

COST Action IS1409 Gender and Health Implications of Extending the Working Life

On April 28, 2017 Tallinn University organized COST ACTION IS1409 policy workshop 'The gender and health implications of extending the working life'.

The policy workshop was organized as a self-contained section of the two-days conference program 'New challenges in promoting life in Estonia – improving gender balance and third sector inclusion' organized by Estonian Women's Studies and Resource Center (ENUT) – thus it attracted a wider audience than might otherwise have been possible.

The COST workshop lasted three hours and offered a fruitful platform for discussions about the life expectancy of older women and men, different health conditions and engagement in labour market, educational activities and other social undertakings. There were 42 participants in the workshop from different organizations, including a member of Parliament Monika Haukanõmm, the head of the Estonian Social Work Association; the head of the health Promotion Department at the National Institute of Health Development; members of the Association of Estonian Demography; members of the Estonian Women's Studies and Resource Center; the leader of the Estonian Association of Volunteer Innovation.

Policy impact:

After the COST workshop the group of participants drew up a memorandum targeted to the Estonian Prime Minister, the Minister of Social Affairs and the Minister of Justice. The letter pointed out facts discussed in the seminar about older people and especially older men discrimination in non-formal education and in the labour market.

Issues presented in the seminar were as follows:

Marge Unt: 'Estonia in the context of Europe: Active Ageing Index by gender'.

Luule Sakkeus: 'Health conditions as a key factor for extended working life for older men and women'.

Iris Pettai: 'Older women and men in different regions of Estonia: economic and labour market situation'.

Tiina Tambaum: 'Older men and women in lifelong learning'.