

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!