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to the Commission**

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The over-fifties already account for more than 30% of the European population, and this figure is likely to continue to rise because of increasing life expectancy.

According to the new College of Commissioners, the need to tackle the demographic and social challenges raised by an ageing population is becoming a priority, especially when the Community's main policies are being reviewed.

How is the Commission planning to ensure adequate coordination among the various DGs involved in policies for older people (Social Affairs, Justice, and Culture) and to ensure that practical action is taken to promote high levels of cultural, social and welfare support throughout Europe?

Is the Commission planning to dedicate a special Green Paper to proposals providing a global response to the challenges of demographic change?

Is it thinking of setting common standards to promote an active old age, based on parameters such as the number of recreation centres available, the promotion of life-long learning programmes, and the introduction of incentives to encourage older people to use computers?