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Quality and cost-effectiveness in long-term care and dependency prevention



POLICY SUMMARY: BULGARIA

Development of measurement and evaluation tools

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Policy theme	Deinstitutionalization and provision of more community- and family-based services
Design and implementation level	National design, locally implemented. Work by the Institute for Population and Human Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
Policy objective	Development of measurement and evaluation tools
Start date – End date	2012–2030

Aims

In 2012–2014, the demographic department within the Institute for Population and Human studies (BAS) was involved in a research project related to the study of factors and conditions hindering active aging.

The project is entitled ‘Elderly People in Bulgaria – opportunities for social inclusion in the context of their attitudes and needs’, and was extended until 2015.

Implementation

The ‘Roadmap for European Studies on Aging Population’ was translated into Bulgarian and published in 2012 together with the priorities and challenges for Bulgaria developed by Bulgarian scientists.

Thus, the Bulgarian public and the scientific community were presented with the final document of the project ‘FUTURAGE’, implemented under the 7th Framework Program of the European Commission of the EU by a consortium of 24 countries, mostly European, in which Bulgaria was represented by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS).

The established national database of research on aging in Bulgaria in relation to the project ‘European Research Area on Aging Population’ (ERA-AGE-2), also financed by the 7th Framework Program, was presented and included in the European database on this issue, which facilitates the exchange of information and best practices in this area.

In 2014, within the National Forum ‘The demographic situation and the development of Bulgaria’, a separate panel discussed issues related to aging and social position of the elderly, with the participation of experts from various scientific fields.

Target group

Elderly people, people with disabilities, vulnerable groups living in poverty, home helpers, volunteers, carers.

Eligibility criteria

No eligibility criteria have been specified.

Resources

Social services funding in Bulgaria is both centralized and decentralized. The financial resources for social services development and support are stipulated in chapter VII of the Social Assistance Act and include the following sources: state budget, municipal budgets, national and international

programs, donations from local and foreign individuals and legal entities, 'social support' fund, etc.

Please see page 2 of the Bulgarian country report 'Emerging Policy Developments in Long-term Care.

Performance assessment and monitoring

At national level by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Council of Ministers.

The monitoring and assessment are prepared by the MLSP while the final decision is made by the Council of Ministers.

Evidence of success (outcomes, quality, satisfaction, awareness)

Report on the National Concept on Promoting Active Aging of the Elderly in Bulgaria (2012–2030) in Sectoral Policies (2012–2014), adopted by Decision of the Council of Ministers in 2015 (in Bulgarian),

www.mlsp.government.bg/ckfinder/userfiles/files/politiki/demografaska%20politika/otcheti%20i%20planove/Monitoring%20report%20on%20active%20ageing%202012-2014.pdf
www.strategy.bg/StrategicDocuments/View.aspx?lang=bg-BG&Id=764

Transferability/uniqueness

The heterogeneity of the schemes funded makes it difficult to draw conclusions about its transferability, at least at this stage.

Is this an emergent practice?

Degree of innovation

Long-term care policy in Bulgaria through expansion of social services is still in its infancy.

The Council of Ministers seeks to expand and develop the whole system (policy).

Sustainability

Intended to be sustainable.

Academic literature on this action

www.mlsp.government.bg/ckfinder/userfiles/files/politiki/demografaska%20politika/otcheti%20i%20planove/Monitoring%20report%20on%20active%20ageing%202012-2014.pdf
www.strategy.bg/StrategicDocuments/View.aspx?lang=bg-BG&Id=764 [both in Bulgarian]

Documents

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