

# The role of the European Union as a global human rights actor: What about the promotion of human rights in older age?

Side event during the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing at the United Nations in New York

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May,  
1.15–2.30 pm EST,  
Conference Room 2

The European Union (EU) is an important global and regional human rights actor. The side event, organised by the Federal Republic of Germany, AGE Platform Europe and BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations, aims to shed light onto the role of the EU to promote the human rights in older age. The discussion is particularly timely in the context of the upcoming elections for the European Parliament taking place in June 2024. Objective of the side event is to provide a platform for discussion between Member States, civil society organisations, national human rights institutions, international organisations and other stakeholders to debate about the following questions:

- How does the EU promote the human rights in older age internally?
- How can the EU support/work with third countries?
- What is the role of the EU as a regional actor in the UN and at multilateral level?

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- 1 EU Action plan on human rights & democracy, 1.1.n: "Advocate for the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons at all times, as well as for ensuring adequate and sustainable solutions for their needs"
  - 2 Recent council conclusions, para 32 and fact that EU is one of the biggest donors to OHCHR

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## Opening remarks

- Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, Head of Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OEWG-A
- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, President of AGE Platform Europe and BAGSO board member

## Panel discussion followed by a Q&A session

- Representative of European Union
- HE Héctor Gómez Hernández, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations (tbc)
- Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia
- Sion Jones, Amnesty International

## Closing

**Moderation:** Dr Nena Georgantzi, AGE Platform Europe

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**Language:** Conference language will be English.

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