

European Research and Development on 'The Ageing Population'

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EC-funded ageing -related research

The context of "SIZE":

European Union Fifth Framework Research and Technological Development Programme (1998 – 2002)

- "Quality of Life" Programme
 - Key Action 6 "The Ageing Population"
- 2. The Seventh Framework Programme



1. The context of the SIZE project

EC financial support 5th FP: 1998 – 2002 (and continuing to 2006 and beyond) specific porgramme "Quality of life", key action 6 "the ageing population and their disabilities":

- Over 120 research and development projects
- > 190 Million Euros of Community funds
- Universities, enterprises, public sector, professional organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations (users and providers)
- Aiming to improve the Quality of Life of older European Citizens by using user-centred, multidisciplinary, holistic, problemsolving approaches

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1.1. Action Lines of Key Action 6 on The Ageing Population

- 6.1 Age related illnesses and health problems
- 6.2 Determinants of healthy ageing / basic processes of physiological ageing
- 6.3 Demography and policy

6.4 Coping with functional limitations

- Technologies to enable older people to cope with daily life
- Physical exercise and training
- Rehabilitation
- 6.5 Health and social care



1.2 <u>Delivering Results from KA6</u>

- Improved knowledge-bases for the pharmaceutical industry and for clinical practice
- Systems and services for better care management and the practice of caring by both professionals and families
- Health and care products directly enhancing the life quality of older people
- New/more efficient rehabilitation approaches
- Mobility issues

2. Towards the future: FP7 2007 - 2013

Specific Programmes

Cooperation - Collaborative research

Ideas - Frontier Research

People - Human Potential

Capacities - Research Capacity

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JRC (non-nuclear)

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2.1 Cooperation - Collaborative research

9 Thematic Priorities

- Health
- Food, agriculture and biotechnology
- Information and communication technologies
- Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
- Energy
- Environment (including climate change)
- Transport (safety aspects but not explicitly for older people, more general)
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
- Security and space



2.4 <u>Theme 8</u> Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities

Possible age-relevant components:

Major trends in society and their implications

- Such as demographic change including ageing and migration;
- lifecycles, work, families, gender issues, health and quality of life;



Further Information

EC FP5 - Quality of Life Programme

Key Action 6 The Ageing Population:

- KA6 Project Synopses
- Mid-Term Assessment Report (2003) of Key Action 6
 - > http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/quality-of-life/ka6/ka6.html

Seventh framework programme for research:

- http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm
- > http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/documents_en.cfm