

Central Administration

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Turku's commitment towards becoming an age-friendly city

Finland has one of the oldest populations in Europe. We are rapidly ageing as the Finnish people are living longer at the same time as the age of first-time mothers has risen and birth rates have declined. The share of over-65-year-olds of the population will increase from the current 20 percent to 26 percent by 2030 and to 29 percent by 2060.

Ageing is thoroughly challenging our idea of welfare society. It poses a challenge to the service system as well as to the attitude and competence of our personnel and authorities. At the same time, it offers new perspectives and great possibilities for interaction between generations. Solutions to these vast challenges as well as innovations to benefit from new possibilities can only be created through international, national and local co-operation.

City of Turku has been a member in World Health Organisation (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network and National Healthy Cities Network since 2002. These networks implement the WHO goals and priorities in health and well-being. Ageing is one of the focus themes also in these networks.

City of Turku has a strong will and commitment to develop Turku as an age-friendly city. Therefore we are applying for the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

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