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Round table on **"Intergenerational solidarity in an aging Europe"**

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# Intergenerational solidarity in an aging Europe

- Population ageing is a global trend that is particularly noticeable in Europe.
- In the face of higher life expectancies and declining birth rates, intergenerational relations have become increasingly important in recent decades.
- At the **societal level**, these developments mean that dependency ratios will change significantly, putting social security systems based on an intergenerational contract to the test.
- At the **community level**, the question is how to support mutual understanding, intergenerational communication and social participation in order to reduce the risk of social isolation, especially of older people.
- With regard to the **family**, vertical intergenerational ties have become more important as family members of different generations share more life time than ever before, raising questions about intergenerational exchange of support and who cares for family members in need.

## Questions that will be addressed in this round table include:

- How do framework conditions affect and interact with the shaping of family relationships?
- How can intergenerational transfers in earlier and later phases of the lifespan be described?
- What role do issues such as mobility and migration play for intergenerational solidarity and care?
- How can intergenerational fractures, conflict and ambivalence be dealt with?
- How can intergenerational programs nurture solidarity between the generations?