

Particip.AGE – Why it Matters?

AIM: Supporting community participation and social inclusion of Ageing People with Intellectual Disabilities.

- **Dual vulnerabilities:** ageing + intellectual disabilities
- **Often excluded** from national strategies and public awareness
- At high risk of **social isolation**, institutionalisation, and digital exclusion

Barriers to Participation

- Inaccessible environments and information
- Limited community awareness: weak interpersonal networks (family, friends)
- Digital divide and limited access to assistive technology
- Lack of inclusive and coordinated community services
- Persistent policy and data gaps: stereotypes
- Inadequate training for staff (not cross-specialised)
- Limited consultation and co-design of services

Particip.AGE Project: Supporting Inclusion

- **Promotes the recognition of rights**, active citizenship, and dignity
- Focus on **staff training and community awareness campaigns**: encourage collaboration between disability and elderly care sectors
- Improve **digital literacy** and promote awareness and enhanced access to assistive technology

Particip.AGE: Project Results

