



FUTURAGE

A ROAD MAP *for* AGEING RESEARCH

**Learning by doing
Making Interdisciplinarity work
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Outline of the presentation

1. Aims and rationale of the FUTURAGE project
2. The methodology: designing the Roadmap
3. Interdisciplinarity
4. Conclusions & debate

1. AIMS & RATIONALE OF THE PROJECT

- Aimed at creating the road map for ageing research in Europe for the next 10-15 years, by identifying the main priorities to be achieved in this field from a multi-disciplinary perspective;
- FUTURAGE builds on previous EU actions & collaborations: ERA-AGE, FORUM, LINK-AGE and AGEACTION;
- Extends collaboration to new Member States;
- Wide involvement of Europe's leading scientists in the ageing field
- Full engagement with key non-academic stakeholders in ageing research

2. METHODOLOGY: DESIGNING THE ROADMAP

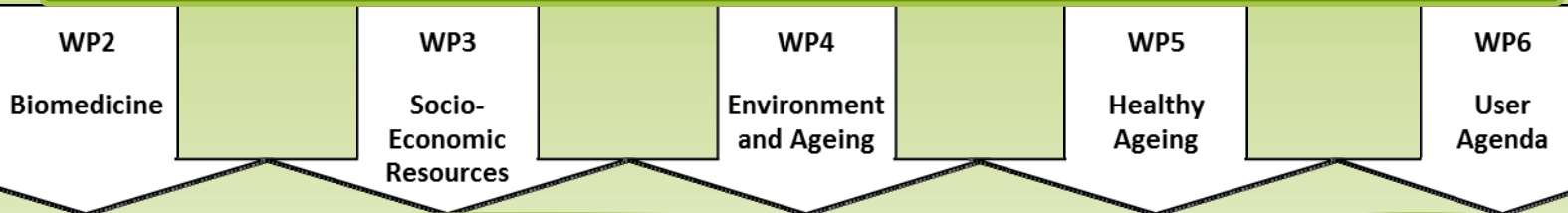
PARTICIPANTS

- 11 ERA-AGE partners
- University of Namur (Belgium)
- University of Heidelberg (Germany)
- Lund University (Sweden)
- Universities of Leicester, Newcastle upon Tyne (UK)
- Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing
- Research Users: AGE Platform Europe, Age UK

2. METHODOLOGY: DESIGNING THE ROADMAP

- The definition of priorities in ageing research took place through an **iterative process of extensive consultations** among key scientists, early stage researchers and stakeholders (policy makers, practitioners, industry and older people's organizations).

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS AT COUNTRY LEVEL (WP1)



1st Scientific Workshops

1st Users Workshop

COUNCIL OF SCIENTISTS MEETING 1 (WP7)

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS 1 (WP7)

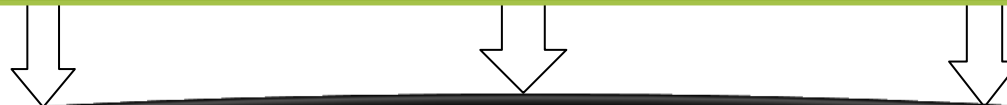


2nd Scientific Workshops

2nd Users Workshop

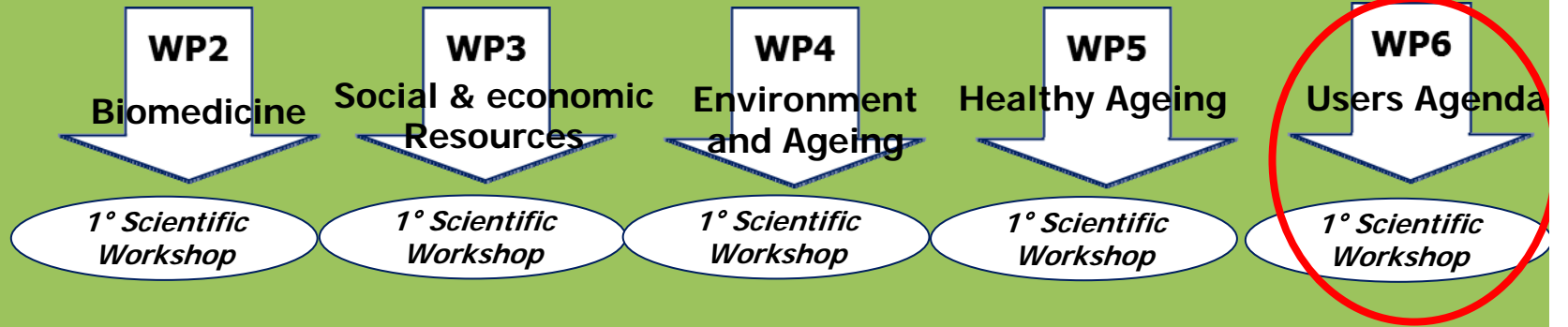
COUNCIL OF SCIENTISTS MEETING 2 (WP7)

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS 2 (WP7)



THE ROAD MAP (WP8)

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS AT COUNTRY LEVEL (WP1)



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WP2

Biomedicine

WP3

**Social & economic
Resources**

WP4

**Environment
and Ageing**

WP5

Healthy Ageing

WP6

Users Agenda

*1° Scientific
Workshop*

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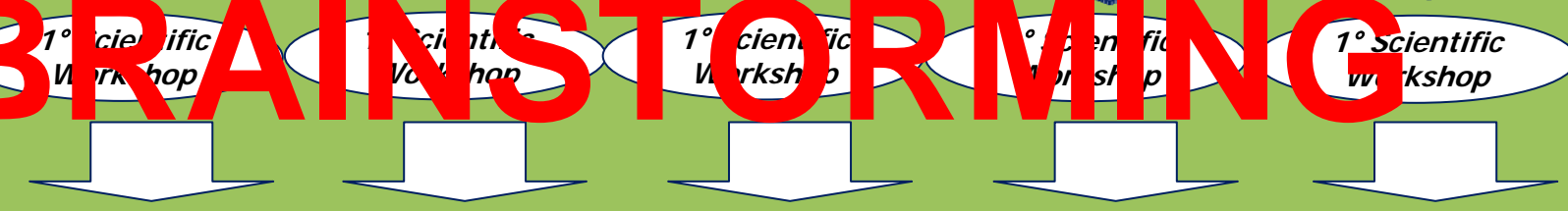
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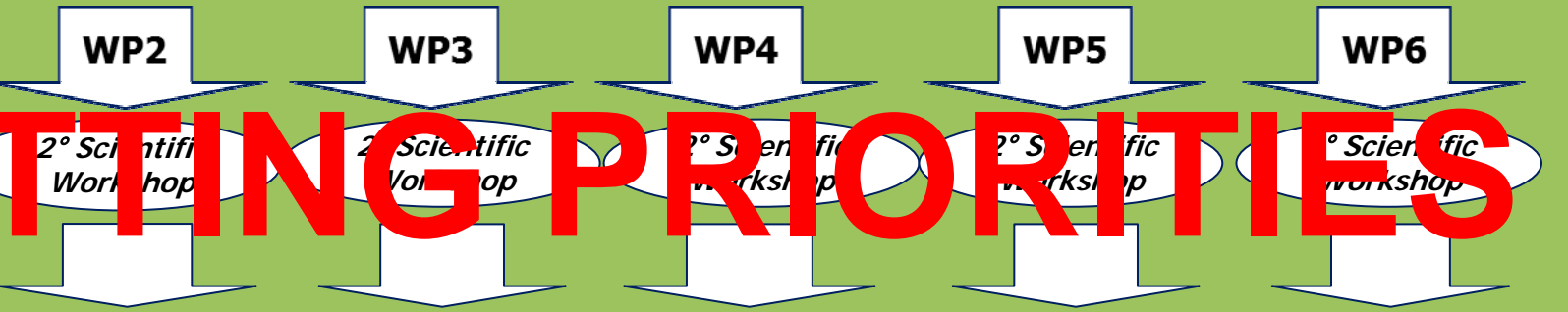


BRAINSTORMING



COUNCIL OF SCIENTISTS (WP7)

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS (WP7)



SETTING PRIORITIES

COUNCIL OF SCIENTISTS (WP7)

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS (WP7)

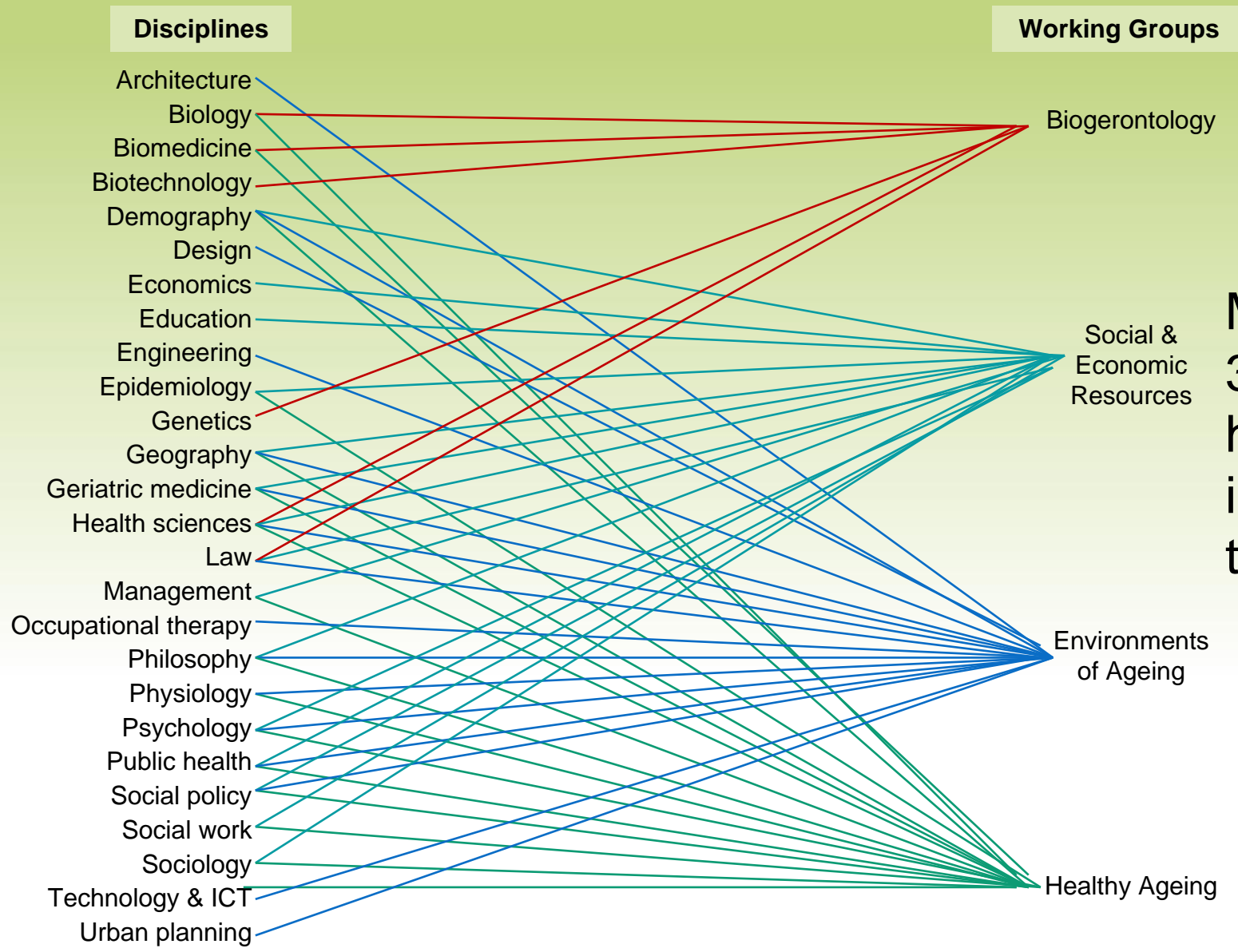


THE ROAD MAP (WP8)

Overarching assumption

1. User / Stakeholder Engagement (Key Role of Older People)
2. A Life Course Perspective (Continuous Ageing)
3. Person-environment perspective
4. Diversity, Cross-national, Cross-cultural (The European Research Area)
5. Intergenerational relationships
6. Knowledge Exchange (Impact on Policy, Practice, Product Development)
7. Maximising Technological Innovation (EU Priority)
8. Multi-disciplinarity (The New Science of Ageing)

FROM DISCIPLINES TO WORKING GROUPS



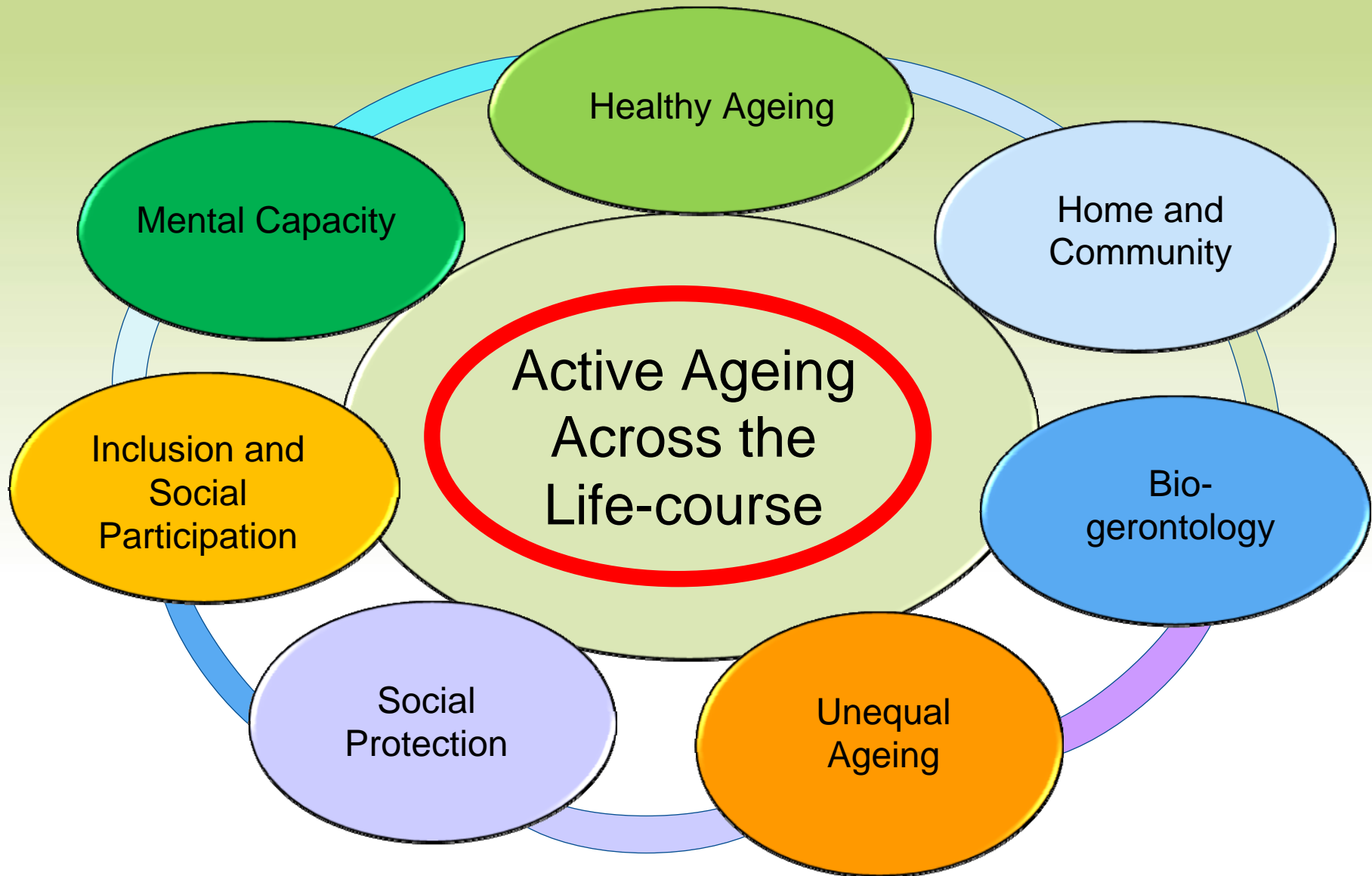
More than 300 persons have been involved in the process!

September 2009

October 2011



THE PRIORITY OF ACTIVE AGEING



FUTURAGE

home

inclusion

partnership

healthy ageing

active ageing ageing well

ICT well-being community

sustainability research agenda

**A Road Map for European
Ageing Research**

knowledge exchange

user involvement

October 2011

biogerontology

Road Map

- Launch event was:
October 18th 2011

3. Interdisciplinarity Intention

1. In all Work Packages
2. Across all Work Packages
3. In Young scholars group
4. In the Stakeholder and Consultation sessions
5. In the Writing process
6. In the Proofing process
7. In the Final Road Map

3. Interdisciplinarity

Where did we miss?

1. In all Work Packages?
2. Across all Work Packages???
3. In Young scholars group
4. In the Stakeholder and Consultation sessions
5. In the Writing process
6. In the Proofing process
7. In the Final Road Map

3. Disciplines we missed

Health economy

Cultural geography

History

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4. To discuss

Are we open to other disciplinary cultures (theoretical stance, publishing tradition,)?

Are we open to differences in methodology (quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods,...)

Are we open to all types of designs (RCT, longitudinal, cohort sequential, ...)?

Can we find a Mezzo theoretical level to use the same 'language' when we interact?

.....basically – are we willing to listen?

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www.futurage.group.shef.ac.uk/road-map.html

www.futurage.group.shef.ac.uk/road-map-flip-book.html

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