



FRAGILE

GENERATIONS



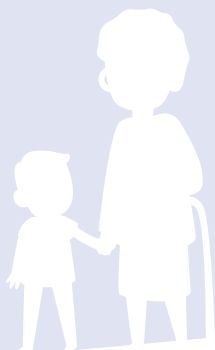


Europe needs the elderly's wisdom
as much as new generations.

It is urgent to stand for the
vulnerable and to encourage
solidarity between generations.

1 European out of 5 is over 65 years old in 2017

The number of people aged 80 years old and more should nearly double by 2050. There will be less than two working-age people for one person over 65 years old.*



512,6 million
Europeans*

5,1
million
births
a year



5,3
million
deaths
a year



* Eurostat 2018

EUROPE

a humanitarian challenge!

At the same time, **ageing becomes a pressing matter in all European countries**, Europe is jeopardized by demographic decline.

Alliance VITA is willing to draw your attention, as a voter or as an elected member of the European Parliament, to these facts and to make **10 proposals**.

In Europe, couples have on average
one less child than they intended.*.



1 proposal

Promote ambitious family policies
to **support the parents**
with family benefits high enough
to maintain birth rates.

2 proposal

Encourage family policies that allow women to **reconcile work and family life** such as developing part-time jobs and an adequate remuneration during parental leave.

The average age for motherhood in Europe is 30.7 years old?*

Once a woman has reached 30 years old, her **chances to conceive** are only 12% per cycle, against 25% at 25 years old.**

DID YOU KNOW?



* ec.europa.eu

** Human Reproduction 2002 ; vol. 17 : p. 1399-1403.

Western men are the most affected by infertility, with a 60% **decrease in semen quality** in nearly half a century.*



3 proposal

Develop **research on the causes of male infertility** (pollution, endocrine disruptors...) to prevent it and restore fertility in order to open other alternatives than the only assisted reproduction.

4 proposal

Achieve **surrogacy's**
banning in Europe and all
over the World since :

- **children** are not to be considered as a commodity for sale
- **women** are not to be considered as a mere body to be exploited.

A **"procreative tourism"** emerges in Europe with gestational surrogacy contracts, threatening women's and children's rights.

DID YOU KNOW?



80 million people live with disabilities in Europe*. Between 30% to 50% of them (depending on the disability) are not able to work when they are of working-age.**



5 proposal

Improve support to families welcoming a disabled child to help him contribute to society with a **life project** adapted to his disability.

6 proposal

Obtain **the banning**
of discrimination based
on an individuals' genetic criteria
at any stage of one's life.

The outbreak of genome analysing techniques
may create **new genetic discriminations**
regarding access to work, insurance and loan.

DID YOU KNOW?



6.9 % of Europeans aged 75 years old
and more are **gravely isolated**
and have no one to reach out to.*



7 proposal

Generalize the **programmes preventing isolation** and fight against any age-related discrimination.

8 proposal

Develop caregiver's leave
across European Union and
increase their remuneration.

There are more than 24 million caregivers
in Europe.*

They provide **80% of the home care.****



DID YOU KNOW?

* eurocarers.org

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Actions such as preventing and relieving suffering as well as improving patients' and their families' quality of life, are supported by the World Health Organization, which encourages **palliative care**.*



9 proposal

Improve communication on palliative treatments throughout Europe to ensure that everyone knows their suffering can be relieved in a way that **respects their life and dignity**.

10 proposal

**Make palliative care access
a priority** for anyone who needs it
all over Europe to ensure
that no one old, dependent or sick,
is denied the care one
is rightfully due.

Palliative care services coverage
varies a lot across European countries.*

DID YOU KNOW?



* assembly.coe.int

Let's put every person's protection
and the respect of one's dignity
at the **heart of concerns** in Europe.

GET involved

Today
and send this
postcard to
a person you
know from
another
generation.

Remember
these proposals
when you vote
on **May, 26th.**



LET'S CHECK IN



What persons do I care for most in my daily life?

- ☐ Family
- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Neighbours
- ☐ Co-workers

How do I prefer to talk with my relatives?

- ☐ Phone and social media
- ☐ Postal mail
- ☐ Meetings

**When did I last get in touch with a relative
from another generation?**

It was...

- ☐ Less than a week ago
- ☐ Less than a month ago
- ☐ More than a month ago



