The Spanish National Association of University Programmes for Older Adults (Spanish abbreviation AEPUM) is formed by public and private universities, along with other legal entities that have university education for older adults among their aims. AEPUM is a nonprofit association with university-oriented goals that has recourse to the Organic Law 1/2002 of March 22nd which regulates Freedom of Association.

According to its articles of association, AEPUM has as its main aim to promote educational university programmes for older adults, thus helping seniors’ educational and cultural development. In order to achieve this goal, the Association favours and develops dialogue and communication between universities and public as well as private institutions. In this way, AEPUM will promote culture, the search for solutions to satisfy educational needs, acting as an inter-university information and advice centre regarding programmes for older adults, adapting to the principles of autonomy, participation and relationship with its context.

Its sphere of action covers the whole Spanish territory.

It is formed by 46 universities, distributed across the following autonomous regions: Andalusia (9); Madrid (5); Castile and Leon (6); Catalonia (6); Galicia (3); Canary Islands (2); Valencian Community (5); Murcia (2); La Rioja (1); Castile-La Mancha (1); Extremadura (1); Basque Country (1); Principality of Asturias (1); Balearic Islands (1); Cantabria (1); and the UNED (National Distance Learning University). Its action affects more than 58,000 students above 50 years of age who carry out educational activities in the associated centres.
OBJECTIVES

- To promote new educational and cultural strategies related to older adults.
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