

“I don’t want to be inactive” – A longer life: a generational challenge and an opportunity for society (D.3.2-Fund University project)

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Abstract

The research, which was coordinated by Prof. Fausto Colombo (OssCom), involved researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds (Demography, Economics, Psychology, Science of Communication, Sociology) of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, as well as international experts and scholars.

The research objective is to investigate to what extent and under what conditions the lengthening of the lifespan constitutes an opportunity for the individual and society in the perspective of active ageing, which is not limited to considering structural parameters (presence/absence of health) and economic parameters (the extension of the productive and consumption ages), but also refers to the “quality” of life and the possibility of giving a subjectively and socially significant sense to intergenerational exchanges as shown in most recent sociology literature and - in part - in a number of European institutional initiatives (European Year for Active Ageing 2012).

The quantitative-qualitative research involved:

1. A survey based on a statistically representative national population sample comprising 800 individuals aged between 65 and 74, and 100 elderly individuals active in voluntary associations, using a questionnaire administered face-to-face.
2. A qualitative investigation of intergenerational relationships and the pro-social commitment of elderly persons, and of intergenerational digital technology literacy situations.

A portal dedicated to the project is available at <http://anzianiinrete.wordpress.com/>.

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