

## Workshop: **Social protection for long-term care**

Brussels, 20 November, 10:45-13:30

### **Objectives:**

As highlighted in the Report on [Adequate social protection for long-term care needs in an ageing society](#) produced by the Social Protection Committee and the Commission services, dependency on long-term care is a significant health-related economic and social risk for individuals and their families. Social care needs are not covered as comprehensively in social protection systems as the health care of people with long-term care needs. The primary responsibility of obtaining the required social care shifts often to the dependent persons and their relatives.

With such limited social protection against the risk of needing long-term care, the living conditions of the dependent will hinge on his/her means and the family's ability and willingness to provide or pay for care. This may have negative impacts on equity, as some families will be much more affected than others. In addition, neither the quality nor the efficiency of informal care can be guaranteed.

A lack of social protection (through benefits in cash or the provision of services) against the risk of dependency thus exposes many Europeans to an increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, and their number could grow as Europe's population ages. In the coming years, Member States will have to find the right balance between adequate protection and financial sustainability of long-term care systems.

The workshop will start off with an overview presentation on the social protection gaps causing poverty risks for dependent persons and their relatives as well as comparing the situation across Member States. This would be followed by two panel debates which will be introduced by presentations on national experiences.

The workshop will be an opportunity to discuss:

- What is the social impact of different levels of social protection for long-term care needs on dependent persons and their relatives?
- What is adequate social protection against long-term care dependency?
- How to ensure adequate social protection against the financial risks related to long-term care in a fiscally sustainable manner?

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Partner stakeholder(s)	AGE Platform Europe and Eurocarers
Chair:	Rob Anderson, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
Introductory presentation	Tim Muir, OECD

Panellists	<p>Davor Dominkuš, Secretary Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia</p> <p>Anja Noro, Finish National Institute for Health and Welfare</p> <p>Joseph Levitt, Department of Health, United Kingdom</p> <p>Sebastian Fischer, Chief Executive of Voice of Carers Across Lothian (VOCAL) and former board member of Eurocarers</p> <p>Alvy Derks, Older Women's Network and AGE Platform Europe, Netherland</p>
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