



European
Commission

Guidance for reporting on the implementation of the Council Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality long-term care



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*Employment,
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Council Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality LTC



Affordability

adequate, timely and comprehensive social protection



Availability

more LTC services & options, home care & community-based care, territorial gaps, innovative & digital solutions, accessibility



Quality

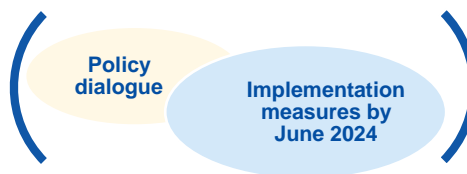
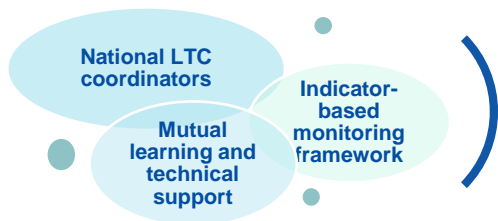
LTC quality framework, based on quality principles and quality assurance



Carers

quality employment, fair working conditions, addressing skills needs and workforce shortages, access to support services and social protection for informal carers, work-life balance

Monitoring and governance



Aim and structure

- To support the consistency of the reporting, while taking into account the specific context of each country, with a view to facilitate the policy dialogue and mutual learning at EU level, as well as the monitoring of progress in implementing the Recommendation
- The **context section** should aim to establish the baseline for reporting.
- The **section on overall policy response and measures (to be) taken** should explain how the country intends to close the gaps, if any, in relation to the specific provisions of the Recommendation
- As a **way forward**, the report could mention potential remaining LTC challenges and needs for further EU support

1. Context and baseline

1.1. Diagnosis of the gaps and remaining challenges

- This section provides a brief assessment of the national situation and identifies challenges to be addressed (if there are any) in relation to the policy objectives of the LTC Recommendation.
- To the extent possible, the assessment and identification of challenges should be mapped with the relevant articles of the Recommendation.

1.2. Stakeholders' involvement

- This section explains how the various stakeholders were involved in reviewing national LTC policy in relation with the LTC Recommendation and in defining national measures to address the identified challenges.

2. Policy objectives and measures (to be) taken

2.1. Overall policy response

- This section describes how the gaps identified in relation with the objectives of the Recommendation have been/ will be addressed.
- It provides a breakdown of the overall policy response into a list of concrete measures, mapped to the extent possible with the relevant articles/ letters of the Recommendation.

2.2. Description of the measures

- Aim
- Type (e.g. legislative reform, investment, etc.)
- Target group (definition and size)
- Results and impact (expected or achieved)
- Timeline
- Financial resources (both national and EU funding)
- Implementing body(ies) and cooperation with stakeholders
- Evaluation
- Cross-linkages with other measures

3. Remaining challenges and needs for EU support

3.1. Remaining challenges

- This section describes any potentially remaining LTC challenges not addressed by those measures already taken/ planned.
- Reflections on why they cannot be addressed at national / regional level are welcome.

3.2. EU support

- This section should highlight needs for further EU support, including in relation with remaining challenges not addressed by planned/ already taken measures.
- It could also highlight potential contributions from the Member State to the EU level policy dialogue on LTC (e.g. good practice, high-level initiatives or networking opportunities, etc.).

Submissions

- Reports should be submitted via official correspondence for the attention of Commissioner Schmit. A courtesy copy should be sent to EMPL-LTC@ec.europa.eu by 15 June 2024 at the latest.
- Earlier submissions are strongly encouraged.

Thank you!