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Intergenerational Solidarity: Selected Statements developed by the  
Erasmus+ Project “Safeguarding the Human Rights of Older People through  
an Intergenerational Solidarity and Active Citizenship Approach”

### Preamble

The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing” (MIPAA 2002), has a clear reference of solidarity between generations in Article 16:

“We recognize the need to strengthen solidarity among generations and intergenerational partnerships, keeping in mind the particular needs of both older and younger ones, and to encourage mutually responsive relationships between generations” (MIPAA, article 16, p. 4)

### Statements

“The European social welfare systems work rather well in many countries. We have to continue to provide adequate retirement incomes and sufficient basic social services, such as health and social care, for all ages.”

“Social sustainability and intergenerational solidarity are intertwined, a balance between pension adequacy and financial sustainability is required.”

“‘Competition’ for limited resources across young and old, driven by populist politics, is to the detriment of both generations, and has to be avoided. “

“It should be made very clear that work-sharing between younger and older workers is to the advantage of both, and good for the whole economy as well. Companies perform better when there is a mixture between young and older people in the workplace. When companies replace the experienced people who retire, with older people who are in the

early stages of their career, consideration should be given to investing in meaningful opportunities for the necessary transfer of skills between the generations.”

“We have to strengthen a positive yet realistic image of the ageing phenomenon and older persons, with a plea to all stakeholders (civil society, media, academia, governments and EU).”

“Local authorities, public volunteering centres and schools should be enhanced in promoting interactions and solidarity across young and old generations.”

“There should be public centres where older people are helped to find opportunities to volunteer for tasks that match their skills and wishes.”

“Promotion through all media channels that a manifold of common values and common interests between generations exist.”

“Find and promote intergenerational issues of common interest, e.g., fighting climate crisis or preserving natural habitats and biodiversity.”

“The role of grandparents and great grandparents in promoting cohesion between family generations is grossly underestimated.”