

Question for written answer E-001913/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting older persons from abuse and neglect

In recent years, several Member States have seen an increase in cases of abuse against older persons either in the form of physical, psychological or verbal violence or neglect by caregivers. This is a serious social problem the European Union is facing and one that is underreported and not highlighted enough.

The demographic evolution in the European Union and the ever-increasing need for long-term care services make it necessary to enhance the quality of the services provided through the development of prevention, inspection and reporting systems, as well as to further strengthen the professionalism of the sector, provide ongoing training for carers and ensure safe and decent care conditions for older persons.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What measures does it intend to take and how does it plan to support Member States in preventing and addressing the mistreatment of older persons in situations of dependency?
2. Is it considering establishing common European standards for the training, certification, supervision and assessment of carers looking after older people, to ensure the quality and safety of care provided?
3. Does it intend to promote the collection of comparable data from across the EU concerning cases of abuse of older persons and the quality of long-term care services, as part of the European Care Strategy?

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