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The Age-friendly Cities Network of the World Health Organization (WHO)

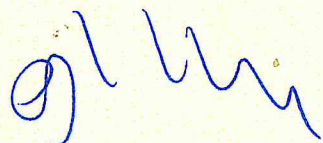
Wrocław is one of the largest cities in Poland, the capital of Lower Silesia, with a population of 637 689 inhabitants. Currently, the percentage of citizens over 60 years old represents almost 27% of the city's population. We live in times of rapidly becoming an aging society, and the word "senior" does not disappear from the real and media circuits. Seniors are an important part of society of every city and municipality. One needs to be aware that the number is constantly growing and it will continue to grow. According to demographic forecasts, seniors will represent circa 33% of Wrocław's population by 2050. Our city is aging at a rate that is already challenging the authorities and the community today. These challenges will deepen over time. Our local self-government will have to deal on its own with many of these challenges regardless of national policy.

The authorities of Wrocław, aware of these challenges, have been struggling for many years to meet the changing needs of the oldest inhabitants of the city, taking advantage of knowledge and potential of seniors in the area of social and civic activity. The creativity of Wrocław's people at age of 60+ is noticed by many communities wishing to draw inspiration, to share knowledge and to exchange good practices in the senior policy of the city of Wrocław.

We understand that active aging is a lifelong process, and an age-friendly city improves conditions for all citizens. Joining **the Age-friendly Cities Network**, an initiative of city authorities and local activists, will intensify the shift towards innovative solutions for an aging population. Therefore our application is also a response to demographic forecasts. We are convinced that becoming a city which is friendly for inhabitants confirms the level of development of the city.

As the Mayor of Wrocław, I express my willingness to join the Age-friendly Cities Network, established by the WHO, and I declare my commitment to continuous improvement within the network.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Jacek Sutryk