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**Q1** Name of the organization:

ZVEZA DRUŠTEV UPOKOJENCEV SLOVENIJE (ZDUS) / (English: SLOVENIAN FEDERATION OF PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS)

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**Q2** The purpose of the organization:

Purpose of ZDUS is volunteer networking and cooperation of its members to pursue, coordinate and implement common interests that are directed towards improving the quality of life of retired and older people and to represent them on a national level before state and government bodies. Implementing humanitarian programmes and others that are in public interest is one of the highest priorities of ZDUS.

Others are: creating conditions for an active, productive, creative and independent life for older persons for as long as possible; advocacy for the recognition of the potential of older persons' knowledge and experience; implementing volunteer programmes that contribute to a humane last period of life achieved through social solidarity and self-help activities of older people; improving economic and housing situation of older people; engagement in the legislative process and close monitoring of the legislative amendments affecting older people.

ZDUS is a relevant NGO that works with the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on developing measures and decisions for improving the life of older people in many segments of their lives. An example of cooperation with the Government is the membership of a representative of ZDUS in the Council of the Government for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Cooperation, where measures for the implementation of the Active Ageing Strategy are developed.

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**Q3** Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

ZDUS as one of the largest NGOs in Slovenia is an advocate for older people's rights in Slovenia, implementing several programmes and activities to fight against discrimination and ageism in all areas of older people's lives.

ZDUS prepares and submits its position regarding legislation and acts which are being prepared and are regarding the Slovenian pension system, health care, social care, housing, living conditions of older people, silver economy etc. ZDUS carries out campaigns that promote a healthy lifestyle, active ageing with engagement in sports, recreational, cultural and social activities in local communities, supports campaigns that promote zero tolerance towards violence against older people and many others. ZDUS has several commissions (for living standards and pension policy, for life-long learning, publicity and informatics, for personnel, organisational and statutory matters, for culture, for social issues, for sports and recreation, for technological culture, for health care and mental health, for the economy and tourism) and an Expert Council, of which all of them have members that are regional representatives, which ensure that initiatives from the local associations of pensioners reach out on a national level to the policy and decision makers.

In the past decade ZDUS has, with the support of HelpAge International, been part of the international campaign ADA (Age Demands Action) which is a grassroots movement of campaigners in 60 countries and which enables older people to meet with decision-makers and lobby their local and national governments to push the issues most important to them.

As part of ZDUS's activities in the international department ZDUS engages in activities for the preparation of the contributions for the Slovene delegation that attends the annual sessions of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing.

Annually, for the International Day of Older Persons, ZDUS raises public awareness on the need for strengthening international legal instruments, i.e. Treaty on the Rights of Older Persons.

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**Q4** Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

At international level ZDUS was awarded by the European Parliament with The European Citizens Prize in 2017, which honours Exceptional Europeans, for its volunteer social care programme Older people for better quality of living at home. In the programme 3.500 retired volunteers help their peers (older people aged 65 and more) to remain independent as long as possible in their own homes by providing assistance and arranging help from other organisations, depending on the specific need of the individual. The motto of the programme is "Today I will help you, then tomorrow someone younger will help me".

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**Q5** A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

ZDUS has 13 regional associations members, which join 500 local pensioners associations across Slovenia. A full description is available here: <http://www.zdus-zveza.si/description-of-zdus>

The highest governing body of ZDUS is Members' Assembly. Elections to the Assembly are carried out in regional federations, following a proposal by the pensioners' organisations on the basis of the criteria adopted by the Administrative Committee for each individual Assembly in such a way that each representative represents at least 6,000 members of the pensioners' organisations. The country of nationality of all members is Slovenia.

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**Q6** List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

Financial sources and contributions are:

- a) Foundation for Financing Disability and Humanitarian Organizations in the Republic of Slovenia (FIHO)
- b) Financial sources from the government budget, European fund and other public sources (calls)
- c) Financial sources from other foundations, institutions and funds
- d) Donations from legal and natural persons
- e) Membership fees
- f) Revenue generated in the market: sales of products and services
- g) Revenue generated in the market: sales of merchandise goods and material
- h) Other financial incomes

Exact amounts for each listing (a-h) is available in the copy of the last available financial annual report 2018 on page 6/8.

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**Q7** Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

**ZDUS\_Annual report 2018.pdf (5.5MB)**

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**Q8** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

**ZDUS\_Yearly financial report 2018.pdf (354.4KB)**

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**Q9** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10** A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

ZDUS has been active since 1946 and is organised as an umbrella organisation with 13 members, Regional Federations of Pensioners Associations of the region Pomurje, Zgornje Podravje, Spodnje Podravje, Šaleška, Koroška, Celjska, Zasavje, Posavje, Dolenjska in Bela krajina, Severna Primorska, Južna Primorska, Gorenjska in Ljubljana z okolico. These 13 regional members have 503 local pensioner associations, which brings ZDUS a total of more than 190.000 members across entire Slovenia (what amounts to 10% of the 2 million total population of Slovenia).

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**Q11** A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

**STATUT\_ZDUS\_2017.pdf (855.5KB)**

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**Q12** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q15** Website

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