

**Question for written answer E-010217/2010
to the Commission**
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Subject: Europe's ageing population

The percentage of EU citizens over 65 has increased dramatically over the last few years and with this the burden on the state has grown too. Europe is experiencing a dramatic increase in ages, with the AARP Public Policy Institute predicting that, over the next five decades, the median age of the European Union will rise by between six and almost 13 years [depending on the country in question].

With this in mind, does the Commission propose any policy initiatives that will help Member States deal with the problems associated with an ageing population, such as in pension funding, health system expenditure, etc?