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## IN LATVIA

European Union has announced 2012 a Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. More information about European Year (2012) decision, goals, authorities in charge in Latvia on implementation of European Year (2012) as well as contact details are available at home page of the Ministry of Welfare by clicking this link <a href="http://www.lm.gov.lv/text/142">http://www.lm.gov.lv/text/142</a>.



In order to implement the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012) in Latvia <u>administrative committee</u> are being formed under the Ministry of Welfare. Representatives both from state and municipal establishments and NGOs and higher education establishments as well as European Commission Latvian mission, Office of the Ombudsman and social partners will be included in it. The first sitting of administration committee will take place <u>in the Ministry of Welfare on December 15, 2011, at 15:00</u>.



In order to achieve the goals of European Year (2012) the Ministry of Welfare in cooperation with the sectoral ministries, municipalities and NGOs are working on the schedule of enterprises. The schedule of enterprises will be discussed in the first sitting of administration committee and it is planned to be confirmed until the end of 2011.



The slogan of European Year (2012) in Latvia: LET'S BE ACTIVE IN ALL GENERATIONS!

The opening ceremony of European Year (2012) in Latvia is scheduled in the end of January 2012 after opening ceremony in EU that will take place on January 16 and 17, 2012, in Denmark, Aarhus.

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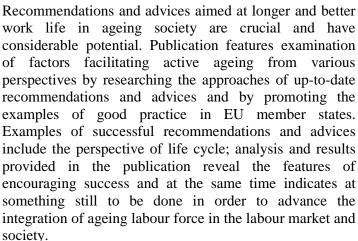
European Commission has created European Year (2012) home page containing information about activities in European Commission and EU member states' level. For more information click the link <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012.jsp?langId=en">http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012.jsp?langId=en</a>.



AGE Platform Europe in cooperation with Committee of the Regions and European Commission have prepared a brochure "How to promote active ageing in Europe. EU support to local and regional actors". This publication provides information about ideas and recommendations on what activities can be implemented by the local and regional partners in order to promote active ageing and solidarity between generations; the main EU financial instruments that could be used in the implementation of projects also listed in the brochure. Brochure is available are http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012main.jsp?langId=en&catId=970&newsId=1065&further News=yes and it can also be received in the Ministry of Welfare by sending an e-mail to Evija.Kula@lm.gov.lv (available only in English).



In few next decades the ageing society will be one of the most important challenges to the development of Europe. Therefore the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training has issued a publication *Working and ageing - Guidance and counselling for mature learners\**.



To read the publication click the link: http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/publications/19076.asp

