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2026 *(eng)aging!* Conference & Technology Fair

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As ageing populations reshape labour markets, healthcare systems, communities, and everyday life, the ninth edition of the (eng)aging! conference will address one of the defining social transformations of the 21st century. The conference will take place in Prague and be streamed online on May 14–15, 2026. This year's edition will feature a distinguished lineup of keynote speakers, including Anette Scoppetta, Davide Lucantoni, and Jolanta Perek-Białas. Dr. Anette Scoppetta is the Executive Director of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna, an intergovernmental organization affiliated with the United Nations. Her expertise focuses on labour market and social policies, strategic partnerships, and integrated policy delivery in the context of demographic change. Davide Lucantoni is a researcher at the IRCCS INRCA – Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing. His research focuses on active ageing policies and multi-level governance approaches supporting ageing populations. Jolanta Perek-Białas is an economist, sociologist, and gerontologist specializing in ageing research, public policy evaluation, and survey methodology. She is affiliated with the Jagiellonian University and the Warsaw School of Economics, where she leads the Center for Evaluation and Public Policies Analysis.

The 2026 edition of the conference will focus on the central theme “Communities for All Ages”, exploring how communities can be designed, supported, and sustained to ensure that people of all ages can thrive together in the context of demographic change. The conference will bring together more than 70 experts, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from over 10 countries.

As populations age and societies undergo technological, economic, and social transformation, communities face growing challenges related to inclusion, care, labour market participation, digital inequalities, mental wellbeing, and access to services. Creating communities for all ages means strengthening environments that promote dignity, independence, participation, and solidarity across the life course. It also requires addressing disparities between urban and rural areas, fostering intergenerational cooperation, and ensuring that technological and policy innovations remain inclusive and accessible to all generations.

“This year's (eng)aging! conference aims to highlight how communities, policies, and innovations can respond to demographic change in ways that strengthen inclusion, resilience, and quality of life for people of all ages,” says Martin Špáta, coordinator of the conference. “From digital participation and long-term care to mental wellbeing, labour market inclusion, and age-friendly environments, the panels reflect our shared effort to build communities where people can age with dignity, autonomy, and full participation in society. Creating communities for all ages is not only a social challenge, but also an opportunity to rethink how we live together across generations.”

Special panels featuring experts from the Visegrad countries, Germany, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Albania and Kosovo will address key aspects of ageing societies, including digital inclusion and participation in later life, pension sustainability and labour market dynamics,

inclusive welfare and long-term care systems, wellbeing and mental health, caregiving and social relationships, and the economic dimensions of the silver and care economy.

The accompanying Technology Fair will showcase innovative technologies and practical solutions designed to support healthy, independent, and dignified ageing — from digital tools and AI-supported care solutions to community-oriented technologies promoting participation and wellbeing.

The conference, which takes place under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, is co-organized by the [Active Aging Centre](#) and the [KEYNOTE company](#).

The partners of the conference are the [International Visegrad Fund](#), [Czech-German Future Fund](#), and [Česká spořitelna](#).

The full [program](#) as well as the list of [speakers](#) can be found [here](#). The working language of the conference is English.

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The hybrid format will enable participation both in Prague and online, connecting experts and audiences across Europe and beyond.

About the project

The 9th international conference is organized in the framework of the long-term (eng)aging! project, which focuses on fostering society-wide debate about the accelerating demographic change and population ageing. The project aims to stimulate constructive discussion about these trends and look for ways to make use of them for the benefit of society. The 2026 edition will be held both physically and streamed online.