

**Question for written answer E-002533/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Future EU care deal

In reply to written questions E-000390/2025¹ and E-000942/2025² regarding a future EU care deal, the Commission states that it will ‘work to create a more coherent framework for addressing long-term care workforce challenges including facilitating the recognition of skills and qualifications, supporting skills development and career progression and improving working conditions’.

While this is a welcome commitment, the ‘coherent framework’ described appears to focus primarily on professional care workers. An estimated 80 % of long-term care across the EU is provided by informal carers, who are often unpaid family members or friends, forming the backbone of long-term care provision. Given the foregoing:

Can the Commission clarify how this future framework will explicitly include and address the specific needs, rights and working conditions of informal carers?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000390-ASW_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000942-ASW_EN.html