

**Question for written answer E-006037/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Care within the family

In the present-day context where Europe's population is ageing at an increasingly rapid rate, childcare and care of elderly parents are two major concerns for families. Provision of good quality day-care facilities requires significant investment, and a great many regions or municipalities experiencing difficulties just do not have the resources for this. In most cases, care from other family members is often the only solution.

- Does the Commission plan to encourage Member States to include time spent in childcare or care of elderly parents in their calculation of qualifying years for pensions?
- Should Member States also be encouraged to introduce allowances or a form of income support for people who dedicate themselves to bringing up their children or caring for elderly members of the family?