

# Invitation & Agenda



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## Breakfast Event:

## Investing in Quality Social Services for Sustainable Care in Europe – Recommendations for the new European Parliament and European Commission

**3 October 2019, 08:00-09:30**

European Parliament (Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels), Lounge (MEP Restaurant)

Hosted by

**MEP Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP, Czech Republic)**

Eurodiaconia, together with MEP Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), invites policy makers, care providers and key stakeholders, to discuss challenges and recommendations associated with the investment and the provision of social services in Europe. The European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) calls for affordable, high-quality long-term care service and the inclusion of people with disabilities. This call faces major challenges: How can the new European Commission and European Parliament deliver on the EPSR and pave a way forward when by 2080 those aged 65+ will account for almost a third of the population and those aged 80+ will double (Eurostat).

Quality care is essential in providing sustainable services that respect human rights of users and aim for the highest standards. Eurodiaconia believes that everyone, especially the most disadvantaged, should have access to quality social services. This is why the Erasmus+ supported “[Q-Europe](#)” project – led by Slezska diakonie (CZ), partnering with Diaconia Valdese (IT), the University of Trnava (SK) and Eurodiaconia – developed a tool to support LTC managers to assess and improve their work on rights based service provision.

Quality does not come without investment; therefore, the event brings together stakeholders to discuss challenges and offer recommendations for well financed, high-quality, and sustainable service provision. The “Q-Europe” project can contribute to finding a solution for smart investment in services on a European and local level. You will have the opportunity to discuss and learn about political developments on a European level and innovative tools for the national level.

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## PROGRAMME

### **08:00-08:15**    **Welcome & Introduction**

- **Tomáš Zdechovský**  
Member of the European Parliament & Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment & Social Affairs, EPP, Czech Republic
- **Heather Roy**  
Secretary General, Eurodiaconia, Belgium
- **Romana Bélová**  
Deputy Director Social Work, Slezská diakonie, Czech Republic

### **08:15-08:45**    **Inputs on the need of investment in quality social services**

- **Elisabetta Gualmini**  
Member of the European Parliament & Member of the Committee on Employment & Social Affairs, S&D, Italy
- **Tomáš Zdechovský**  
Member of the European Parliament & Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment & Social Affairs, EPP, Czech Republic
- **Ana-Carla Pereira**  
Head of Unit, European Commission, DG EMPL, Unit C2 (Modernisation of social protection systems)

### **08:45-09:15**    **Recommendations for the future of investment & quality**

- **Borja Arrue Astrain**  
Project & Policy Officer, AGE Platform, Belgium
- **Presentation of the Q-Europe Handbook on Quality Long-Term-Care**  
Romana Bélová, Erasmus+ project leader “Q-Europe”

### **09:15-09:30**    **Q & A**

Please register for the event through this [online registration](#) form by 23 September 2019