

# OKRA CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE! BELGIUM

EZA-Seminar Euromf vzw





#### **ABOUT OKRA**

Oostende 6

Brugge 🍘

Kortrijk 🌑

Roeselare

Ieper 🌑

Eeklo 🌑

Oudenaarde 🌑



Limburg

Kempen

Mechelen

Brussel

Oost-Brabant

Antwerpen

Waasland

Gent Aalst

Dendermonde (

- **-210 000 members**
- -18 regions in Flanders
- -1 coordinating organisation (Brussels)
- -1180 local meetingplaces









# MAIN ACTIVITIES

uniting retired/aged people

 offering a diverse and high-quality range of activities (sports, culture, travelling,....)

creating social involvement







# STEP BY STEP OKRA













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# PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF AGED PEOPLE

- LOCAL NATIONWIDE training volunteers, also to represent
- SERVICES

=assistance questions related to pension and care

PRESSURE GROUP (lobby)











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#### **INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT**

- **\* DEMONSTRATIONS**
- **\* PETITIONS**
- \* REPRESENTATION
- **\* DISCUSSIONS**
- **STUDY GROUPS**





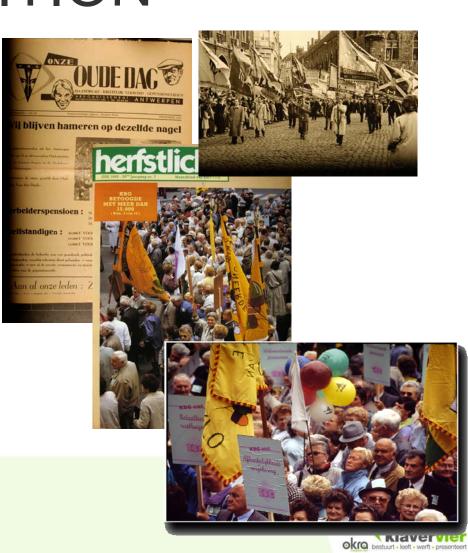




# **TRADITION**













AFFORDABLE LIVING











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#### **DEMONSTRATION - WHY?**



- > 25% of the elderly live below the poverty line!
- **▶** Reinforcement of the basic pension (1st pillar)
- >Minimum pensions are too low
- **Eldest pensions upgrading to the current level prosperity**
- >NO to a Europe reducing social protection!





#### **BELGIAN PENSIONS**



- 2 major principles
  - insurance
  - solidarity
- Based on three pillars

PILLAR 1
STATUTORY

PILLAR 2
ENTERPRICE/
COMPANY

PILLAR 3
INDIVIDUAL
(tax reduction)







#### **BELGIAN PENSIONS**

✓ REPARTITION VS CAPITALISATION

✓ Normal age: 65 vs EARLYR RETIREMENT

✓ **Minimum**: €1 025 vs **Max**.: €1 913 (+/- 1500 nett)

✓ periods of working, made equal non-working (unemployed..) revaluation/indexation, single/head of the household







#### SOCIAL EUROPE?

- ☐ Against social exclusion
- ☐ Promoting social justice
- ☐ Promoting solidarity between generations

#### **VERSUS**

**European 'greenbook'** = main focus on additionel pension (2nd pillar) = economic + budgery reasons!



