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## Third meeting of the national long-term care coordinators

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### Main take-aways

On 23-24 November, national long-term care coordinators from 21 Member States (AT, BE, BG, CZ, CY, DE, EE, ES, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LV, LT, MT, NL, PL, PT, SE, SI) met for the third time, in Brussels.

The coordinators discussed country-level processes for the implementation of the LTC Recommendation. Exchanges concerning the **national and regional stakeholders' involvement in the design of the implementation measures** pointed to a wide array of practices and inclusive approaches, such as surveys to regional authorities, interviews, use of already existing inter-ministerial working groups, creation of task forces, broad written consultations, platforms for dialogue with NGOs and social partners.

Following the written round of consultation and further discussion, the **coordinators agreed on the guidance for the Member States' reporting**, due by June 2024. There was agreement on the usefulness of a consistent approach, while paying due account to the country-specific circumstances and contexts and the possibility to cross reference to existing measures/reports where relevant. Further, as part of the 2024 SPC Work Programme, it was agreed that **dedicating the thematic social reporting to the implementation of the LTC recommendation** will help reduce the administrative burden and elevate the political visibility of the initiative.

The LTC coordinators discussed further **challenges faced by the care workforce, in particular in relation to skills**, based on a presentation for CEDEFOP. For the next mutual learning focusing on LTC workforce, coordinators indicated their interest in topics such as recruitment of third country nationals in the sector, addressing the gender dimension, addressing challenges related to retention and ageing of the workforce, increasing the attractiveness of the sector for young people, as well as support for informal carers.

In terms of other areas of **further EU support**, participants stressed the unique position of the EC in addressing analytical needs for cross-EU analyses, strengthening the evidence base, incentivising country-level investments and reforms via EU funding for LTC, and building the 'social investment' case for LTC to inform decisions on funding.

This meeting was followed by a mutual learning seminar on adequate social protection in LTC, covering comprehensiveness, timeliness and affordability dimensions.

**Next steps as concerns the implementation measures**

- Revised guidance addressing suggestions by the LTC coordinators shared to SPC delegates for information/ feedback by 15 December 2023
- Official sending of the Guidance for reporting on national implementation to Member States (Q1 2024)
- Reporting by Member States on national measures (by June 2024)
- Synthesis of national measures for the SPC Annual Report (September 2024)
- Commission review and stocktaking of plans (form to be determined)

**Next steps as concerns policy dialogue and mutual learning**

- Meeting of LTC coordinators (online, February 2024, tbc)
- Meeting of LTC coordinators and mutual learning seminar on LTC workforce (Brussels, March/ April 2024)
- Meeting of LTC coordinators (June 2024)