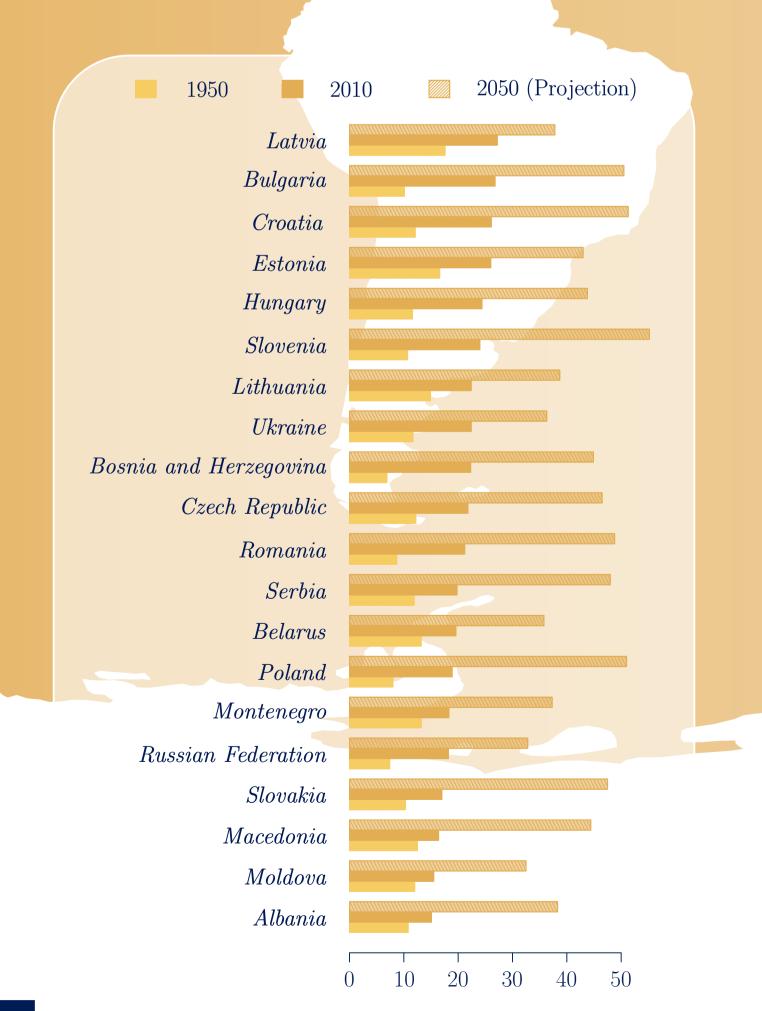
# EAST

EAST is a network for information exchange between its members, numbering almost 200 individuals and institutions who research migration and population ageing in Eastern European countries.

## Research Area Overview

Although population ageing set in much later in Eastern Europe than in other parts of Europe, the demographic trends of the 1990s and 2000s (dramatic drop in fertility, mass emigration of many younger people, and slow but continuous rise in life expectancy) lead to a much more rapid demographic ageing in the East than in Western or Northern Europe.

Many, if not all, Eastern European societies are illprepared for yet another dramatic societal transition, having not quite completed the previous one from socialism and planned economies to capitalism and free market economies.



**Figure:** Old-Age Dependency Ratios (Age 65+ / Age 15-64), estimated and projected (UN 2013)

Eastern-European Societies Transition





## Network Objectives

- Providing a platform for people with a research interest in demographic ageing and ageing societies in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE);
- EAST Website and mailing list;
- Circulating information on relevant research, statistics, literature, etc.;
- Organizing workshops & conferences on ageing in CEE;
- Writing publications on ageing in CEE;
- Initiating research on ageing issues in CEE;
- Capacity building (*Bank of expertise*);
- Funding opportunities (as a partner in funding applications);

#### EAST Events

- 2015 Görlitz, Germany: Workshop: Depopulation of Rural Areas in Central and Eastern Europe: Causes, Consequences and Solutions
- 2010 Cracow, Poland: XIVth Polish Sociology Congress, Thematic groups: Developing Sociology of Ageing and Ageing in the life course
- 2007 Oxford Institute of Ageing, ESRC Workshop: Understanding the Drivers of Population Ageing in CEE.
- 2007 Zielona Gora, Poland: XIIIth Polish Sociological Congress, Session: Ageing and Society
- 2006 Oxford, UK: James Martin School, Seminar Series: Implications of Population Ageing in Central and Eastern Europe.

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Italy

Germany Bulgaria Sweden Finland Belgium Croatia -Hungary Switzerland Denmark Greece Austria Slovenia Latvia Estonia Portugal Spain Ukraine United Kingdom France Czech Republic Luxembourg Netherlands Norway Russia Belarus Lithuania Bosnia & Herz Poland Serbia Romania Montenegro Slovakia Macedonia Iceland Ireland Moldova Albania

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Portugal Germany Serbia Spain Bosnia & Herz. Italy Macedonia Poland Greece Croatia Romania Slovenia 1 Slovakia Bulgaria Albania Hungary Austria Moldova *Netherlands* Montenegro Czech Republic Estonia Switzerland Lithuania Finland Belgium Belarus Luxembourg Ukraine France United Kingdom Iceland Latvia Denmark Ireland Russia Norway Sweden

**Figure:** Ranking of European countries by median age, with Eastern European countries highlighted; estimated and projected (UN 2013)

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Data: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, DVD Edition.