

Country	Government authority responsible for policies on senior citizens	Contact	Focal points
Denmark	Ministry of Social Affairs (Socialministeriet)	Minister: Benedikte Kiær http://english.sm.dk/	Danish policy on senior citizens, residential forms for older people, homecare services, dementia, prevention, promoting volunteering, dying and death
	Ministry of Employment (Beskaeftigelsesministeriet)	Minister Inger Støjberg http://uk.bm.dk/	Employment opportunities for older people, information concerning the Danish pension system
	Service Agency (Servicestyrelsen)	http://www.servicestyrelsen.dk (dänisch)	The “service agency” of the Ministry of Social Affairs (Servicestyrelsen) The Service Agency is part of the Ministry for Social Affairs. It assists local authorities in the implementation of existing legislation and advises citizens in complex situations. Furthermore, it supports the Ministry in preparing new legislation and operates the Ministry’s service portal. Topics on which the Service Agency’s website provides information: the elderly, dementia, prevention, promotion of health, nursing homes, age and migration, and use of technology in the social area.
Finland	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Sosiaali- ja terveystieteiden ministeriö)	Juha Rehula (Minister for Social Affairs and Health) Paula Risikko (Minister for Social and Health Services) Stefan Wallin (Minister for Gender Equality) http://www.stm.fi/en/social_and_health_services/old_people/	Services and benefits for older people, prevention and rehabilitation, health services, in-patient and out-patient health and social services
	STAKES – National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL - Terveystieteiden ja hyvinvoinnin laitos)	http://www.stakes.fi/EN/Aiheet/olderpeople/index.htm	STAKES monitors welfare trends concerning older people and the implementation of policies on ageing.

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France	Ministry for Solidarity and Social Cohesion (Ministère des solidarités et de la cohésion sociale)	Minister: Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin http://www.solidarite.gouv.fr	Support of older people living at home, national programme “Living at home” (Vivre chez soi), rights of elderly people, quality of institutional care, national dementia plan, combating violence against older people and disabled persons, promotion of “good” eldercare, national strategy on “Ageing Well” (Plan National “Bien Vieillir”), social benefits for the elderly, care benefits (care allowance, minimum income), palliative care, “Old Age Solidarity Plan 2007-2012” (“Plan Solidarité Grand Age”), national debate on the need for care
	Ministry of Work, Employment and Health (Ministère du travail, de l’emploi et de la santé)	Minister: Xavier Bertrand http://www.travail-emploi-sante.gouv.fr/	Pensions / employment of older people, health, national Alzheimer plan, programme for the development of palliative care, publication of various reports in connection with the campaign year “2011 Year of the Patient and Patients’ Rights” (2011, Année des patients et de leurs droits)
Netherlands	Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid)	Minister: Henk Kamp ; State Secretary Paul de Krom http://english.szw.nl/	Pensions system, state old age pension, supplementary pensions, early retirement system and “pre-pension”
	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport)	Minister: Edith Schippers http://english.minvws.nl/en/themes/senior_citizens/default.asp	Investing in elderly care, hiring of care personnel, good care standards, promoting the creation of smaller care facilities, combating violence against older people, national elderly care programme, programme on integrated care for dementia patients, extending independent living, programme for the improved integration of care, living and wellbeing in local environments Social inclusion of older people (income, work, wellbeing, housing, infrastructure, care, patients’ rights)
	The Netherlands Institute for Social Research (Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau)	http://www.scp.nl/english/	Statistics and reports, evaluation of Dutch policies for senior citizens
Austria	Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales und Konsumentenschutz, BMASK)	Minister: Rudolf Hundstorfer http://www.bmask.gv.at	Austrian policy on senior citizens Promoting and ensuring opportunities for older people to participate in social, political, economic and cultural life,

Austria			Promotion of lifelong learning Promotion of active ageing
	Federal Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee (Bundesseniorenbeirat) and Senior Citizens' Council (Seniorenrat)	http://bmsk2.cms.apa.at/cms/site/liste.html?channel=CH0170	According to the provisions of the Federal Senior Citizens Act (Bundesseniorenengesetz), which was amended in the year 2000, the so-called "Bundesseniorenbeirat" (Federal Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee) in the Federal Ministry for Employment, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection promotes stronger political involvement. The law sees the Advisory Council as an active steering instrument of senior citizens' and generation policies in Austria. The Senior Citizens' Council is the equivalent body to the representative bodies of employees, business people and farmers in all issues affecting the interests of Austrian senior citizens.
Spain	Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equal Opportunities (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social et Igualdad)	Minister: Leire Pajín Iraola http://www.mspes.es/en/politicaSocial/personasMayores/home.htm	Benefits for the elderly, leisure and health programmes, subsidies for NGOs
	Institute for the Elderly and Social Services (Instituto de Mayores y Servicios Sociales, IMSERSO)	http://www.imserso.es/imserso_06/el_imserso/relaciones_institucionales/consejo_estatal_personas_mayores/normativa_composicion_funcionamiento/index.htm	This institute is part of the Ministry of Health and Social Policy. It is responsible for providing additional social services and for the administration of welfare benefits, non-contributory benefits and long-term care. IMSERSO also runs the following institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Council for the Elderly (Consejo Estatal de las Personas Mayores) - Observatory on the Elderly (Observatorio de Personas Mayores)
	Ministry of Labour and Immigration (Ministerio de Trabajo e Inmigración)	Minister: Valeriano Gómez Sánchez http://www.mtas.es/	The Ministry provides information for pensioners and recipients of government old-age benefits.

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Czech Republic	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Ministersvo práce a sociálních veci)	Minister: Jaromír Drábek http://www.mpsv.cz/en/	“National Programme of Preparation for Ageing for 2008 - 2012” (focal points: active ageing, age-friendly environment and community, health and healthy ageing, family and care, participation and human rights) The ministry also provides information on pensions and social services and information for disabled persons.
	Government Council for the Elderly and Population Ageing	http://www.mpsv.cz/en/4538	The Council is a permanent advisory body to the Government of the Czech Republic on issues related to ageing and the elderly.
	Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic	Minister: Leoš Heger http://www.mzcr.cz/En/	The “Council of Health Care Providers” is one of the institutions operating within the Ministry of Health.
United Kingdom	Department for Welfare and Pensions	Minister: Ian Duncan Smith http://www.dwp.gov.uk/	Ageing Society, accessibility to services for the elderly (“LinkAge Plus” programme), information on intergenerational activities, Advisory Forum on Ageing: the forum offers opportunities to comment on new political ideas and laws, ageing in the workplace, digital inclusion (“Get digital” programme), reform of the welfare system (“21st Century Welfare”)
	Department for Health	Minister: Andrew Lansley http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/index.htm	National Dementia Strategy (since February 2009), care reform: “Delivering social care”, Carers Strategy. In Februar 2011: new fund for the volunteer sector (Reaching Out to Carers Innovation Fund) for voluntary support of caregiver relatives