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## Bay of Biscay, Bay of Care

### Developing the Long-Term Care Empowerment Model

Thursday 8 September 2022

14:30-16:30

Brussels, venue to be confirmed

Registration: If you wish to attend, please register via:  
<https://forms.gle/edvWha4SN3tnTBHM8>, by 31 August

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## Context

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In March 2020, the Provincial Council of Bizkaia approved a collaboration agreement with Age Platform Europe to set up a group of European academic experts to help designing a long-term care model that allows sustainable and quality care. The group, made of six experts, prepared a report under the leadership of Professor Sarah Harper.

On 8 September, we will have the pleasure to release and discuss the content of this report with a European wide audience. This release is particularly timely given we expect the European Commission to deliver its European Care Strategy early September and the Council to adopt recommendations on long-term care by December 2022.

### Core message of the report “Delivering the Long-Term Care Empowerment Model”

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The report aligns itself with and argues for strengthening commitment to a rights-based approach to care in Europe. A human rights-based approach and respect for diversity of needs should be central to the design of any model of long-term care. Long-term care services should take a broader, more holistic view in which older people's well-being and quality of life and their preferences regarding care and support are central to the design of services in line with existing human rights standards. To this end, the report and its recommendations are informed by the principles of systems thinking, person-centered and integrated care, and take a **life-course approach which reflects concern with promoting healthy ageing, gender and social equity**. This work builds on and extends the thinking in the WHO Europe Country assessment framework for the integrated delivery of long-term care and in the ICOPE implementation framework for integrated care for older people.

For more information about the project 'Bay of Biscay, Bay of Care', visit:

<https://web.bizkaia.eus/en/web/bayofbiscay/home#objetivos>