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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission supports Member States to prevent and address the mistreatment of older persons, in line with the European Care Strategy<sup>1</sup> and the Council Recommendation on Long-Term Care<sup>2</sup> (LTC). This encompasses technical support and EU funds, such as Cohesion funds or the Recovery and Resilience Facility, and mutual learning. In addition, the Commission, in cooperation with the World Health Organisation, supports Member States improve the quality of LTC services across all care settings through mutual learning and compiles data on LTC quality management.

The Recommendation on LTC underscores the need for adequate training and working conditions for care professionals. To support this, the Commission has launched the Large-Scale Skills Partnership for LTC to equip workers with digital and person-centred care skills. The European Social Fund plus helps reskill and upskill care workers and funds measures to help improve their working conditions.

To underpin monitoring efforts, the Commission and the Social Protection Committee developed a Monitoring Framework, which establishes a core set of LTC indicators, including policy levers on LTC quality. The Commission will report to the Council on the implementation of the Recommendation on LTC and put forward a European Care Deal in 2027.

In 2023, the Commission proposed a Regulation on the protection of adults in cross-border situations. The Regulation aims to safeguard adults who, due to a disability or health-related limitations, are not in a position to fully protect their own interests in cross-border situations and to ensure that their right to individual autonomy is maintained when they move or reside across Member States<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022DC0440>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C\\_2022.476.01.0001.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_2022.476.01.0001.01.ENG).

<sup>3</sup> The co-legislators reached a political agreement on the proposed Regulation on 12 May 2026 and the Regulation is now being finalized.