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Under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the total expenditure on long-term care related measures amounts to approximately EUR 7.2 billion for the 25 plans adopted by the Council, in line with the 2019 and 2020 country specific recommendations. Many measures will contribute to the quality of and access to long-term care services.

Respite homes are long-term care provided at community level. Through the RRF, community-based services and technologies for supporting care at home will be expanded and extra- and intramural hospice and palliative care will also be further developed.

Many plans support deinstitutionalisation by promoting, through reforms, a model geared towards community care and home care solutions, while ensuring in parallel support to the families caring for them. The Spanish, Portuguese and Slovak Plans include examples of community-based care related measures.

In addition, through the Technical Support Instrument, Member States can request support for the design and implementation of reforms, including in the area of long-term care.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the Commission put forward a European Care Strategy on 7 September 2022. This includes a proposal for a Council Recommendation on long-term care, according to which Member States should work to increase the offer of these services, while providing a balanced mix of long-term care options.