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European Care Strategy and Long-Term Care Recommendation: directions for reform and EU-level support for integrated care



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European Care Strategy

Scope

- Care receivers and carers
- Care in a lifelong perspective, with focus on ECEC and long-term care
- Synergies with other policies and related EU initiatives (e.g. skills, employment, disability, health care, social dialogue, gender equality)

Areas of action

- Improving care services
- Improving working conditions in the care sector
- Better balance between work and care responsibilities
- Investing in care
- Improving the evidence base and monitoring progress

Council Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality long-term care



Affordability

social protection: timely, comprehensive, adequate



Availability

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



Quality

LTC quality framework
Quality principles
Quality assurance



Carers

formal
informal

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Long-term care quality framework



for all LTC settings, LTC providers, regions & municipalities



based on common quality principles



including key quality assurance elements

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Quality principles



Respect

Prevention

Person-centeredness

Comprehensiveness & continuity

Focus on outcomes

Transparency

Workforce

Facilities

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Quality assurance



Standards

all settings & providers
collaboration
go beyond minimum

Funding

sufficient resources
public procurement



Independent living

in all LTC settings

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Examples of EU-level support

Services

- Technical assistance (TSI)
- International cooperation (WHO, OECD)

Workforce

- Working conditions
- Social dialogue
- Skills

Funding

- Up-skilling and re-skilling, independent living, home care and community-based care (ESF, RRF)
- Innovation and digitalization (Horizon Europe, Digital Europe)

Monitoring and mutual learning

- European Semester
- Monitoring framework with the Social Protection Committee
- Mutual learning and peer reviews



Technical Support Instrument: implementing structural reforms in health, social care and long-term care

Examples of technical support measures

- ✓ **Assessment of gaps and barriers** to an effective delivery of care from various perspectives: legislation, governance, funding & resources, workforce development, IT systems and data management, ...
- ✓ **Development of a strategy and roadmap** towards more integrated care provision
- ✓ **Stakeholder consultation** and exchange of good practices with other Member States
- ✓ **Support of reform implementation**, including through pilot implementation of new approaches to care provision

Examples of selected projects



Better integration of health and social services for non-self-sufficient people at home



A new framework for quality, person-centered long-term care services



A new workforce model for integrated care in Ireland

Strategy for the creation of community participatory processes in the Basque Country

Quality reforms and investments in the RRP

- BG: development of minimum quality standards
- CR: equalising quality of the provided service
- PL: development of a quality framework
- RO: development of minimum quality standards
- SI: more training to ensure quality
- ES: improve building infrastructure for better quality
- SE: training of assistant nurses to provide better quality





European Social Fund+

ESF+ FOR LTC AND HEALTH (IN MILLION EUR, TOTAL BUDGET)

■ ESF+ for LTC and health (in million EUR, total budget)

MEASURES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE (EXCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE)

1055

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY, EFFECTIVENESS AND RESILIENCE OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS (EXCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE)

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MEASURES TO ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE SERVICES

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MEASURES ENCOURAGING ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING

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MEASURES FOR A HEALTHY AND WELL-ADAPTED WORKING ENVIRONMENT ADDRESSING HEALTH RISKS, INCLUDING PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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A few examples of ESF+ funded projects



Malta programme extends mental health lifeline

A comprehensive package to people experiencing mental health problems : early diagnosis and targeted support



Day-care centers help older persons meet day-to-day needs

KIFI centres are open structures of hospitality and care for older persons who find themselves unable to take care of themselves independently



Independent living for people with intellectual disabilities

In Greece, Axizo project aims to improve participants' quality of life by giving them comprehensive healthcare, education, daily care and support in live autonomously

More examples on :: <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/projects>

State of long-term care in the EU: EC – WHO partnership



A **self-assessment tool** to allow for a structured analysis of national long-term care systems, review of on-going or planned long-term care reforms and the elaboration of targeted policy options for system strengthening

- can guide reforms and, as relevant, technical support for care system reforms aligned to the policy objectives of the Council recommendation on LTC
- can be used by Member States / regions for self-assessment and planning of LTC policies
- important to involve all relevant actors in the self-assessment process and the design and implementation of follow up measures

Pilots: **Lithuania and Ireland**



Thank you



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