



The Voice of Older People in Europe @ EAN

2026

Marine Luc – Project and membership
manager



Who we are ?



We represent **older people** in Europe since 2001

104
members

30
countries

1.6M€
budget



**Our vision : A
*Society for All
Ages***

Our missions



CELEBRATE

Celebrate
longevity as a
shared
opportunity
for society

PROMOTE

Promote
equality, rights
and inclusion
at all ages

ENABLE

Enable
everyone to
age with
dignity and
active
participation

AGE governance



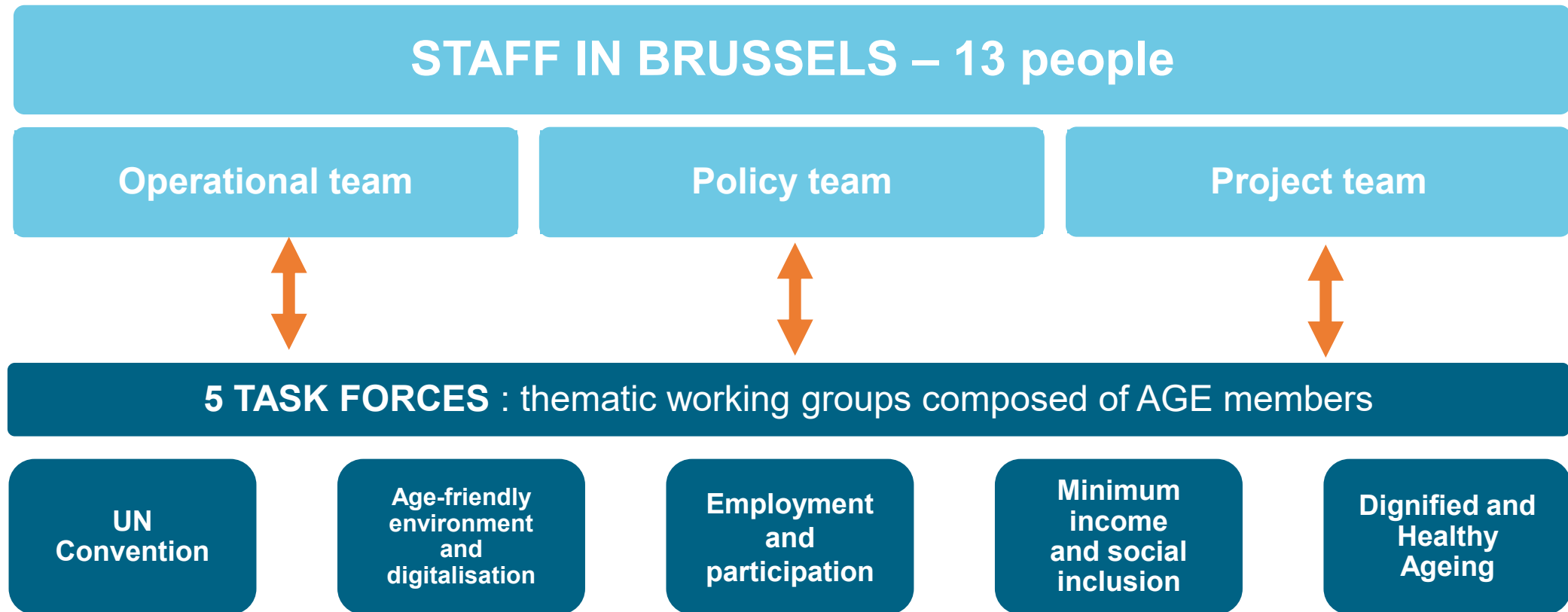
General
Assembly
All AGE Members

Council of
Administration
Member's
representatives

Executive
Committee
Elected members



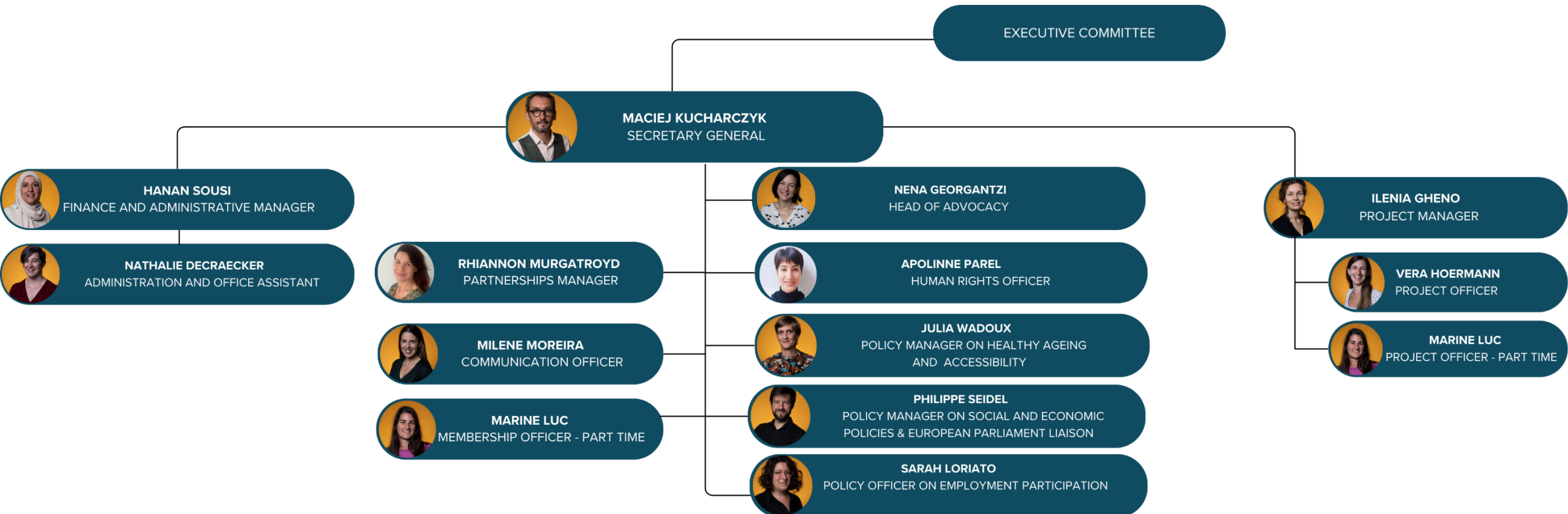
How we work ?



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STAFF



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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How you can be involved?

- Nomination of expert in Task Forces
- Contribution to position papers
- Participation to events
- Regular consultations
- Governance :
 - 1 seat at the Council
 - Participation to the GA/Annual conference in June



Philippe Seidel Leroy

Policy Manager on Social Protection and European Parliament Liaison

Philippe is responsible for AGE's policy work in the area of long-term care and the social protection aspects of health, but also funded pension and the overall economic policies. Philippe coordinates AGE's relations with the European Parliament's Intergenerational Forum.

Philippe's academic background is in political science and human rights, his work experience prior to joining AGE were in children's rights.

Languages: German, French, English; basic Dutch and Spanish

What members gain*



Shape EU policies



Build political capacity



Connect & coordinate



Strengthen advocacy



Access projects & funding

** Based on feedback from AGE members (external evaluation, 2025).*

AGE's 2026 priorities



Age Equality

Close the gap on age equality in the EU

Action Plan to Combat Ageism

UN Convention

Advance a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons

Setting the Scene with CSOs

Mainstream age equality

Mainstream age equality across social, care, employment and digital policies

Long-term care reforms, AGE Barometer, EU strategies

Older's people voices

Ensure older people's voices are heard and acted

2 Main campaigns


The origins of AGE's work on care

From protection → to rights

- Initial focus : preventing elder abuse & neglect.
- WeDO project (2010)
- Development of the “*European Charter of the rights and responsibilities of older people in need of long-term care and assistance*”
- Built with patients, carers, providers (incl. EAN)



A turning
point: rights-
based care

- From “care for” → to “care with rights”
 - Diversity of needs: cognitive, physical, levels of dependency
 - One principle: **person-centred care**
 - Inspired by the CRPD
 - Focus on **individual needs, dignity & autonomy**
 - **Breaking the silos between ageing & disability** : Same rights, same need for accessibility
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COVID: a
wake-up
call

Why we had to rethink care

- Vulnerability in large care institutions
- Isolation (families excluded)
- Care failures exposed
- Necessity to discuss with disability sector and follow-up of the Green Paper on Ageing
- Results : **Need for a new care model**

Rethinking care (AGE vision)

What good care looks like

- Person-centred & rights-based
- Autonomy and dignity
- Based on individual needs, choice & preferences
- Continuity of care services accross the life course (beyond 65)
- Diversity of care options
- Quality standards

Our care vision : Ensuring real choice and quality accross all settings



EU CARE Strategy

- **From advocacy → EU policy**

BUT

- Implementation : Member States
- What still needs to change
 - Fragmented systems
 - Lack of continuity
 - Workforce issues
 - Inequalities in access



AGE Working plan on care



18 June

Online meeting of the Task Force

EU PROJECT GOLD Getting older with a disability : training modules developed by partners for professionals working with older people with disabilities

Gender and Health



15-16 September

Physical meeting of the Task Force in Brussels : Long-term care reforms



2027

Digitalisation in care services

Follow-up of European Care Deal



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