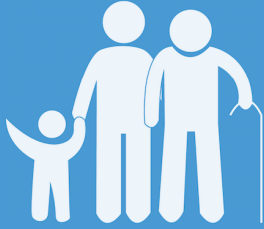


Principle 18: Long-term Care

A strategic and coordinated approach to long-term care



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Everyone has the right to affordable long-term care services of good quality, in particular home-care and community-based services.

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1 What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

Address the rising demand for care provision

in the EU through a strategic and coordinated approach in all Member States;

Consider investments in long-term care services as necessary to enable people a life in dignity;

Apply a human rights-based approach to long-term care services;

Put the individual needs of people receiving long-term care services at the core of the service provision, and involve them in designing and improving the care they receive;

Improve the working conditions in the long-term care sector, including the support for informal and family carers;

Ensure the highest quality of services;

Reduce the overreliance on informal long-term care and the overburdening of informal carers.

2 Why do we make these demands?

Increasing life expectancy, low birth rates, and other factors put a strain on long-term care systems;

Home-care and community-based care are underdeveloped and there is insufficient availability of residential care;

Shortages of qualified professionals, also due to poor working conditions and low income;

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed existing structural problems.

3 How should they be implemented at EU level?

Ensure that long-term care is a priority in future funding instruments;

Introduce effective monitoring mechanisms with concrete indicators and targets, which allow for benchmarking;

Effectively address the challenges in relation to access, affordability and quality of long-term care in the upcoming EU Green Paper on Ageing.

Read more about principle 18 in our [full paper](#).



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