



Long-Term Care in Europe

- Activities of the European Commission

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Open Method of Coordination

Guarantee **access** for all to adequate long-term care and ensure that the need for care does not lead to poverty and financial dependency

Promote **quality** in LTC, notably by establishing quality standards

Ensure that adequate and high-quality LTC remains affordable and **sustainable**

Large diversity in supply of LTC in EU

- Informal care provided by family carers versus formal care in institutions or provided by home care services
- Formal care is organised by public, for-profit or NGO providers
- Financing from general taxation, obligatory insurance, private insurance or private spending
- Services in kind, allowances paid to the family carer or cash benefits for the recipient of the care
- Legal obligations on family members

Joint Reports EC/OECD



Help Wanted?

PROVIDING AND PAYING FOR LONG-TERM CARE



OECD Health Policy Studies

A Good Life in Old Age?

MONITORING AND IMPROVING QUALITY
IN LONG-TERM CARE



Increasing gap in LTC

- **Demography:** tripling of people in age groups at particular risk of developing LTC needs
- LTC needs likely to rise dramatically over the next decades even if **incidence of disability** reduces
- In its present organisation both informal & formal **care provision** will be **overwhelmed**
- Resources will not increase = **How to do better with less**

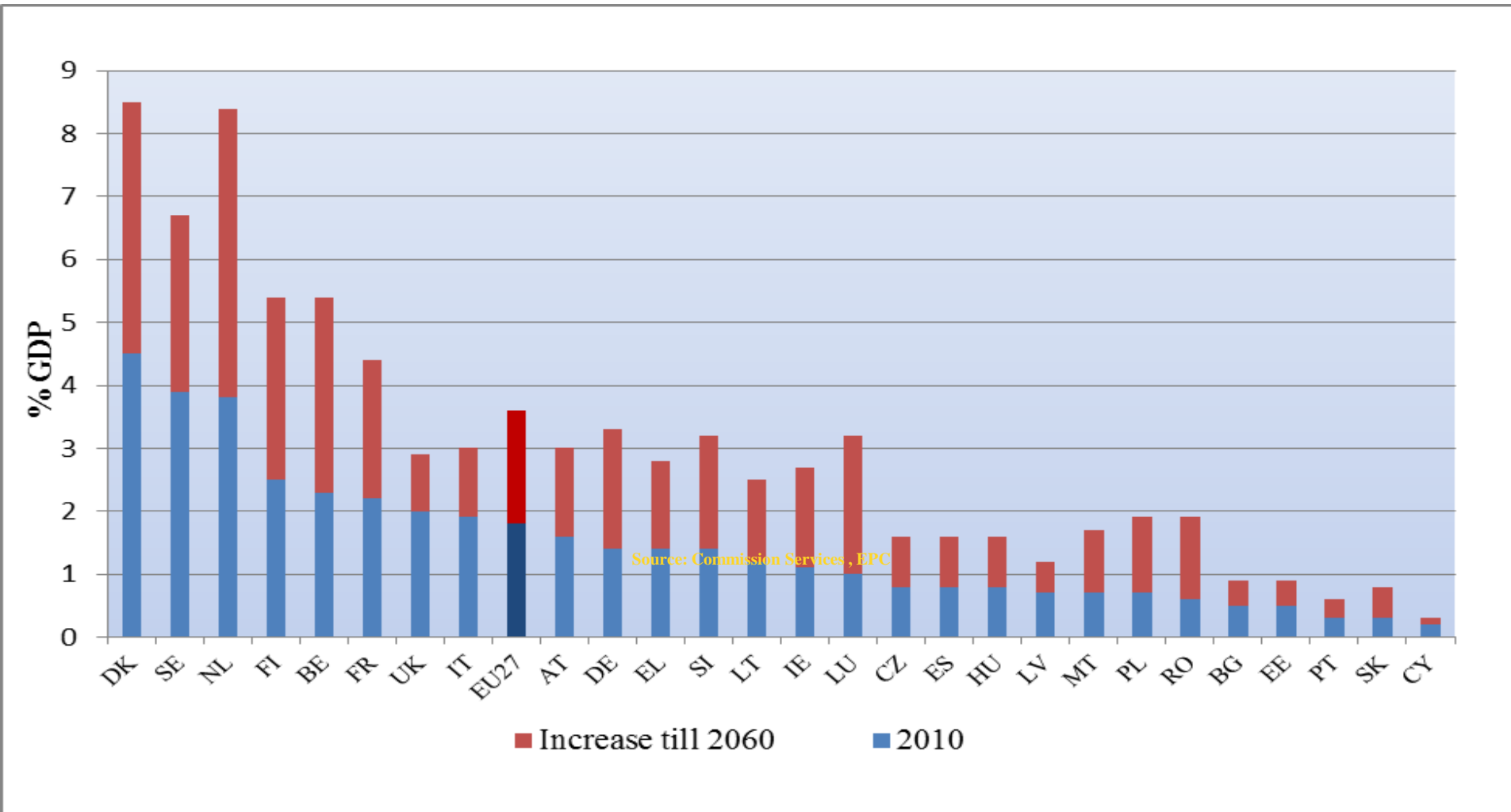
How to close the gap?

- Reducing the incidence of frailty and disability through prevention and rehabilitation strategies
- Enabling elderly people to continue to live independently (adapted housing, use of ICT)
- Improving efficiency of care delivery through better care coordination, organisation and quality control

2013 CSRs on long-term care

- European Council issued CSRs on LTC to seven Member States (AT, BE, DE, FI, LU, NL, SI)
- CSRs based on fiscal sustainability considerations calling for improved cost-effectiveness
- 5 CSRs recommend stronger focus on prevention, rehabilitation and independent living

Immense differences: Expenditure in the base scenario, EU27, % of GDP



Contributions from Europe

- European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations: pillar on independent living
- European Innovation Partnership on Active & Healthy Ageing
- RTD research projects
- Ageing Report
- Europe 2020
- Pilot project on elder abuse
- Open Method of Coordination – Social Protection Committee

Planned SPC report on LTC

- How to define adequate social protection against the risk of dependency in old age?*
- How to fill the data gap (MISSOC, OECD, ESTAT)*
- Discuss the potential costs of meeting/not meeting needs for a better social protection*
- Discuss various ways for closing the gap between care needs and supply*
- Identify priorities for the exchange of experiences and mutual learning*
- Identify priorities for EU policies*
- Present country fiches*
