European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing
EICA
Core Motivation - Why do we need EICA?

- No European Institute on Ageing
- Lack of scientific exchange, collaboration and synergy between ageing research in the different disciplines and relevant institutes in Europe
- Lack of knowledge or access to valuable data(bases) and research results
- Lack of adequate knowledge transfer to policy and decision makers, to industry and users
- Waste of resources and missed chances for efficient collaboration
The central aim of EICA is:

To act as European Platform fostering interdisciplinary analysis, high-level discussion as well as translation and dissemination of results from ageing research to various professional groups, policy makers, advanced education programs and the general public.
What EICA is not:

- EICA is not an institute for primary research itself.
- EICA does not duplicate, compete or substitute existing research institutions or projects.
Some principles of EICA

• To build up on and make use of existing European and international expertise.

• To put an interdisciplinary focus on questions related to daily life concerning ageing, health and care.

• To act on a non-partisan, independent and non-profit basis.

• To be open to all scientifically and politically engaged persons and institutions.
How will EICA pursue its aim?

1) **Identify** practice related questions and challenges concerning ageing, health and care in Europe that are **highly relevant topics** for individuals, health professionals and policy makers alike.

1) Use such topics as a starting point for further action...
Topics of high relevance as a starting point to ... 

- ...develop interdisciplinary education strategies and master courses
- ...facilitate basic geriatric knowledge among other health care and social gerontology professionals
- ...launch inter-professional workshops and joint seminars for scientists, policy makers, health and care service providers, hospital operators, insurance companies, medical industry and other stakeholders
- ...release European position and overview papers
- ...foster knowledge transfer towards the general public and lay persons
- Offer well accredited and desirable certificates
The headquarter of EICA is based in Venice – Island of San Servolo

Venice International University is a unique environment in the academic world: a group of Universities sharing a common campus on the beautiful Island of San Servolo, in the Venice lagoon.

Vienna as a second base...
Cooperation with EICA

• Regular cooperation with EICA (e.g. joint education programs, workshops, series of seminars or dissemination events) shall be based on a simple associate membership that clearly states the mutual rights and obligations (use of infrastructure, logos etc.) and is linked to a small membership fee of 1.000.- €/Year.

• EICA intends to establish regular and formal cooperation with all relevant European and international stakeholder organisations (EC, WHO/Europe, EUGMS, IAGG, EAMA, UEMS...).
EICA is an open platform and invites all of you to join and cooperate!

Thank you!