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Subject: Follow-up to the Commission Green Paper on Ageing

In spring 2021, the Commission launched a consultation on ageing following the publication of its
green paper. The increase in longevity opens up new opportunities for older persons if their
fundamental rights are respected and society becomes more inclusive. However, the green paper did
not address the issues of non-discrimination and equal rights for all ages. Both the Council1 and
Parliament2 recently called for responses to be grounded in human rights principles and solidarity
between generations.

1. Is the Commission working on a white paper to take the reflection further on the issues covered
   by the green paper?

2. Will the Commission consider developing an EU age equality strategy to ensure comprehensive
   policies on ageing and promoting the rights of all generations?

3. What further action does it envisage taking so that the Union of Equality delivers for people of all
   ages?

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1 Council conclusions of 9 October 2020 on the human rights, participation and well-being of older persons in
   the era of digitalisation and 12 March 2021 on mainstreaming ageing in public policies.
2 European Parliament resolutions of 20 May 2021 on reversing demographic trends in EU regions using
   cohesion policy instruments and 7 July 2021 on an old continent growing older – possibilities and challenges
   related to ageing policy post-2020.