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**INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS ORGANISED BY
THE DANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The Danish Presidency has worked under the headline ‘a Strong Europe in a Changing World’. On 17 October, it informed the EPSCO Council of its activities in September and October (doc. No 13472/25). These included: an Informal meeting of Ministers of Employment and Social affairs; a High-Level Conference on Gender Equality: Zooming in on Men and Boys; a High-Level Conference on Affordable and Sustainable Housing; informal meetings of the Social Protection Committee and the Employment Committee; and a meeting of National Child Guarantee Coordinators.

Since the last EPSCO Council, the Presidency has hosted the following events:

1. High-Level Policy Conference on the Future of Ageing and Long-Term Care: Towards Age-Friendly Societies

On 27 and 28 October, the Danish Presidency organized a high-level conference attended by the Danish Minister for Senior Citizens; high-level representatives from the European Commission, WHO, and the OECD; ministers and delegates from 25 EU and non-EU countries; and high-level speakers, including from academia and civil society organizations.

Discussions on the first day focused on how to better respond to Europe's ageing population by promoting age-friendly societies, rethinking and reorganising care systems, and improving working conditions in the care sector.

On the second day, participants visited senior housing and long-term care facilities in the Copenhagen area to gain first-hand insight into Danish senior policy and care practices.

2. High-level Conference on Independent Living

On 6 and 7 November in Copenhagen, the Danish Presidency, together with the European Disability Forum, the Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, and the European Commission, hosted a High-level Conference on Independent Living. The conference brought together policy-makers, experts, and high-level speakers to discuss how to promote independent living for persons with disabilities.

The conference centred on three themes:

1. Ensuring independent living through individual support in the home and inclusion in the community;
2. Ensuring accessible housing and public spaces for persons with disabilities;
3. Future directions for independent living.

The conference provided input for policy-makers and contributed to the implementation of the Commission's 2021-2030 Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

3. Thematic seminar on Housing First

On 17 and 18 November, the Danish Presidency and the European Commission co-hosted a thematic seminar on Housing First, held alongside a meeting of the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness. The seminar brought together experts from Member States and civil society organisations to discuss ongoing efforts to implement Housing First across the EU.

These discussion contributed to the current momentum behind Housing First as a means to address homelessness and ensure access to the housing required to make Housing First a reality. The meeting of the Platform was organised in cooperation with the European Commission, while the thematic seminar was organised jointly with the European Commission and FEANTSA.
