

Ageing in Dignity: Designing effective strategies for tackling elder abuse

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The number of older people, particularly over the age of 80, will be growing very fast over the coming decades. While most of the over-80s can be expected to be able to live autonomously, a large minority are likely to be frail and dependent for prolonged periods on help from others, be they relatives or professional carers. They will be vulnerable to neglect or even abuse. Protecting the dignity of these people is becoming a major challenge for our societies.

The European Commission organised in March 2008 the 1st European high level conference on the prevention of elder abuse. Since then, the Commission funded a number of projects under the DAPHNE and the Health Action programmes and through a pilot project on elder abuse focusing in particular on better ways for detecting and preventing elder abuse.

Since 2008 the Commission co-financed a number of actions under the DAPHNE programme and the Health action programme. It has also launched a number of activities through a pilot project on elder abuse. Under the pilot project three actions are being supported which explore better ways for detecting and monitoring elder abuse as well as for tackling and preventing it. A joint project with the OECD on quality issues in long-term issues was also launched.

The purpose of the conference will be to take stock of the achievements of these EU initiatives and to exchange views about what needs and could be done at national and European level to protect the dignity and well-being of older people.



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09:00 Registration and Coffee

Morning Session

10:00 Opening speech

- **László ANDOR**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

10:15 Key note speeches

- **Ensuring high quality in long-term care** - Yuki MURAKAMI, OECD
- **2011 Report on preventing elder maltreatment** - WHO (t.b.c.)

11:00 Session on detecting and monitoring of elder abuse in Member States

- **ABUEL – Elder abuse: A multinational prevalence survey** - Joaquim SOARES, Karolinska Institute Stockholm, and Francisco TORRES-GONZÁLEZ, University of Granada, Spain
- **Monitoring elder abuse in long-term care** – Uwe BRUCKER, Andrea KIMMEL, Nadine SCHEMPP, Deutscher medizinischer Dienst, Germany

Discussion with the floor on what needs and can be done at national level

12:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session chaired by Jérôme Vignon

14.00 Preventing and tackling elder abuse in Member States

- **Mapping of good practice for the prevention of elder abuse** –Licia BOCALETTI, Consorzio Anziani e Non SOLO, Italy
- **Protecting wellbeing and dignity of older people** - AGE Platform Europe
- Presentation of a national strategy

Discussion with the floor on what needs and can be done at national level

15:30 Final panel discussion on what needs and can be done at EU level

Panellists:

- **Liz LYNNE**, Member of the European Parliament, ALDE group, United Kingdom (t.b.c.)
- **Jackie MINOR**, European Commission, DG SANCO, Director for Consumer Affairs (t.b.c.)
- **Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA**, European Commission, DG JUST, Director for Equality (t.b.c.)
- **Ralf JACOB**, European Commission, DG EMPL, Acting Director for Europe 2020: social policies

Panellists will be invited to react to a number of concrete proposals to:

Develop quality standards for long-term care - AGE Platform Europe

Improve working conditions of carers – **Mathias MAUCHER**, European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)

Support informal carers – **Marja PIJL**, Eurocarers

Regulate cross-border provision of care services - **Robert SPEISER**, European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA)

Strengthen consumer rights - BEUC

Strengthen the rights of older people - Jan Jarab, Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

16:45 Closing speech

- **Karen HÆKKERUP**, Minister for Social Affairs and Integration, Denmark (t.b.c.)

17:00 End of conference