



Doc. 13771
23 April 2015

A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of the elderly and their comprehensive care

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Ms Ana MATO and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

More than 87 million people in Europe are over 65 years old. It is estimated that, by 2060, this figure will rise to around 174 million. Since 2000, life expectancy has risen by 2.6 years for women and by 3.3 years for men. This demographic trend in Europe is therefore of prime social, economic and political significance.

Scientific progress, biomedical research and new medical products have brought changes in health issues in the western world. This has led to a considerable increase in long-term health care and, therefore, new challenges for health-care systems in terms of sickness prevention, promotion of health, content and quality of health services, organisation of hospital care, training of professionals and economic sustainability.

The European Union's 2020 Strategy is intended to ensure socially inclusive growth, an inclusive labour market and the reduction of poverty and social exclusion. It is therefore of the highest importance to promote healthy and active ageing, and to ensure that countries take a broad approach when implementing their own strategies.

Therefore, the Parliamentary Assembly should examine the different systems in the member States and the future trends. This would lead to proposing common policies aimed at guaranteeing the rights of the elderly in the context of solidarity between generations, and at providing the support of the authorities in ensuring new approaches to this important issue.

Signed (see overleaf)



Signed¹:

MATO Ana, Spain, EPP/CD
ÅBERG Borianana, Sweden, EPP/CD
AMON Werner, Austria, EPP/CD
BONET PEROT Sílvia Eloïsa, Andorra, SOC
DÍAZ TEJERA Arcadio, Spain, SOC
GHILETCHI Valeriu, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD
HÜBINGER Anette, Germany, EPP/CD
JORDANA MADERO Carles, Andorra, ALDE
KYRIAKIDES Stella, Cyprus, EPP/CD
LAVESSON Olof, Sweden, EPP/CD
MAGRADZE Guguli, Georgia, SOC
MAIJ Marit, Netherlands, SOC
MATEU PI Meritxell, Andorra, ALDE
PALACIOS José Ignacio, Spain, EPP/CD
PALLARÉS CORTÉS Judith, Andorra, ALDE
PINTADO Ángel, Spain, EPP/CD
PREDA Cezar Florin, Romania, EPP/CD
QUINTANILLA Carmen, Spain, EPP/CD
RAATIKAINEN Mika, Finland, NR
RZAYEV Rovshan, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD
SEDÓ Salvador, Spain, EPP/CD

1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialist Group
NR: Representatives not belonging to a Political Group