Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the Green Paper on ageing Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations

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The Chamber of Deputies supports the approach presented in the Green Paper and considers it necessary to set up a European mechanism to support the exchange of experience between Member States to identify the best lifelong learning practices.

At the same time, in order to support the life and activity of the elderly, it recommends: setting up socio-cultural centres dedicated to learning, designing appropriate working environments, integrated planning of services and infrastructures in less developed areas. In addition, it recommends stepping up efforts, at European level, to maintain good health throughout their entire lifetime, equipment necessary for accessing online healthcare services, programmes to raise awareness, prevent and manage the causes of elderly social isolation.

The Chamber of Deputies believes that supporting elderly volunteering and intergenerational learning can be better achieved through the existence of European networks of localities and organizations and that a new qualification would be useful, that of mentoring older people in ensuring their autonomy and rights.