecorys ([hidde.wedman@ecorys.com](mailto:hidde.wedman@ecorys.com)) and ESPON egtc ([piera.petruzzi@espon.eu](mailto:piera.petruzzi@espon.eu))

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Click on the links below to **register for  
the opening session** and a **case study session** on your country of interest:

 Register for <b>The opening session</b>	<b>Monday 30 November</b> <b>10:00 – 12:15 CET</b> Language: English (EN)
 Register for <b>Case study session on Norway</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 December</b> <b>13:30 – 14:30 CET</b> Language: Norwegian / Norsk (NO)
 Register for <b>Case study session on the Netherlands</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 December</b> <b>10:00 – 11:00 CET</b> Language: Dutch / Nederlands (NL)
 Register for <b>Case study session on United Kingdom</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 December</b> <b>13:30 – 14:30 UK time</b> Language: English (EN)
 Register for <b>Case study session on Spain</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December</b> <b>10:00 – 11:00 CET</b> Language: Spanish / Español (ES)
 Register for <b>Case study session on Sweden</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December</b> <b>13:30 – 14:30 CET</b> Language: Swedish / Svenska (SV)
 Register for <b>Case study session on France</b>	<b>Friday 4 December</b> <b>10:00 – 11:00 CET</b> Language: French / Français (FR)

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## Agenda for the opening session

Day 1 // Monday 30 November 2020 // 10:00 – 12:15 // online

Digital conference // English

10:00-10:05	Welcome	Piera Petruzzi, ESPON EGTC David Regeczi, Ecorys (NL)
10:05-10:20	Keynote speech	Commissioner Dubravka Šuica, European Commission
10:20-10:45	ESPON and the ACPA project	Dr. Wiktor Szydarowski, ESPON EGTC Paul McGarry, lead stakeholder of ESPON ACPA, Greater Manchester Combined Authority/GM Ageing Hub Erik van Ossenbruggen, Ecorys (NL)
10:45-11:05	Urban ageing, what makes it different from ageing in other environments?	Prof. dr. Christopher Philipson, University of Manchester (UK)
11:05-11:25	Ageing policy and COVID-19	Dr. Manfred Huber, WHO Europe
11:25-11:45	Ageing in times of digitalisation	Dr. Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform Europe (vice president)
11:45-11:50	Break	
11:50-12:15	Moderated panel discussion, Q&A and wrap up	Prof. dr. Christopher Philipson Dr. Heidrun Mollenkopf Dr. Manfred Huber Paul McGarry Anne Berit Rafoss Tom van Benthem Dr. Wiktor Szydarowski

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## Agenda Case study session on Norway

Day 2 // Tuesday 1 December 2020 // 13:30 – 14:30 CET // online

Digital conference // Norwegian (Norsk)

13:30-10:50	<b>Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study Oslo</b>	Consortium, together with city of Oslo
13:50-14:00	<b>Presentation of other inspiring city within Norway</b>	Guest speaker
14:00-14:30	<b>Interactive part: Q&amp;A and discussion on policy challenges in Norway and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts</b>	Consortium, together with city of Oslo

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### Agenda Case study session on The Netherlands

Day 3 // Wednesday 2 December 2020 // 10:00 – 11:00 CET // online

Digital conference // Dutch (Nederlands)

10:00-10:20	Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study <b>Amsterdam</b>	Consortium, together with Amsterdam
10:20-10:30	Presentation about measuring age-friendliness in <b>The Hague</b>	Willeke van Staalduinen, AFEdemy
10:30-11:00	Interactive part: Q&A and discussion on policy challenges in the Netherlands and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts	Consortium, together with Amsterdam and Hengelo

### Agenda Case study session on United Kingdom

Day 3 // Wednesday 2 December 2020 // 13:30 – 14:30 UK time // online

Digital conference // English

13:30-10:50	Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study <b>Greater Manchester</b>	Consortium, together with Greater Manchester
13:50-14:00	Presentation of other inspiring city within the United Kingdom	Guest speaker
14:00-14:30	Interactive part: Q&A and discussion on policy challenges in the UK and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts	Consortium, together with Greater Manchester

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### Agenda Case study session on Spain

Day 4 // Thursday 3 December 2020 // 10:00 – 11:00 CET // online

Digital conference // Spanish (Español)

10:00-10:20	Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study <b>Zaragoza</b>	Consortium, together with city of Zaragoza
10:20-10:30	Presentation about <b>Barcelona</b> , age-friendly city	Ramon Pablo Malagrida, city of Barcelona
10:30-11:00	Interactive part: Q&A and discussion on policy challenges in Spain and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts	Consortium, together with cities of Zaragoza and Barcelona

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### Agenda Case study session on Sweden

Day 4 // Thursday 3 December 2020 // 13:30 – 14:30 CET // online

Digital conference // Swedish (Svenska)

13:30-10:50	<b>Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study Göteborg</b>	Consortium, together with city of Göteborg
13:50-14:00	<b>Presentation of other inspiring city within Sweden</b>	Guest speaker
14:00-14:30	<b>Interactive part: Q&amp;A and discussion on policy challenges in Sweden and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts</b>	Consortium, together with Göteborg



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## Agenda Case study session on France

Day 5 // Friday 4 December 2020 // 10:00 – 11:00 CET // online

Digital conference // French (Français)

10:00-10:20	<b>Introduction: rationale of ESPON ACPA and presentation of ACPA case study Nantes</b>	Consortium, together with city of Nantes
10:20-10:30	<b>Presentation about other inspiring city within France</b>	Guest speaker
10:30-11:00	<b>Interactive part: Q&amp;A and discussion on policy challenges in France and good practices; how to transfer and implement good practices from ACPA to other contexts</b>	Consortium, together with city of Nantes

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## ESPON ACPA Adapting European Cities to Population Ageing

<https://www.espon.eu/ACPA>

- Report
- Policy Handbook “Supporting the decade of healthy and inclusive urban ageing”
- Maps and Figures
- City Report Amsterdam // City for all cultures and ages
- City Report Barcelona // A city for all phases of life
- City Report Gothenburg // A better place to age in
- City Report Great Manchester // Doing ageing differently
- City Report Hengelo // Right care in the right place
- City Report Nantes // Longevity: Let’s open up the possibilities
- City Report Oslo // A greener, warmer and more inclusive city
- City Report Zaragoza // Ciudad Amigables-Friendly city together with seniors

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