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Subject: Universities of the Third Age in the EU's 2021-2027 financial perspective

The demographic situation in the Member States means that the number of old people will increase in the future. An excellent way for them to realise their expectations and organise their free time is provided by Universities of the Third Age. They fulfill the function of promoting educational initiatives and making people psychologically, physically and intellectually active in society, and they also foster social relations and inter-personal communication among old people. The universities provide their members with educational and integrational activities, which are an excellent way to satisfy the need for an individual approach. According to the statistical data, the number of Universities of the Third Age across Europe is increasing year by year; in Poland alone, there were 120 in operation in 2007, and now, ten years later, over 520 are registered.

In the light of the above, I would like to ask the following:

1. What action does the Commission plan to take to support projects related to the dissemination of the concept of Universities of the Third Age in the next (2021-2027) financial perspective?
2. Will the Commission make specific financial resources available for this initiative in the next financial perspective?