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Introduction

This deliverable is part of WP6 and gives an overview of the Covenant's membership at the end of the project, more precisely on 10 February 2016. It has to be considered in the lights of D6.1, D6.2, D6.3 and D6.5 as it reflects the results of the work done to frame and launch the Covenant on Demographic Change.
This report does not only contain the list of Covenant's members at a certain point of time, but also provide with background information explaining the process to recruit members and to make the transition from the Thematic Network to the Covenant.

1/ The recruitment process

1.1/ The definition of the main categories of members for the legal statutes of the Covenant

As explained in D6.1 and D6.2, the Covenant was developed as a legally established entity under the Belgian law, namely an international non-for-profit association. Thus the membership is structured around three main pillars:

- **Full members**
- **Ordinary members**
- **Associate members**
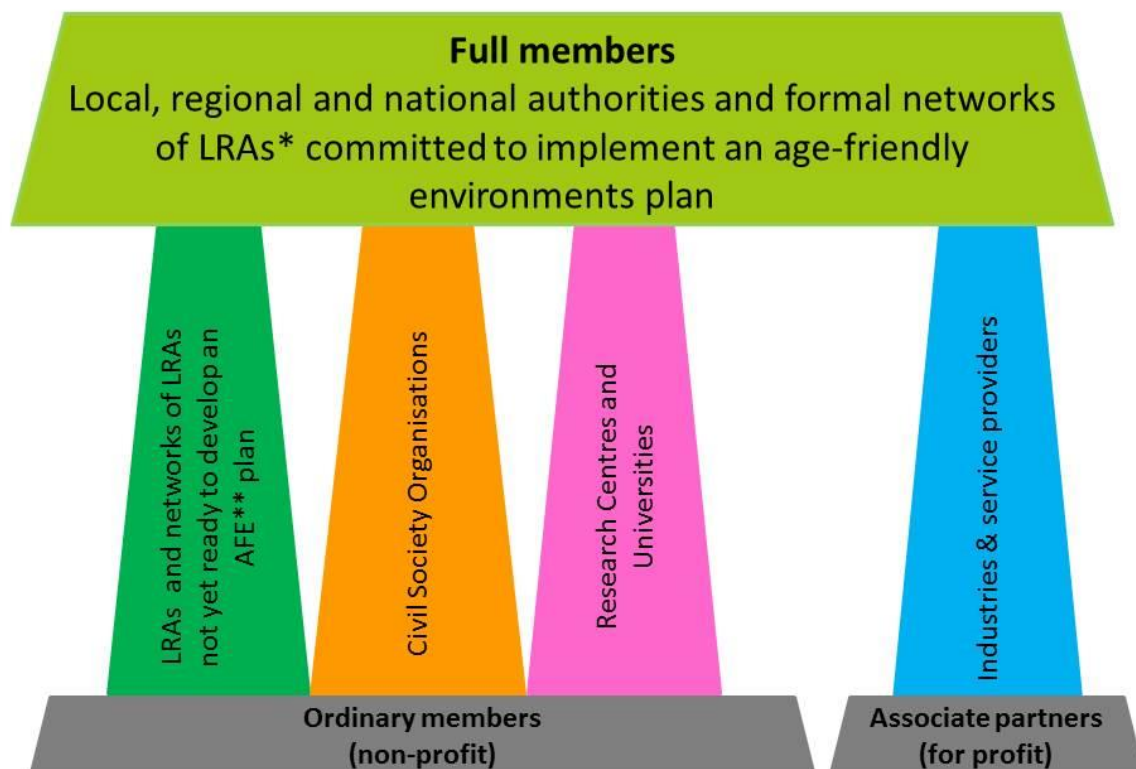
*LRAs: Local and Regional Authorities - ** AFE: Age-Friendly Environments

In addition to that and in order to respect the Belgian legal rules to establish an association, an additional cross-cutting category was added: the **Founding members**, i.e. the stakeholders that have decided to become a member before 15 January 2016 and signed the statutes at the notary's office – or sent a proxy in due time – as requested by the law in Belgium. The role of the Founding members is not only to sign the Statutes but also to elect the first Board of Directors and to agree the transitional arrangements while waiting for the General Assembly General to meet for the first time and take the lead of the Covenant.

1.2/ The communication support

From spring 2015 onwards, the communication material was step by step adapted to focus on the future Covenant on Demographic Change while the statutes were still being developed by the Consortium partners of AFE-INNOVNET. More and more information was disseminated to respond to questions about what should be the Covenant about and how it should be structured. The communication material about the Covenant was finalised on time for the launch of the Covenant on 7 December 2015 (please refer to D6.3).

The launch event was in itself a powerful communication tool to recruit signatories/members for the Covenant. Indeed four days in advance, the project coordinator launched a call for expression of interest in joining the Covenant among the members of the Thematic Network and beyond. On Monday 7 December 2015, date of the launch of the Covenant, already 77 stakeholders expressed their willingness to join the Covenant:

- **46 Local and regional authorities**
  Agia Varvara municipality (Greece), CCAS de la Ville de Marseille (France), Fredericia municipality (Denmark), 25 Irish Age-Friendly Cities and Counties (Ireland), City of Leuven (Belgium), Local Association of Attica Municipalities (Greece), City of Manchester (UK), City of Stockholm (Sweden), City of Tampere (Finland), Nacka municipality (Sweden), City of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Réseau Francophone des Villes Amies des Aînés, City of Arnsberg (Germany), City of Naples – Campania Reference Site (Italy), DCRN (EU), ELISAN network (EU), ENSA network (EU), City of Udine (Italy), Celje municipality (Slovenia), Veneto Region (Italy), Government of Biscay (Spain), City of Salerno (Italy), City of Brussels (Belgium), Aartselaar municipality (Belgium), City of Krakow (Poland)

- **15 Civil society organisations and foundations**
  AGE Platform Europe (EU), Age Cymru (UK), Caritas Coimbra (Portugal), SIVI cluster (Spain), Solimai Soc.Coop.ar.l. (Italy), From Generation to Generation (UK), Polish Institute of Silver Economy (Poland), RBS Center fir Altersfroen

(Luxembourg), International Council on Social Welfare (EU), Agentschap Toegankelijk Vlaanderen (Belgium), Association HIPOKAMP (Poland), EuroHealthNet (EU), European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EU), The Intercivil Society (UK), Anouk Foundation (Switzerland)

- **10 Universities and research centres**
  Polibienestar Research Institute – University of Valencia (Spain), University of Edinburgh (UK), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain), INRCA (Italy), Dublin City University (Ireland), LifeTechValley, boosting healthy aging (Belgium), Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia), IRS – Istituto Ricerca Sociale (Italy), FORTH – Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (Greece), University of Deusto (Spain), Matia Institute (Spain)

- **6 Businesses**
  Norske Helsehus AS (Norway), ESCOOL (Spain), Acvfit (France), ENGIE Belgium (Belgium), 40+Lab (Portugal)

1.3/ The on-line registration form

The on-line registration form to apply for membership to the Covenant was developed from August to mid-November 2015 with some delays. These delays were necessary first to ensure that the registration form will be fully in line with the legal statutes, and secondly to align it with the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities' application criteria. Due to the complexity of the different categories of members and the alignment with the WHO, the on-line implementation started pretty late and was ready by 4 December 2015 in order to make sure that it would coincide with the official launch.

It was also agreed that the information gathered through the on-line registration form will stay in the back office of the website in order to avoid "competition" with the stakeholders involved in the Thematic Network: indeed throughout the project, each Thematic Network member had a secured access to the private part of the AFE-INNOVNET website to be able to contribute to the work of the TN. While the same possibility will be given to the members of the Covenant, it was not possible to have two different databases open at the same time without making it too confusing and conflicting, and a transition period was needed:

- On 7 December 2015, the list of TN members was "frozen" – it was no longer possible to join the AFE-INNOVNET network, the only possibility being to apply to join the Covenant.
- On 7 December 2015, the website of the AFE-INNOVNET TN became the website of the Covenant on Demographic Change The "Network" webpage was

renamed "The AFE-INNOVNET Network" to avoid confusion. Whereas the meter on the homepage was changed to start count Covenant's members.

- From 7 December 2015 to mid-February 2016, the registered members of the TN kept their private access to the website.
- End of February 2016, the list of the TN members will be archived on the website and replaced by the growing list of Covenant's members. The list of TN members will be exported using the CSV tool and added as an excel file in AFE-INNOVNET description.
- End of February 2016, the members of the Covenant will be granted the right to access the private part of the website and be able to update the information they have uploaded in their online application form and which will become accessible to the public.

It should also be underlined that the members of the AFE-INNOVNET TN had the right to join the Covenant but had to re-apply as the Covenant is a legally established structure while the TN was an informal network of stakeholders. Of course, they were kept informed about the process and reminded via e-mails.

2/ The results and analysis

2.1/ Detailed figures

All in all, the Covenant counts 123 registered organisations (as of 10 February 2016) which is a pretty high number in comparison to the number of members the Thematic Network gathered (351) before the launch of the Covenant and the relatively short period during which members have been recruited to join the Covenant (two months, with the Christmas break in-between). It is actually interesting to see that among the 123 members, we have:

- 17 out of 29 members of the AFE-INNOVNET Consortium (AGE, Alzheimer Europe, ASS1/Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Celje, Fredericia, Groningen, Inova+, InnovAAL/Puglia, Ljubljana, Louth County, Manchester, Polibienestar Research Institute, Stockholm, Tampere, VVSG/Flanders, Warsaw);
- and 69 of the AFE-INNOVNET Thematic Network have already joined the Covenant.
- 37 new comers among which a significant number of local and regional authorities. This shows that efforts to recruit also outside the AFE-INNOVNET is already delivering results since a significant number of the Founding members were new comers

It actually shows how powerful and attractive the three-day events organised early December 2015 to launch the Covenant have been to recruit members.

Covenant Members per type of stakeholders
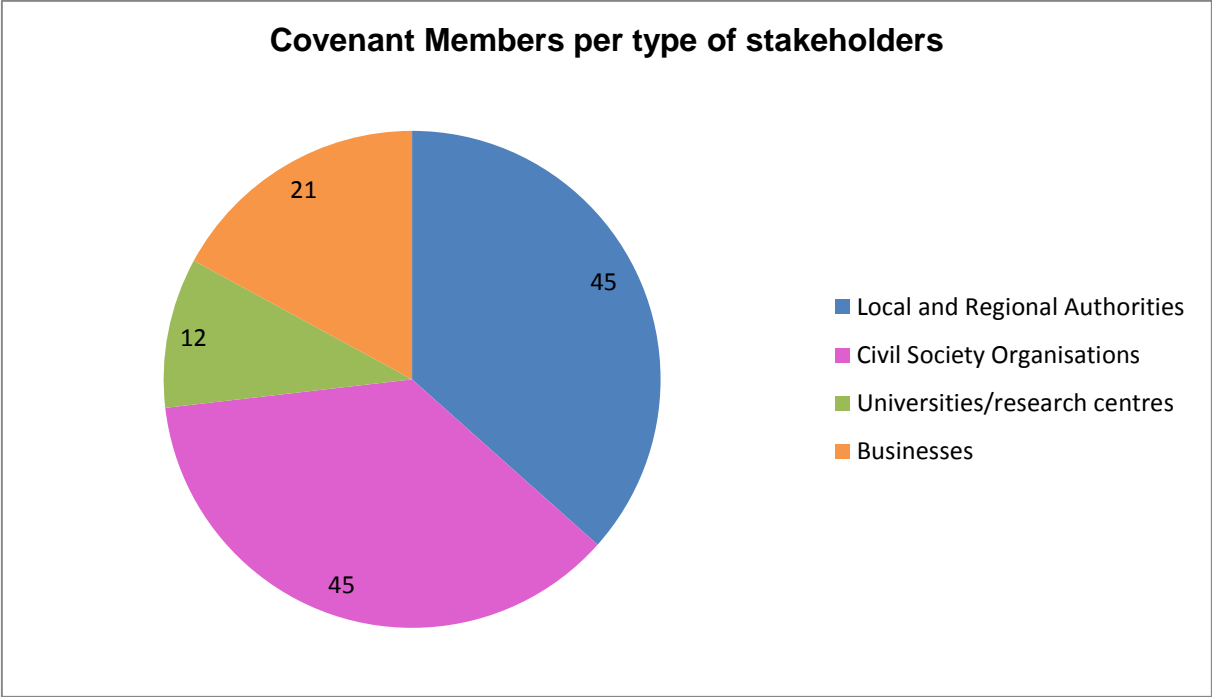
The balance across the different categories of stakeholders is relatively good keeping in mind the tight timeframe and the heavy internal process local and regional authorities have to go through to get the authorisation to join the Covenant since it means a more formal commitment than joining the AFE-INNOVNET thematic Network.

Covenant Members per Country
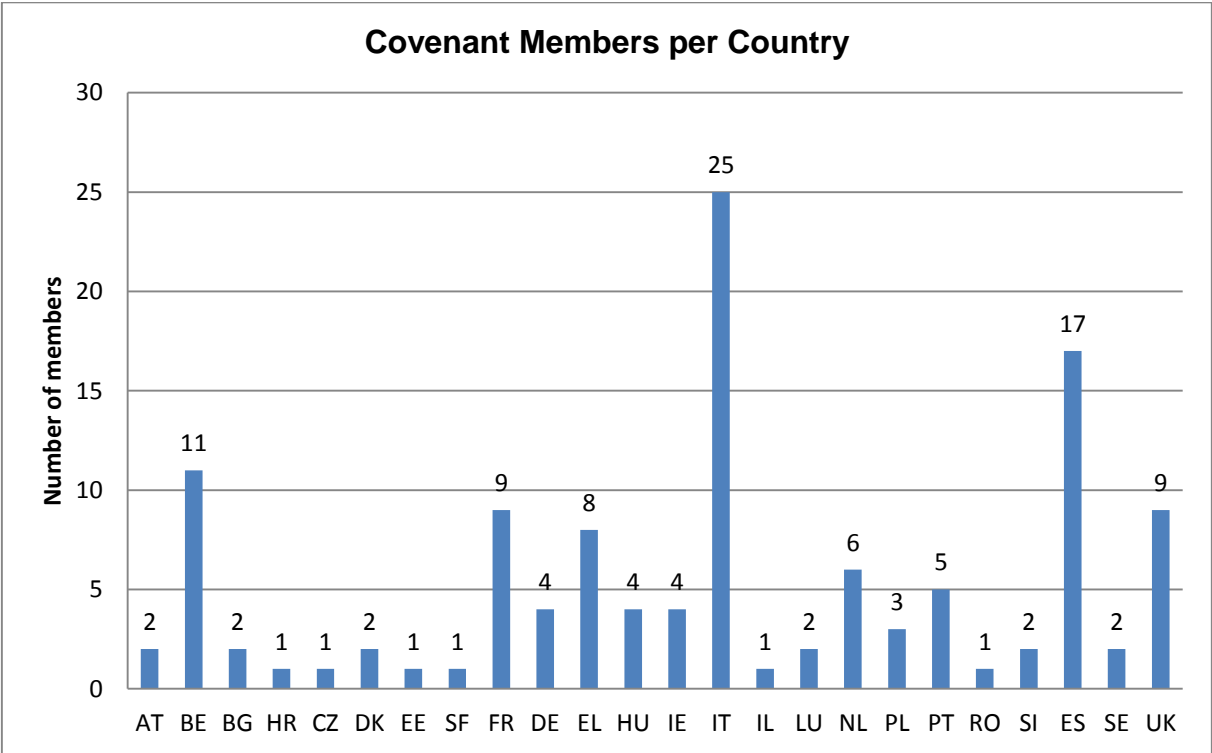
24 different countries - among which 23 EU Member States - are represented and while the number of stakeholders per country does not necessarily reflect the size of the population, the geographical balance is already very good.

Covenant Members per category of Membership
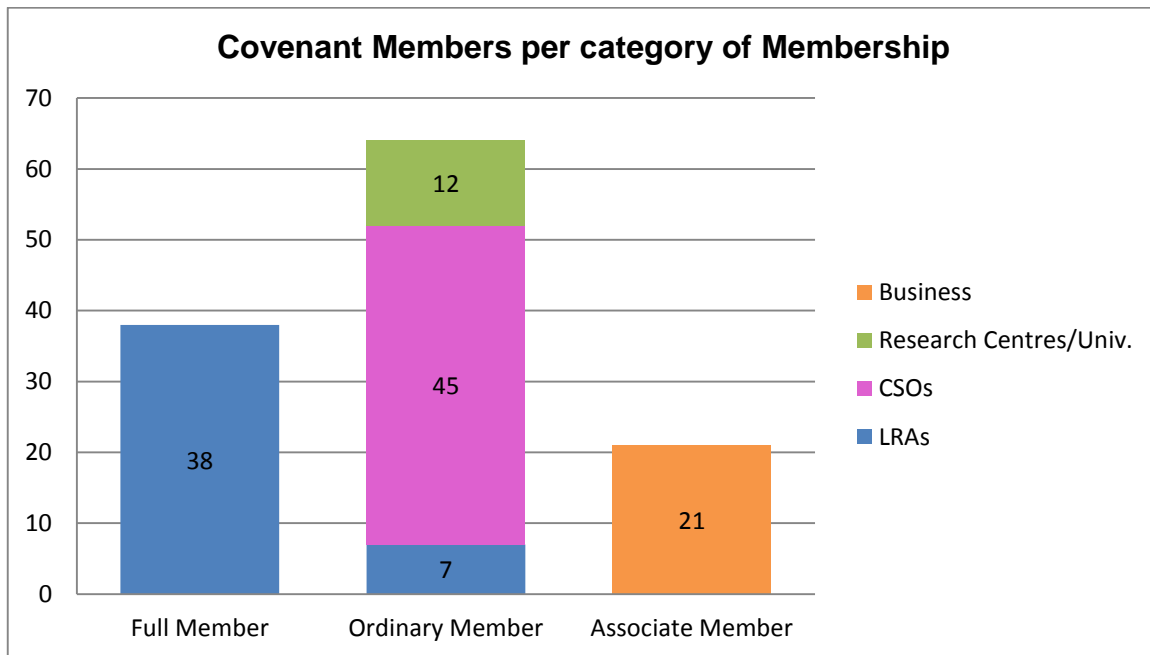
2.2/ Founding members and the elected representatives for the next three years

The Founding Members are the organisations that have joined the Covenant before the 15 January 2016 and have signed the legal statutes of the Covenant at the notary office – or sent a proxy in due time – in order to launch the official registration procedure of the Covenant as an international non-for-profit organisation in Belgium. All in all 68 entities have joined as Founding members and managed to deliver the papers and proxies to make it happen. Such a result was unexpected especially for local and regional authorities and larger organisations whose decision process is often heavy. It is worth highlighting that 11 of them were members of the AFE-INNOVNET Consortium.
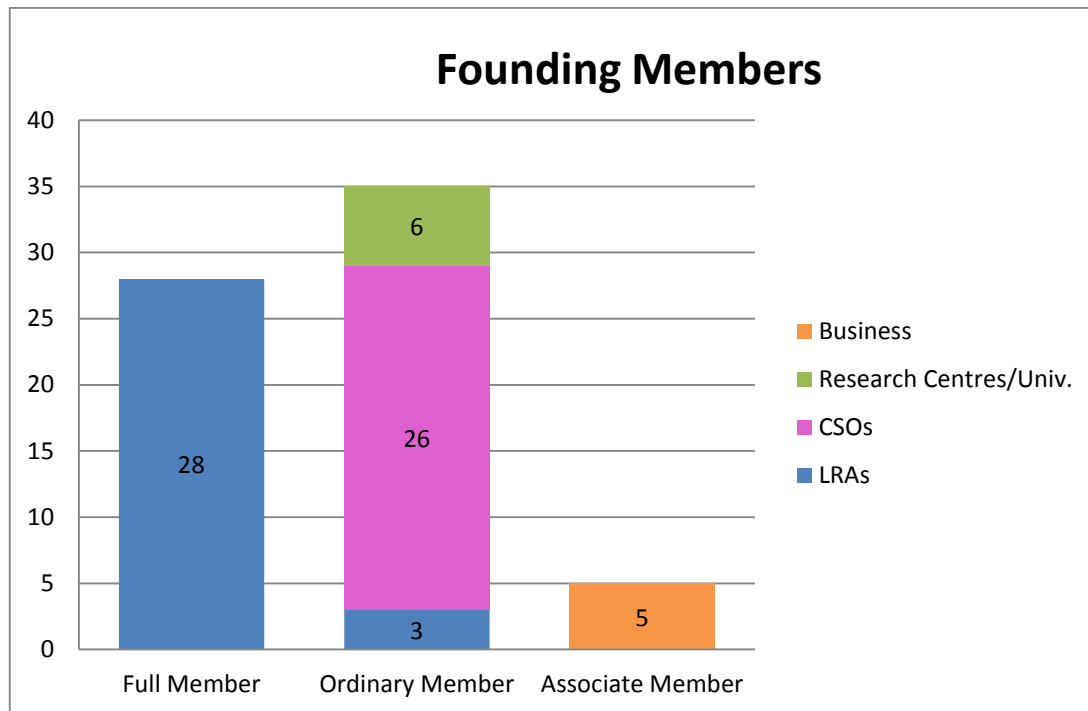
Founding Members

As explained in details in D6.2 and D6.5, the Founding members have elected their first representatives as announced in a Press Release disseminated end of January 2016. The vote was conducted online using a secret voting system (Survey Monkey). A first vote took place to elect the President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary General and Directors (there was no nomination for the treasurer at this point). 22 candidates were running:

- 2 for the Presidency
- 3 for the first Vice-Presidency nominated and elected by full members
- 4 for the second Vice-Presidency nominated and elected ordinary members
- 1 for the Secretary General
- 19 for up to 10 positions of Directors

The vote was open from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 January (the vote was initially open from Monday 25 but had to be stopped and postponed due to technical problems). At the end, 52 out of the 68 Founding members casted their vote and elected:

- President : Mr Furio Honsell, Mayor of the City of Udine, Italy
- First Vice-President : Mrs Joan Martin, Chief Executive, Louth County Council, Ireland
- Second Vice-President : Mrs Carina Dantas, Innovation Director, Caritas Coimbra, Portugal
- Secretary General : Mrs Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General of AGE Platform Europe, Belgium
- Directors :
  - Mr Mikko Aaltonen, Deputy Mayor of the City of Tampere, Finland

- Mr Rodd Bond, Member of the Age Friendly Ireland Executive Committee, Ireland
- Mrs Antonia Caro-Gonzalez, Head of International Research Project Office, University of Deusto, Spain
- Mrs Elena Curtopassi, representative of ENSA Network and Veneto Region, Italy
- Mrs Mireia Ferri, Researcher at Polibienestar, Spain
- Mrs Chiara Giovannini, Senior Manager, ANEC, Belgium
- Mrs Dianne Gove, Director for Projects, Alzheimer Europe, Luxembourg
- Mr Brendan John Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, Director and Chair of Age Friendly Ireland, Ireland
- Mr Martin Polenz, Leader Staff Unit "Zukunft Alter" (Future of Ageing), City of Arnsberg, Germany
- Mrs Chariklia Tziraki, Member of Governing Board of Alzheimer Heraklion, Greece

The vote for the treasurer took place between the 3rd and 5th of February following receipt of the candidature of Mr Sergio Murillo, Director General for Personal Autonomy Promotion, Government of Biscay, Spain. 38 out of 68 organisations voted and elected Mr Murillo as treasurer by 37 votes in favour (required quorum of participating members was 68/2= 34).

2.3/ First analysis

The objective set up in 2013 when the AFE-INNOVNET project was submitted was to get 20 cities and 40 regions joining the Covenant at the end of the project (cf. DoW, indicator number 7). Obviously the objective has not been reached yet but several LRAs have already expressed their interest to join.

This should be read in the light of the development of the project all along its two year duration. Indeed, the mobilisation of other stakeholders has been stronger than for local and regional authorities, which might be explained by the lengthy decision process LRAs need to get a formal approval, notably due to their political dimension. Regions are more numerous than cities, probably due to their competences that are usually wider and maybe more in line with the whole concept of age-friendly environments. Their size and possibility to invest some time at EU level, as well as their presence in Brussels (via Regional offices) have also probably influenced the result. So that all along the project, the concept of "local and regional authorities" has been more used than the two different categories of cities and regions. This is also an easier way to respect the different ways governance is organised in each EU country. The way the Covenant has been structured is actually reflecting this reality and there is no difference made between public authorities be they cities, regions, counties, etc.

It is also important to take into account the fact that the decision to have a legal structure for the Covenant has an impact on the decision for cities and regions to join the Covenant (as for other stakeholders). Indeed the commitment is stronger and usually requires a decision at highest political level. Some cities and regions were about to join the Covenant but they encountered delays to respect the decision-making process: either the decision of the elected body/bodies (e.g. Aix-en-Provence, Nice, Turnhout or Oslo), or the green light of a ministry (e.g. cities in Romania or in Poland need the authorisation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to join an association), or delayed their application because of election or changes (e.g. Change in the organisation of regions in France).

The coordinator of the project focused its activities in January 2016 on the finalisation of the legal establishment of the association. The process required more time than expected to gather documents (proxy, copies of legal documents and photocopy of the ID card of their representative) from all Founding members and to organise the transitional arrangements in order to make sure that the official registration process to the Belgian authorities would start by end January 2016 as planned.

3/ Next steps

Since beginning of February 2016, the Covenant benefits from a strong basis not only to start working but also to continue recruiting new members. Together with its legal establishment the Covenant on Demographic Change has now a face and a core of persons ready to invest time to support it.

The brochure on the Covenant is available in different languages: English, French, Italian, Polish and Spanish. This will help a lot to further recruit at local level.

The project coordinator has also already established a list of "missing members", those which were members of the AFE-INNOVNET TN and which have not yet joined the Covenant or which have promised to become member on 7 December and have not officially registered yet. These contacts will regularly be reactivated in order to incentivise them to join the Covenant. Last but not least events are already planned which and will be used to recruit new members, for example:

- The congress of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (20-22 April 2015, Nicosia) with a workshop on the Covenant on Demographic Change;
- The Conference organised in Groningen under the Dutch Presidency Auspices "Building the future of Health" (1-4 June 2016) which will look at the interactions between health and the built environment. Two sessions will be dedicated to age-friendly environments in relationship with the WHO programme and the Covenant on Demographic Change.

Further opportunities will be sought, in particular around the EU Open Days.

The continuation of the alignment with the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC) will also most probably open doors and clarify the situation for cities that are already members of the GNAFCC by reassuring them on the complementary of the two networks.

Annex 1 - Full list of Covenant Members (10 Feb. 2016)

	Name (English)	Country	Type of organisation				Membership			Founding member
			LRAs	CSO	Universities /research centres	Businesses	Full member	Ordinary member	Associate Member	
1	Regional Association of Municipalities of Attika	Greece	1				1			1
2	City of Stockholm	Sweden	1				1			1
3	City of Tampere	Finland	1				1			1
4	Nacka municipality	Sweden	1				1			1
5	French-speacking Network of Age-friendly cities	France	1				1			
6	City of Arnsberg	Germany	1					1		1
7	European Local Inclusion & Social Action Network	France	1				1			1
8	City of Udine	Italy	1				1			1
9	AGE Platform Europe	Belgium		1				1		1
10	Age Cymru	UK		1				1		
11	Diocesan Caritas of Coimbra	Portugal		1				1		1
12	Association Innovative Solutions for Independent Living cluster	Spain		1				1		1
13	Solimai cooperative ltd	Italy		1				1		1
14	From Generation to Generation	UK		1				1		1
15	RBS Center for age related questions	Luxembourg		1				1		1
16	Polibienestar Research Institute	Spain			1			1		1
17	National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing	Italy			1			1		1
18	Dublin City University	Ireland			1			1		1
19	Eating School, SL	Spain				1			1	1
20	40+Lab	Portugal				1			1	
21	Government of Biscay	Spain	1				1			1
22	European Union Geriatric Medicine Society	Austria		1				1		
23	The Intercivil Society	UK		1				1		
24	University of Deusto	Spain			1			1		1
25	Hogar Accesible	Spain				1			1	1

#	Organisation	Country							
26	LIGHTEN	Denmark				1		1	1
27	Design For All Foundation	Spain		1			1		1
28	CUBIGO	Belgium				1		1	
29	Universidad Politecnica de Madrid - Life Supporting Technologies	Spain			1		1		
30	Age UK Cheshire	UK		1			1		
31	Social Cooperative COOSS MARCHE ONLUS scpa	Italy		1			1		
32	International Federation for Family Development	Spain		1			1		1
33	European association for the coordination of consumer representation in standardisation	Belgium		1			1		1
34	Coordination Action and Home for Elderly	France		1			1		1
35	Social Cooperative of the Community of Venice	Italy		1			1		1
36	E-Seniors	France		1			1		
37	Eficient Construction Cluster	Spain		1			1		1
38	Eurocarers	Belgium		1			1		
39	Willeke van Staalduinen	Netherlands				1		1	1
40	Centro Regional Coordination and Development Commission	Portugal	1				1		1
41	ADI & SALU INT S.L.U.	Spain				1		1	
42	International Council on Social Welfare Europe	Netherlands		1			1		1
43	Association for International and Comparative Studies in Labour Law and Industrial Relations	Italy			1		1		1
44	Alzheimer Europe	Luxembourg		1			1		1
45	Bulgarian Red Cross	Bulgaria		1			1		1
46	Family Jobs Services	France				1		1	
47	Alzheimer Heraklion	Greece		1			1		1
48	Older Women's Network Europe	Netherlands		1			1		1
49	Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary	Hungary		1			1		1
50	Stichting Oudere Vrouwen Netwerk - Nederland (OVN-NL)	Netherlands		1			1		1

#	Name	Country								
51	OPENspace Research Centre	UK			1			1		1
52	Knowledge Center Social Europe	Belgium		1				1		1
53	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	UK	1				1			1
54	National union of the community centres for social action	France	1				1			1
55	SEPAD	Spain		1				1		1
56	Association of Psychosocial Research and Intervention	Greece		1				1		
57	Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities	Belgium	1				1			1
58	Local Health Authority of Trieste	Italy	1				1			1
59	Carpathian Basin Network Association	Hungary		1				1		1
60	City of Rijeka	Croatia	1				1			1
61	Marseille Local centre of social action	France	1				1			1
62	Co.Ri. Consortium of Social Cooperatives	Italy		1				1		1
63	Public Health General Directorate. Health Administration of Valencia Region	Spain	1				1			1
64	Inter Business 91 Ltd.	Bulgaria				1			1	
65	empirica Communication and Technology Research	Germany				1			1	1
66	Alba Iulia Municipality	Romania	1				1			1
67	Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas, Institute of Computer Science	Greece				1		1		
68	Age & Opportunity	Ireland		1				1		1
69	European Network for Social Authorities	Italy	1					1		1
70	City of Brussels	Belgium	1				1			1
71	Kunsziget Municipalty	Hungary	1				1			
72	Public institution for socially protective activities Celje	Slovenia		1				1		1
73	Municipality of Agia Varvara	Greece	1				1			1
74	Municipality of Agioi Anargyroi	Greece	1				1			1
75	Council Aranda de Duero	Spain	1				1			1

#	Organisation	Country								
76	Employment and Social Policies Departament. Basque Goverment	Spain	1				1			1
77	Regional Ministry of Family and Equal Opportunities. Castilla y León	Spain	1				1			1
78	Veneto Region	Italy	1				1			1
79	Municipality of Fredericia	Denmark	1					1		1
80	Louth County	Ireland	1				1			1
81	City of Groningen	Netherlands	1				1			
82	OCMW Aartselaar local social authority	Belgium	1				1			1
83	City of Ljubljana	Slovenia	1				1			1
84	Municipality of Amarante	Portugal	1				1			1
85	City of Manchester	UK	1				1			
86	AAL Programme	Belgium		1				1		1
87	City of Warsaw	Poland	1				1			
88	City of Aubagne	France	1				1			
89	Age Friendly Ireland	Ireland	1				1			1
90	Local Development Of Abasár	Hungary	1				1			1
91	Tallinn University of Technology	Estonia			1			1		
92	Agency Accessible Flanders	Belgium		1				1		
93	Birgitta Schueler my-faust Concept Universal=Design=for all	Germany				1			1	
94	SeniorWise	Germany				1			1	
95	Municipality of Aghii Anargiri Kamatero	Greece	1				1			
96	Municipality of Jerusalem	Israel	1				1			
97	RTEL AE	Greece				1			1	
98	European Large Families Confederation	Spain		1				1		
99	Sari2000	Italy				1			1	
100	Economic and Social Policy Associates	UK				1			1	

#	Name	Country								
101	Active Community For Value & Fit	France				1			1	
102	ATDAL Over40	Italy		1				1		
103	RevoCom Ltd	UK				1			1	
104	Bureau PAU BV	Netherlands				1			1	
105	INOVAMAIS - Consultancy Services in Technologic Innovation	Portugal				1			1	
106	Federico II University Hospital	Italy			1			1		
107	Public – Private aggregation for research, development, experimentation and validation of innovative technologies and services for Ambient Assisted Living	Italy			1			1		
108	Polish Institute of Silver Economy	Poland		1				1		
109	City of SANT'ANGELO DEI LOMBARDI	Italy	1					1		
110	Town of Montella	Italy	1					1		
111	Temporary Association of Purpose Montella-Calitri	Italy	1					1		
112	Municipality of Agropoli	Italy	1					1		
113	Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Naples Federico II	Italy			1			1		
114	GENS Foundation	Italy		1				1		
115	Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren - Institute for Ageing with Dignity	Czech Republic		1				1		
116	Department of Architecture	Italy		1				1		
117	Southern Hospital Institute	Italy				1			1	
118	Coleman Ltd	Italy				1			1	
119	Elderly Platform Bodensee	Austria		1				1		
120	Alpha Project	Italy		1				1		
121	Health Campus	Italy		1				1		
122	Municipality of Gdynia	Poland	1				1			
123	Network of European Foundations / European Foundations' Initiative on Dementia	Belgium		1				1		