

UNECE Policy Seminar on Ageing Quality in Long-Term Care

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Objective	<p>Population ageing and growing longevity have been continuously increasing the demand for long-term care and for skilled care professionals in the European region. In particular, the growth in the number and proportion of the "oldest old" above 80 years, who are more frequently in need of long-term care, is exercising pressure on countries' care infrastructures.</p> <p>To prepare for this surge in demand, long-term care services need to be continually expanded and adjusted, to be able to maintain high quality while securing access for all. Apart from ensuring access to appropriate care, it is equally important to uphold the dignity and highest possible level of autonomy and self-determination of older persons across long-term care settings.</p> <p>The policy seminar aims to provide space for discussion and experience exchange between members of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and other stakeholders, reflecting on the main determinants of quality in long-term care, some of the key associated challenges, as well as mechanisms and tools for quality assurance.</p> <p>The seminar will analyse the resource needs of high-quality long-term care and the sustainability of service provision in this sector, focusing on human resource needs and professional care workers in particular. It will also dive into the matter of quality assurance and monitoring, making country experiences available and facilitating exchange between policy makers, civil society and the research community in the European region.</p>
Target Group	<p>The policy seminar is designed for national policy makers, experts on long-term care systems and services, civil society representatives and other stakeholders.</p>
Expected results	<p>Better understanding of the determinants of quality in long-term care provision and of the challenges associated with ensuring high-quality long-term care services. The seminar should also provide new insights into meeting the resource needs of quality long-term care, with specific regard to care workforces, and into the mechanisms that can be implemented to improve quality assurance and monitoring in this sector.</p>