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## Future Trends Series - GR:REEN Project

### Title of the report

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**The Greying of the Baby Boomers**

### Area

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Demography

### Reporter

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European Commission (Giampaolo Lanzieri)

### Type of the Reporter

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International Organisation

### Periodically updated?

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No

### First issued year

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2011

### Latest update

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### Official website

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<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>

### Language available

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English

### Short summary

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Over the next 50 years, population ageing is likely to attain unprecedented levels in 31 European countries, though the magnitude, speed and timing are likely to vary. For a large part of the 20th century, Sweden was the country with the highest median age, followed closely by Germany. This is shifting; Sweden is expected to have one of the youngest populations in Europe, together with most of the Nordic and Western Europe countries, while most of the Southern and Central-Eastern Europe countries may be above the average.

No matter what the indicator, no country is projected to have a lower value in 2060 than in 2010. In fact, these projected values are unprecedented in any human population: over the course of history, populations may have boomed or shrunk, but their age distributions have never been shaped almost like reversed pyramids, with the oldest age classes bigger than the youngest ones.

Although population ageing may differ from country to country (different timing, speed and/or extent), similarities can be explored across the 31 countries under consideration. The report has provided clusters with groupings of countries that report similar trends.

## Key trends

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- Eastward shift of ageing population.
- Shift of age distribution.
- Clusters of countries with similar trends can be noted.

## Suggestions

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## Methodology

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Survey

## Reference to other trends reports? If yes, which reports?

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Population Statistics:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

Eurostat:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home/>