

**Question for written answer E-004001/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Long-term care services in island regions

The European Commission estimates that the number of people who may need long-term care services in the European Union is expected to increase from 30.8 million in 2019 to 38.1 million by 2050. The European care strategy and the Council Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality long-term care prioritise strengthening long-term care systems and reducing territorial disparities in access to relevant services.

In Chios, the non-profit organisation ‘ΖΩΗ PLUS’ (Life Plus) was established with the aim of setting up care and supported living facilities for people of the third and fourth age. The initiative envisages the creation of independent supported living apartments, a day centre for people with dementia and active ageing programmes.

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

1. How does it assess Greece’s progress in implementing the European care strategy and the Council Recommendation on long-term care?
2. What EU financial and technical instruments are available to support the development of long-term care services by non-profit actors, especially in island and remote areas?
3. What best practices and models for the provision of long-term care services from other Member States, especially in island or remote areas, could serve as a blueprint for the development of such services in Greece?

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