

ageing, the old-age support ratio, which is the number of persons aged 15 to 64 years per person aged 65 or older, has decreased in the region from 12.1 in 1980 to 9.1 in 2013 and is expected to decrease further to around 5 by 2050. Low old-age support ratios are expected to have several economic and social implications, such as negative impact on pension schemes when a shrinking working population has to finance the pensions of an increasing number of older persons.

The policy options to address the impact of the demographic transition include the following:

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