

BB FUTURE Consortium Meeting and Roundtable
Bruegel, Rue de la Charité 33, 4th floor, 1210 Brussels
09-10 September 2026

(Agenda version as of 29 August 2026)

DAY 1: BB Future Consortium Meeting, 09 September 2026

12:00 – 13:00 | Registration and Welcome Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 | State of the project

13:30 – 14:20 | BB-Future budget, final reports, dissemination, final conference

14:20 – 15:30 | Policy recommendations: health projections, care gap, migration and prevention

15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 | Policy recommendations: micro model

17:00 – 18:00 | Policy recommendations: macro model

19:00 | Consortium Dinner [at Brasserie de la Presse, Rue Royale 100, Brussels.](#)

DAY 2: BB Future Consortium Meeting & Policy Roundtable #2, 25 November 2025

8:30 – 9:00 | Welcoming and Breakfast

09:00 – 11:00 | Policy recommendations: Setting priorities, final presentation

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 | New BB-Policy project: Final discussion of application

The Future of Long-Term Care in Europe: Challenges and Policy Recommendations
- Policy Roundtable -
10 September 2026, 12:00-15:00

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A significant share of elderly citizens in many European countries is facing unmet care needs today. At the same time, the demand for long-term care in the EU is only set to increase in the near future due to demographic trends, notably the large baby boomer generation growing older. It is paramount for EU policy makers to prepare the region for this incoming care wave.

The BB-Future research project (full title: The Care Wave and the Future of the Baby Boomers and their Children) aims to understand the size and the implications of the care wave on economic and social outcomes and to develop policy recommendations for advance planning.

At this third policy roundtable, we will present and discuss our policy recommendations. Building on the knowledge of stakeholders from the long-term care policy sphere, these discussions will be an opportunity to shape the final results of the project.

12:00-13:00 Welcome Lunch

13:00 Discussion

Presentation of the projects preliminary policy recommendations

Svend E. Hougaard Jensen, Professor of Economics and Director of the Pension Research Centre (PeRCent) at Copenhagen Business School

Alexandre Mendonça, Affiliate Fellow at Bruegel

Session 1: Health, prevention, and why formal care demand is rising

The demographic and health trends driving Europe's care gap, and the chances of prevention to close it.

13:00-13:15 | Presentation

13:15-13:25 | Discussion

Session 2: Who provides care, and who bears the cost

Low-income households, informal caregivers, and the limits of using economic incentives to rebalance who cares for ageing parents: where should public support actually go?

13:25-14:05 | Presentation

14:05-14:20 | Discussion

Session 3: Designing formal care financing

Why subsidy design must be calibrated to each country's characteristics rather than copied: price-responsiveness, universal vs. means-tested designs.

14:20-14:45 | Presentation

14:45-14:55 | Discussion

Concluding remarks: Axel Börsch-Supan, Professor of Economics and Director of the Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Aging and SHARE Analyses (MEA)

15:00 Closing