

Long Term Care Conference

Principle 18 of the European Pillar of Social Rights stresses that everyone has the right to affordable long-term care services of good quality, in particular homecare and community-based services. As apparent from the 2021 Report on Long-term Care prepared jointly by the Social Protection Committee and the European Commission, the Member States face some common challenges in long-term care. These challenges are linked to the demographic changes, the gender dimension of long-term care, as well as issues concerning staffing.

The conference brings together representatives of the European institutions, carers' organisations, service providers, academia, policy makers at national level, etc. The event is organised by Radka Maxova and Milan Brglez, Members of the European Parliament.

Agenda

Date: 2nd of December 2021 14:00-16:30

Place: online

Opening:

- MEP Maxova Opening Speech
- MEP Brglez Opening Speech

Panel 1 – Rising demand for long-term care and the need to ensure quality care that is in line with gender equality and social fairness

- While the number of older people is increasing, the pandemic highlighted systematic weaknesses in long-term care systems. Moreover, older people, having lower levels of income, might find it difficult to access quality long-term care. Without a transformation, long-term care sector will further exacerbate the already existing deficiencies and inequalities.
- Panellists:
 - **Tereza Pastičkářová**: mapping of the current situation in the EU in terms of demographic changes and political environment
 - **European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities, Secretary General Maya Doneva**: identifying challenges from the point of view of care providers for persons with disabilities, proposing solutions
 - **Age Platform, President Ebbe Johansen**: focusing on quality and accessibility of long term care
 - **DG EMPL, Unit C2 Modernisation of Social Protection Systems, Dana Carmen Bachmann**: EU financing of long-term care, support to the Member States
 - **Professor at Roskilde University and expert on Danish social welfare systems, PhD & MSc Jon Kvist**: good practice
 - **Srebrna nit, President Ms Biserka Marolt Meden**
- Q&A

Panel 2 – Informal Care

- Informal carers, mostly women, carry out around 30 % to around 85 % of all long-term care across Member States. Although informal care is sometimes a matter of preference, it is not always the case and it oftentimes comes at great personal and professional costs. It is necessary to effectively support informal carers.
- Panellists:
 - **Eurofound, Research manager, Hans Dubois:** mapping of LTC working conditions, focus on informal carers
 - **European Institute for Gender Equality, Mgr. et Bc. Radan Šafařík:** feminization of LTC sector
 - **Eurocarers, President Sari Tervonen:** informal carers skills and training
 - **ETUC, policy officer for health and social services, Adam Rogalewski:** working conditions of informal carers
 - **Spominčica association, President Štefanija Lukič Zlobec**
- Q&A

Closing:

- MEP Maxova Closing Speech
- MEP Brglez Closing Speech