



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Skills and Social Adviser

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Dear Mr Vercamer, Dear Mr Penninckx,

On behalf of President von der Leyen, I would like to thank you for your letter in which you request the European Commission 2024-2029 to address the opportunities and challenges of older generations, with clear vision and responsibilities.

In the next mandate, the Commissioner-designate for the Mediterranean will be responsible for Demography. In particular, she will be continuing the implementation of the Demography Toolbox, which sets out a comprehensive approach to support Member States in managing demographic change. It aims, *inter alia*, at empowering older generations and sustaining their welfare, through reforms combined with appropriate labour market and workplace policies. The Commissioner will also aim to increase participation in the labour market, especially by underrepresented groups, and look at how demographic change is affecting the sustainability and adequacy of social protection in the Member States.

The Mission Letter to the designate Executive Vice-President for People, Skills and Preparedness sets out the need to create a more coherent framework for addressing long-term care workforce challenges. The future Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare will work on effective preventive measures, helping to lighten the load on healthcare systems and supporting healthy longevity.

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Moreover, the future Commissioner for Equality will lead the work on mainstreaming equality considerations in all policy areas. This includes efforts to promote age equality and tackle age discrimination. The Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport will be tasked to prepare a Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness to ensure that interests of present and future generations are respected.

I would like to assure you, therefore, that the opportunities and challenges of older generations will be taken into account in all relevant initiatives during the next Commission.

We look forward to your continued engagement in the coming mandate.

Yours sincerely,

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