Realizing the potential of living longer

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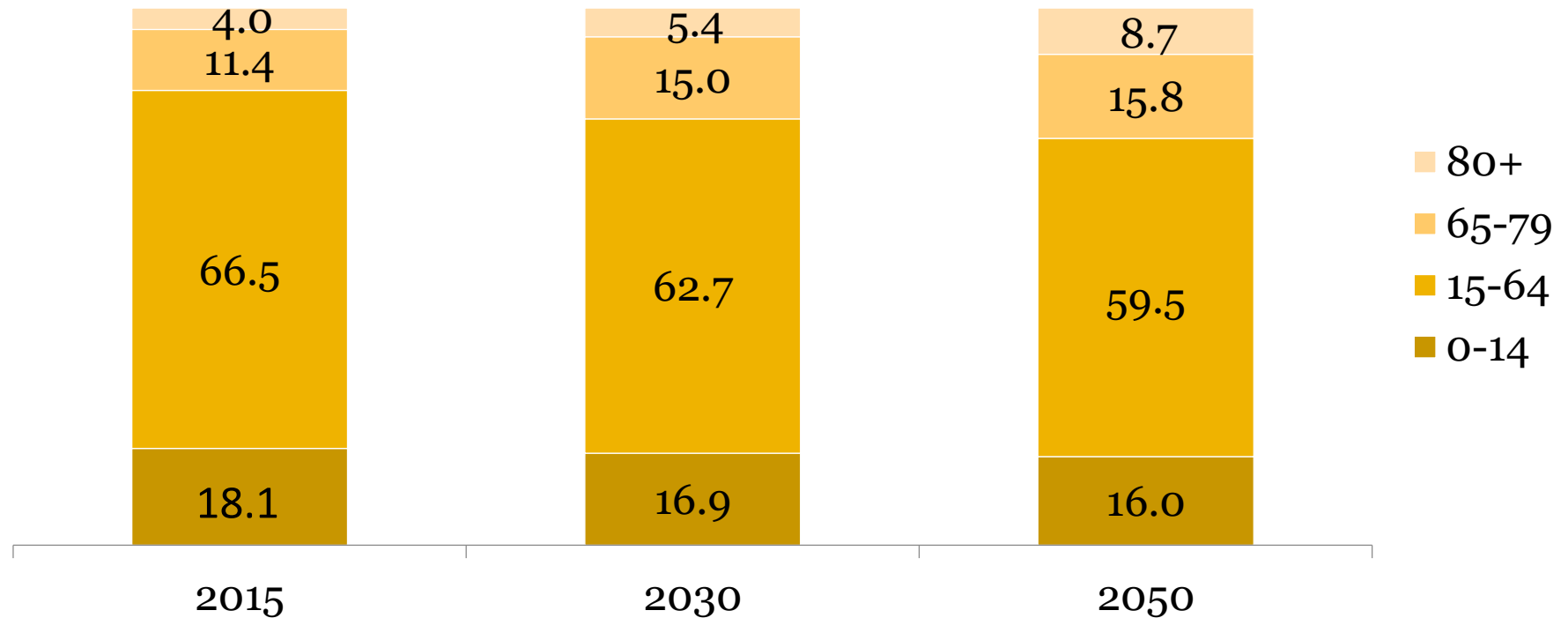
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Member States

**56 member States,
17 % of world population, >30 % of world's 65+**

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Population age composition (%)

	2015	2030	2050
80+	4.0	5.4	8.7
65-79	11.4	15.0	15.8
15-64	66.5	62.7	59.5
0-14	18.1	16.9	16.0

Legend:
- 80+
- 65-79
- 15-64
- 0-14

Source: UNDESA World Population Prospects, rev. 2019

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Policy response

2017 Lisbon Declaration

3 goals for the fourth cycle

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2017   2018   2019   2020   2021

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Goal 1 – Recognizing the potential of older persons

Goal 2 – Encouraging longer working life and ability to work

Goal 3 – Ageing with dignity

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Suggested Approaches

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➢ Age-integrated approach to facilitate transitions between education, working, caring and leisure

➢ Possibility to flexibly combine these stages over the life course while mitigating personal
risks and social inequalities

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Suggested Approaches

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Collaborative efforts of individuals, civil society, businesses and the state aiming at realizing the potential of:

➢ Healthy life years
➢ Extended working lives
➢ Silver economy
➢ Volunteering & caring

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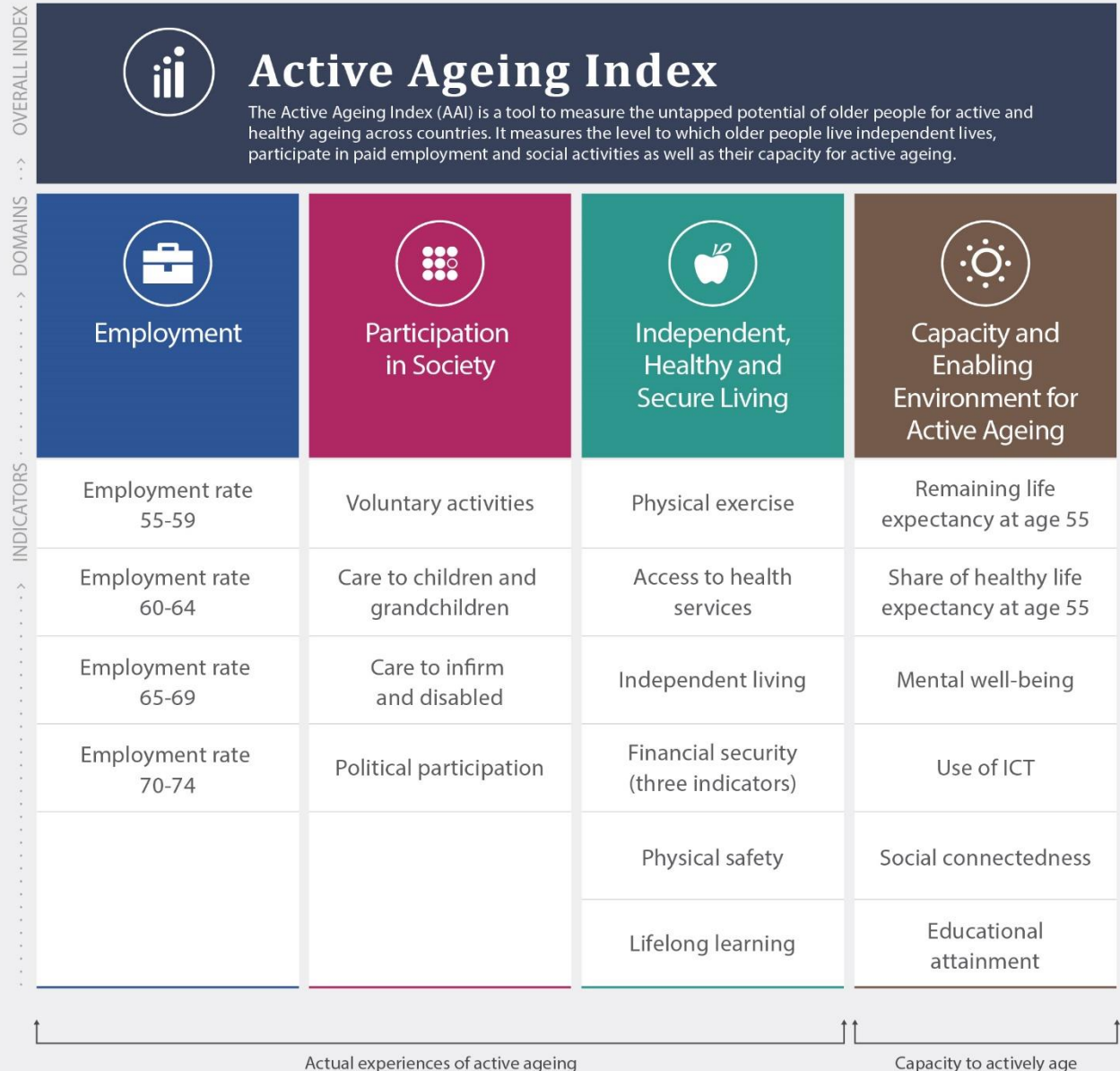UNECE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON AGEING 2017

Active Ageing Index

Capturing various facets of active ageing &
indicating how much of the potential of older persons is realized

AAI

22 indicators

4 domains

Active Ageing Index

The Active Ageing Index (AAI) is a tool to measure the untapped potential of older people for active and healthy ageing across countries. It measures the level to which older people live independent lives, participate in paid employment and social activities as well as their capacity for active ageing.

Employment	Participation in Society	Independent, Healthy and Secure Living	Capacity and Enabling Environment for Active Ageing
Employment rate 55-59	Voluntary activities	Physical exercise	Remaining life expectancy at age 55
Employment rate 60-64	Care to children and grandchildren	Access to health services	Share of healthy life expectancy at age 55
Employment rate 65-69	Care to infirm and disabled	Independent living	Mental well-being
Employment rate 70-74	Political participation	Financial security (three indicators)	Use of ICT
		Physical safety	Social connectedness
		Lifelong learning	Educational attainment

Actual experiences of active ageing   Capacity to actively age

Active Ageing Index, 2018

	North Macedonia			Serbia	
	Men	Women		Men	Women
Overall	34.3	27.2		36.5	30.1
Employment	30.8	14.5		36.6	21.3
Participation in society	15.8	13.7		19.1	17.0
Independent living	60.4	59.0		62.0	61.1
Capacity for active ageing	59.7	57.3		53.9	52.7

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Source: UNECE https://statswiki.unece.org/display/AAI

Active Ageing Index, 2018

	Capacity for active ageing	North Macedonia			Serbia	
	Indicators	**Men**	**Women**		**Men**	**Women**
4.1	RLE at age 55 (as % of next 50 years)	43.8	50.0		43.2	51.0
4.2	Share of HLE in RLE	71.7	62.1		70.5	66.0
4.3	Mental well-being	81.9	81.1		50.6	45.7
4.4	Use of ICT	38.0	32.0		39.0	29.0
4.5	Social connectedness	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a
4.6	Educational attainment	63.2	43.1		72.2	55.4

Thank you

https://www.unece.org/population/ageing.html

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