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to the Commission**  
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Subject: Urging public governments for a resource allocations strategy with long-term perspective

European countries have made many reforms to their public sectors in response to budget cuts. Recently those reforms have been criticized for not having achieved some of the main social goals.

A EU-funded project led to one of the largest surveys on public reforms with the conclusion that EU government responses to foreseeable external trends have been limited and patchy.

Those important 'megatrends' that seem very likely to impact on public administration are demographic change, climate change, technological developments and levels of public trust.

Government policymaking are tempted by the financial crisis to prefer short-term money-saving measures and budgets are usually being made fairly opportunistically rather than according to some overall strategy.

A long-term strategy would presumably include: giving budgetary priority to facilitate the health and independent living abilities of the growing elderly population; recruiting technologists to make use of the potential of new technologies in the fields of care for the elderly, energy sustainability and adaptation to climate change; implementing medium and long term human resource plans to ensure the transition from larger, older public services to smaller and younger ones.

How the EU is urging public administrations to implement a resource allocations strategy with a long-term perspective?