## **EURAG**

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## Nothing For Us without Us - A rallying call Inspired by EURAG

Thanks to EURAG, Old'Up, one of our French members, earned an award from the Paris City Council – the Label Paris-Europe.

Moira Allan, board member of Old'Up, and co-founder and international coordinator of the Pass It On network, explained how at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of EURAG.

It all started in Hungry at the autumn board meeting of EURAG in September 2021. The central theme was the question - what is the role of older people in the decision-making process? Country after country presented how things were locally and the general feeling was that there was much work to be done to make older people part and parcel of the decision-making process. This deep discussion sparked off the idea to create a project on how to be an active senior citizen in Europe today. How could we work towards making each and every older citizen know their worth, exercise their rights, and make a difference? The Board of Old'Up approved the project and this is part of the work of the association's *Europe and The World* group.

The first step was to find out what Old'Up's membership thought about their citizenship in Europe via a café creative where four major ideas emerged:

- Advocate for a European Council of Older People so that nothing can be decided for us without us;
- Break the age barrier on lifelong learning programmes and open them to all older people whatever their age;
- Work for a European Day of Longevity Research;
- Structure and co-create an inclusive Europe for all ages.

Old'Up is looking for European partners to develop these projects and hopes that one or more member associations of EURAG will step up to explore next steps.

If you are interested, please send an email to Moira Allan <a href="mailto:contact@oldup.fr">contact@oldup.fr</a>

For further information on Old'Up: www.oldup.fr

See the attached presentation of Old'Up.

See Old'Up's YouTube channel that features 20 videos

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