

Challenges for the Future of Europe

Setting the Scene:

how can Design for All be part of the solution?

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Demographic change:

I. The ageing population



European Population Statistics (EU25)

	2004	2050	Change
Overall population	456,8 m	449,8 m	- 1,5%
Working age population	67,2%	56,7%	- 52,2 m
Children (0-14 years)	16,4%	13,4%	
Elderly (65+)	16,4%	29,9%	+ 59,2 m
Very elderly (80+)	4,0%	11,4%	
Elderly dependence ratio	24,5%	52,8%	
Young dependence ratio	24,4%	23,7%	
Total dependence ratio	48,9%	76,5%	

Highest proportions of 80+ in 2050:

Italy: 14,1%

Germany: 13,6%

Source: Eurostat 2005



Italian Population Statistics

	2009	2050	Change
Overall population	59.870 m	57.066 m	- 4,68%
Working age population (15-60 years)	65,4%	53,3%	- 8.898 m
Children (0-14 years)	14,2%	13,5%	
Elderly (60+)	20,4%	33,3%	+ 6.692 m
Very elderly (80+)	6,0%	13,4%	+ 4.075 m
Elderly dependence ratio	31,2%	62,2%	
Young dependence ratio	21,7%	25,3%	
Total dependence ratio	52,9%	87,5%	

Source: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat,



Polish Population Statistics

	2010	2050	Change
Overall population	38.038 m	32.013 m	- 11,8%
Working age population	71,7%	57,3%	- 8.932 m
Children (0-14 years)	14,8%	12,7%	
Elderly (65+)	13,5%	29,9%	+ 4.443 m
Very elderly (80+)	3,4%	8,5%	+ 1.431 m
Elderly dependence ratio	18,8%	52,2%	
Young dependence ratio	20,6%	22,2%	
Total dependence ratio	39,4%	74,4%	

Source: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, *World Population Prospects, The 2008 Revision*. Figures elaborated by P. Kercher.



Slovakian Population Statistics

	2009	2050	Change
Overall population	5.406 m	4.917 m	- 9,1%
Working age population (15-60)	67,4%	50,4%	- 1.165 m
Children (0-14 years)	15,4%	13,4%	
Elderly (60+)	17,3%	36,2%	+ 845 k
Very elderly (80+)	2,7%	7,5%	+ 223 k
Elderly dependence ratio	25,7%	71,8%	
Young dependence ratio	22,8%	26,6%	
Total dependence ratio	45,8%	98,4%	

Source: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, *World Population Prospects, The 2008 Revision*. Figures elaborated by P. Kercher.



Turkish Population Statistics

	2009	2050	Change
Overall population	74.816 m	97.389 m	+30,17%
Working age population (15-60 years)	64,4%	58,0%	- 6,4%
Children (0-14 years)	26,8%	17,6%	-9,2%
Elderly (60+)	8,8%	24,4%	+ 17.176 m
Very elderly (80+)	0,8%	3,7%	
Elderly dependence ratio	13,7%	42,1%	
Young dependence ratio	41,6%	30,3%	
Total dependence ratio	55,3%	72,4%	

Source: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat,



Demographic change:

II. Migration



Human diversity: including migrant populations



Human diversity: understanding and catering for the fears of sedentary populations faced with migration



Can Design for All offer design solutions to these challenges?



In the short term:

let's think about the European Year for Cultural Heritage 2018?

