



Towards a European Care Strategy that delivers for older people:

Slovenia as a case study

Online workshop

23rd November 2021, 11:00-13:00 CET

Why this workshop?

In the context of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, AGE Platform Europe, the Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Associations (ZDUS), the Red Cross EU office and the Slovenian Red Cross come together for the organization of an **online workshop** on care and support for older people.

More resilient health systems and a lifelong approach to addressing demographic challenges are key topics identified by the Slovenian Presidency. The announcement by European Commission president, Ursula Von der Leyen, last 15 September, that the EU will launch a European Care Strategy offers a key opportunity to affirm long-term care as a shared policy priority across Europe. Making sure the Strategy delivers will require strong collaboration among stakeholders, to which this workshop aims to contribute.

Goals and outcomes

By bringing together a variety of stakeholders, including older people, service providers and policymakers, this workshop will:

- Reflect on the Slovenian case as an illustration of the status quo in national long-term care systems, including both the perspectives of older people and care professionals in Slovenia.
- Identify shared concerns and ambitions regarding the development of long-term care systems and the role of the EU in this area.
- Build the case for a strong European Care Strategy that can boost and support national reforms.

The workshop will build on initial shared understanding between organisers around the stakes in long-term care and the goals of EU action in this field. After the workshop, and building on the discussions, the **shared messages** identified will be further refined and shared with participants.



Agenda		
11:00 – 11:15	Welcome and introduction	Mette Petersen , Director of the Red Cross EU office Maciej Kucharczyk , Secretary-General of AGE Platform Europe
11:15 – 12:00	Status quo in care for older people: the Slovenian case Moderator: Ronan Mangan , Head of Unit of Social Inclusion, Red Cross EU office This panel will provide an overview of long-term care in Slovenia, including the perspectives of older people and services. Panelists will reflect on how EU action can contribute to improving the long-term care system.	Tanja Skornšek Pleš , Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Rosvita Svenšek , Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Associations (ZDUS) Silvia Duh , Slovenian Red Cross
12:00 – 12:45	The European Care Strategy: how should it look like? Moderator: Borja Arrue , Policy Officer responsible for long-term care at AGE Platform Europe (tbc) This panel will provide a European overview. Building on the previous panel, it will explore how the European Care Strategy could look like. Comments and questions from participants will be welcome.	Frances Fitzgerald , Member of the European Parliament James Carabott , Chair of the Working Group on Long-term care of the Social Protection Committee Dana-Carmen Bachmann , Head of Unit responsible for long-term care, European Commission
12:45 – 13:00	Closing remarks	Silvia Duh , Slovenian Red Cross Jožica Puhar , Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Associations (ZDUS)