

Amendments to R6: The Care of Older Persons

Nº	Lines	Tabled by	Original text	Proposed amendment	CAS decision
1	AM-1-1	Oikologoi Prasinoi / Ecologist Greens		to whom a 4-6 weeks' education/training [of caregivers] can be considered to be given which will certify them to provide geriatric care	<p>Compromise amendment proposal, pending agreement GR:</p> <p>After line 105 insert a new bullet point: Call upon all Member States to offer targeted training/education for informal caregivers with a view to certify them as trained carers in the field of i.e. geriatric care or care for older persons with neurodegenerative conditions (dementia).</p>
2	AM-1-2	Oikologoi Prasinoi / Ecologist Greens		Special dedicated specialized care for elderly with neurodegenerative conditions (dementia)	<p>Falls if AM 1 compromise proposal is accepted:</p> <p>accepted after line 105 with small change of wording: 'Dedicated specialized care for elderly with neurodegenerative conditions (dementia) ...'</p>

3	AM-1-8	GroenLinks		51-58: The PGB is meant to allow people to have a choice over the kind of care they receive. It is not an example of the 'ultimate neoliberal policy. We suggest to delete this intro and maintain lines 56-58.	To discuss
4	AM-1-9	GroenLinks		103-105 - it is unclear whether this is meant to say to make coaching obligatory, Informal care givers already have to cope with a lot of (time, emotional) pressure, and we would propose that this coaching and supervision is on a voluntary basis.	See AM 1 and 2 compromise proposal
5	AM-12-1	Esquerra Verda	persons who live independently in their own homes have received little or no assistance during the crisis.	Insert from line 11 to 12: persons who live independently in their own homes have received little or no assistance during the crisis. Furthermore, many elderly live in homes which do not meet the minimum requirements that would allow them to lead an independent life.	accepted

6	AM-12-2	Esquerra Verda	<p>persons who live independently in their own homes have received little or no assistance during the crisis.</p>	<p>Insert from line 11 to 12:</p> <p>persons who live independently in their own homes have received little or no assistance during the crisis.</p> <p><u>Moreover, as has been evidenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the elderly are more vulnerable to certain current threats, like pollution and the temperature increase caused by climate change.</u></p> <p><u>It has also been clearly shown that men and women have different needs when they grow old. Chronic pain, for example, is more common amongst the female population. A gender perspective is therefore necessary when designing plans to take care of the elderly.</u></p>	<p>Accepted - spelling correction chronic</p> <p>following acceptance of AM 21, the sentence reads "It is clear that people of different genders have different needs [...]"</p>
7	AM-13-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	<p>How could this happen? Why weren't the rights of older people respected? How can we ensure that their care is maintained to higher standards? Now is the time for the UN convention on the (human) rights of older people to take shape!</p>	<p>Delete from line 13 to 15:</p> <p>How could this happen? Why weren't the rights of older people respected? How can we ensure that their care is maintained to higher standards? Now is the time for the UN convention on the (human) rights of older people to take shape!</p>	<p>accepted</p>

8	AM-33-1	Esquerra Verda	caregivers, let alone their support, coaching or supervision.	<p>Insert after line 33:</p> <p><u>The increase of life expectancy has led to people living to more advanced ages, and therefore we need care for longer than before. When it is the offspring who take care of the elderly, both will be affected by aging, and that will affect the health of both parents and children.</u></p>	accepted
9	AM-35-1	Esquerra Verda	In the past, older people also used to take up the role of informal caregivers for their grandchildren. However, due to a higher legal retirement age in many European countries now, it is no longer possible for many older people to take up this role.	<p>From line 34 to 37:</p> <p>In the past, older people also used to take up the role of informal caregivers for their grandchildren. However, due to a higher legal retirement age in many European countries now, it is no longer possible for many older people to take up this role. <u>However, this often leads to stressful situations which affect the health of the elderly</u></p>	<p>Compromise amendment proposal:</p> <p><u>Today, as</u> in the past, older people also used to <u>still</u> take up the role of informal caregivers for their grandchildren. <u>This often leads to stressful situations which can affect the health of the elderly. To prevent such situations, affordable childcare should be available for all. Moreover, due to a higher legal retirement age in many European countries now, it is no longer possible for many older people, who wish to take care of the young, to do so.</u></p>

10	AM-50-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	permanently high work pressure resulting from the residents' needs.	<p>Insert after line 50:</p> <p><u>Develop the use of robotics and digitalisation as a complement in caregiving to relieve caregivers and give them more time for emotional attention and conversations, which older people need just as much as pills or exercise offers. In general, we have a nursing shortage in Europe. The robotisation can make the technology more user-friendly. It's a force multiplier for care staff. It's not to replace people, but it's to augment how people care for people.</u></p>	<p>Accepted compromise amendment: "Explore the use of robotics and digitalisation as a complement in caregiving to relieve caregivers and give them more time for emotional attention and conversations, which older people need just as much as pills or exercise offers. In general, we have a nursing shortage in Europe. The robotisation can make the technology more user-friendly. It's not to replace people but it is to augment how people care for people."</p>
11	AM-52-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	Those people who are considered as not being sufficiently in need of care have to rely on their immediate environment. In some countries, like The Netherlands, people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer	<p>Delete from line 51 to 53:</p> <p>Those people who are considered as not being sufficiently in need of care have to rely on their immediate environment. In some countries, like The Netherlands, people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer</p>	accepted

12	AM-52-2	Esquerra Verda	<p>Those people who are considered as not being sufficiently in need of care have to rely on their immediate environment. In some countries, like The Netherlands, people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer</p>	<p>Insert from line 51 to 53:</p> <p>Those people who are considered as not being sufficiently in need of care have to rely on their immediate environment. <u>Sometimes, because private services are costly, irregular recruitment takes place in care services, creating bad working conditions for care takers, who are typically women who have come from poorer countries to find themselves taking jobs without the basic labour rights.</u> In some countries, like The Netherlands, people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer</p>	accepted
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13	AM-54-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	<p>people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer and how best to pay for their most urgent needs. This financing method is the ultimate example of a neoliberal policy that leaves (the organisation and offer of) care to the market. A Care budget should lead to more freedom of choice for older People and should not be used by the governments to reduce the budget for the Care for older People.</p>	<p>From line 53 to 58:</p> <p>people receive a 'care budget' and have 'to shop around' to see what is on offer and how best to pay for their most urgent needs. This financing method is the ultimate example of a neoliberal policy that leaves (the organisation and offer of) care to the market. A Care budget should lead to more freedom of choice for older People and should not be used by the governments to reduce the budget for the Care for older People.</p> <p><u>Private nursing homes mainly save on the number of employees and the quality of care is not adequately controlled. During the pandemic, controls were often suspended altogether.</u></p> <p><u>This financing method is the ultimate example of a neoliberal policy that leaves (the organisation and offer of) care to the market. A Care budget should lead to more freedom of choice for older People and should not be used by the governments to reduce the budget for the Care for older People.</u></p>	Accepted
14	AM-68-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	<p>with the results of this policy in undercover documentaries about the harrowing goings-on in care homes across Europe. In the meantime, major players like Orpea keep channeling their funds to the mother company, while creating the impression</p>	<p>Delete from line 67 to 69:</p> <p>with the results of this policy in undercover documentaries about the harrowing goings-on in care homes across Europe. In the meantime, major players like Orpea keep channeling their funds to the mother company, while creating the impression</p>	accepted

15	AM-83-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	right to a dignified existence	<p>Insert after line 83:</p> <p><u>We Greens want to promote the self-determination of seniors and people in need of care.</u></p>	accepted
16	AM-89-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	caters for their needs, is of high quality and is aligned to how they themselves would like to grow old.	<p>Insert from line 88 to 89:</p> <p>caters for their needs, is of high quality and is aligned to how they themselves would like to grow old. <u>The care should be on neighbourhood-oriented in-home care services that rely on the cooperation of neighbours and relatives. We should create small units, shared nursing homes and serviced housing complexes rather than large anonymous nursing homes.</u></p> <p><u>However, the main focus is to reach a situation where the elderly can be as independent as possible. It is necessary that the elderly remain in control of their own situation, and of the care that is given to them, for as long as possible.</u></p> <p><u>We want the homes to be transformed into small facilities or residential complexes for all generations, with an inclusive range of care for the residents who depend on it. In this way, special facilities become places where everyone can meet and live.</u></p> <p><u>Municipalities play a key role in providing people with a healthy environment worth living in. They are responsible for central areas of services of general interest and must be more closely involved in the planning, control, and design of care in the future.</u></p> <p><u>The care should be culturally sensitive and multilingual, as migrants often revert to the world of their mother tongue as they age. It should also take into account the living environment of queer older people, who have mostly lived a life of secrecy and now need a space where they can be met without prejudice.</u></p>	accepted

17	AM-96-1	Esquerra Verda	right of dignified care for older citizens is included as well as the right to live independently as long as possible;	<p>Insert from line 95 to 96:</p> <p>right of dignified care for older citizens is included as well as the right to live independently as long as possible; <u>It should also include the right to active aging to ensure quality of life to a more advanced age, so that old people can have access to housing adapted to their needs in an environment that will facilitate daily life and that will avoid situations of undesired solitude. All measures aiming at ensuring the rights of older people should take into account gender-based differences as well as the consequences of climate change of which the elderly should be protected.</u></p>	accepted - AMC see with EV how to shorten the text a bit
18.(1)		Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	<p>health services and long-term care services adapted to individual needs and wishes and without discrimination of any kind;</p> <p>Forbid private companies from receiving public funds to organise the care of older people only to become a listed company on the stock market;</p>	<p>Insert from line 101 to 102:</p> <p>health services and long-term care services adapted to individual needs and wishes and without <u>discrimination of any kind, an intersectional perspective shall guide these needs assessments, taking the needs of women, LGBTIQ*, disabled persons, and BPoCs into account and preventing</u> discrimination of any kind;</p>	<p>Compromise amendment proposal found:</p> <p>...health services and long-term care services adapted to individual needs and wishes. and without discrimination of any kind. <u>An intersectional perspective shall guide these needs assessments, taking the needs of women, LGBTIQ*, disabled persons, and BPoCs people from all ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural backgrounds</u> into account and preventing discrimination of any kind;</p>

18.(2)	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	Forbid private companies from receiving public funds to organise the care of older people only to become a listed company on the stock market;	From line 108 to 109: Forbid private companies from receiving public funds to organise the care of older people only to become a listed company on the stock market; Ensure that private companies receiving public funds can only use these funds to improve the quality of care, the safety of patients and the working conditions of the caregivers and not to grow	Accepted - was split from AM 18	
19	AM-105-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	formalisation of the role and status of informal caregivers;	Insert after line 105: <u>The quality and education of home carers and nursing personnel must rise in general;</u>	Accepted
20	AM-105-2	Vihreät - De Gröna	formalisation of the role and status of informal caregivers;	Insert after line 105: <u>Design a European strategy whereby public authorities make the transition to a better modulated intersectional integration of housing concepts for older people in the urban environment and public space. This should also be climate proof;</u>	Accepted
21	AM-106-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	Ensure the granting of care credits for both men and women, so that they can assume care tasks on an equal basis;	From line 106 to 107: Ensure the granting of care credits for both men and women <u>people of all genders</u> , so that they can assume care tasks on an equal basis;	Accepted - but it falls with acceptance AM 22; but the content of the AM is being included through out the text. See AM 6

22	AM-106-2	Esquerra Verda	Ensure the granting of care credits for both men and women, so that they can assume care tasks on an equal basis;	<p>From line 106 to 107:</p> <p><u>Ensure. Caretakers should not only have access to training and supervision, but also to professional and emotional support to help them deal with the granting of stress derived from the intense care credits for both men and women, situations in which they may find themselves. Preventing irregular recruitment of caretakers is also a priority</u>,so that they can assume care tasks on an equal basis;</p>	Accepted but rephrased: "Caretakers should also have access to professional and emotional support to help to deal with ..."
23	AM-107-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	can assume care tasks on an equal basis;	<p>Insert after line 107:</p> <p><u>Ensure that the relevant public authorities exercise proper oversight of care facilities, whether public or private, through periodic audits. When irregularities are detected, competent authorities should take swift and effective action to address them, including by sanctioning the individuals and companies involved;</u></p>	accepted
24	AM-112-1	Esquerra Verda	companies in the field of residential care homes operate.	<p>Insert after line 112:</p> <p><u>the pension systems and the organization of the work market should not penalize future pensions of those who have been forced to leave their jobs to become informal caretakers</u></p>	accepted