



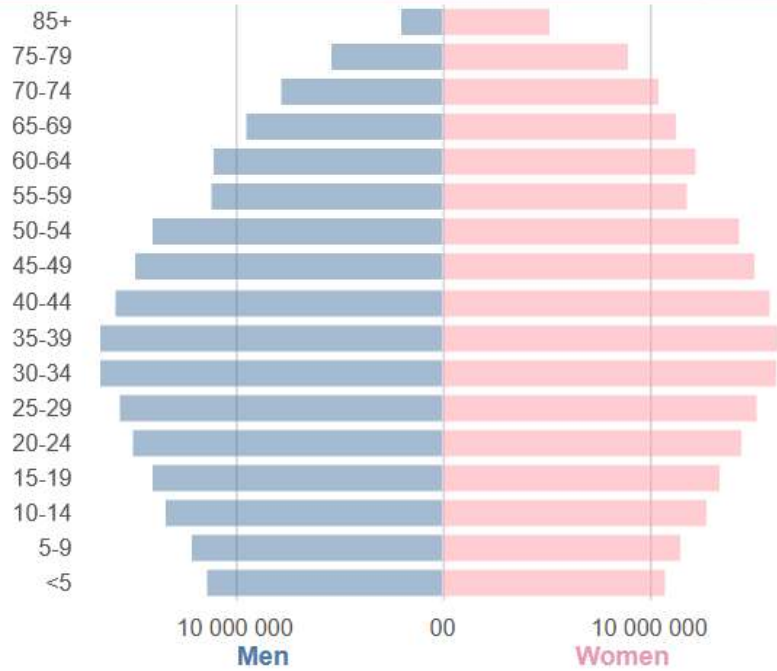
EU Policy for older people

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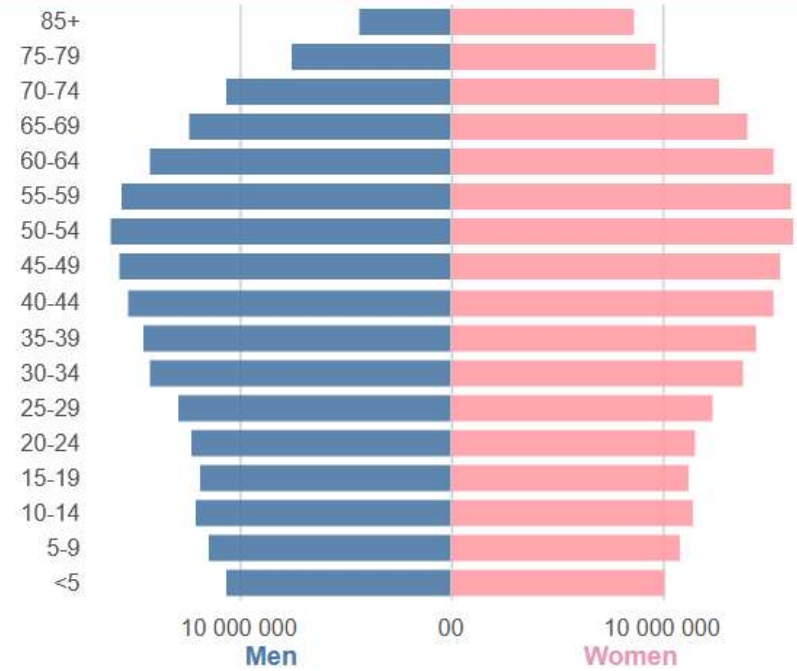
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Demographic trends

1 Population age structure 2001 2001



2 Population age structure 2022 2022

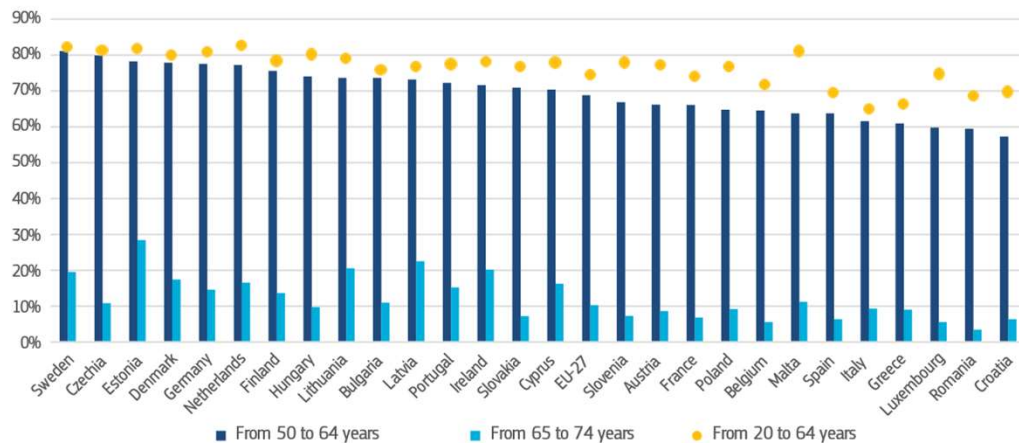


Source: European Commission, Atlas of Demography, <https://migration-demography-tools.jrc.ec.europa.eu/atlas-demography/data>

The Demography Toolbox



Older persons: labour market



- (Pension) policies matter
- Sense of purpose
- Loneliness
- Health
- Inequalities
- Financial planning
- Support services (offered)
- Longevity (literacy, society, economy, etc.)

Key EU-level tools

- Framework Directive on occupational safety and health
- Employment Equality Directive
- Council Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market
- European Care Strategy and Council Recommendation on access to affordable and high-quality long-term care
- Council Recommendation on adequate minimum income
- European Accessibility Act
- 'Healthier Together' initiative
- Comprehensive approach on mental health
- Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- Pan-European Personal Pension Product
- EU-OECD/INFE Financial Competence Framework for adults

Key next steps

- Proposals for standards for equality bodies (with co-legislators)
- Output paper of the High-level group on non-discrimination, equality and diversity (spring 2024)
- Measures under the Council Recommendation on access to affordable and high-quality long-term care (June 2024)
- 2024 Access City Award winners (International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 2023)
- Pension Adequacy Report and Ageing Report (2024)
- Implementation of Council Recommendation on a new EU approach to cancer screening (December 2025)

Follow-up

- Reinforce the data and evidence base
 - Atlas of Demography, better statistics (ESOP revision), scaling up experiments in social innovation (EaSI), Horizon Europe research
- Review and upgrade of demography-related policies at all level
 - Dedicated resources and structures supporting regular dialogues with MSs, use of TSI, mainstreaming demographic concerns, thematic conference on demography
- Ensure that no region is left behind

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