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SUBJECT: (please specify) Ensuring the mental health dimension in the Active and Healthy Ageing Innovation Partnership	
<p>TEXT:</p> <p>The Commission is in the process of setting up the first pilot under the European Innovation Partnership, addressing healthy and active ageing. While the three foreseen activity areas under this initiative seem comprehensive and relevant, no explicit reference is being made to mental health. However, mental health and physical health are intrinsically related. Moreover, there is evidence that older people are more at risk of certain types of mental health problems. Depression is an example of such a mental health problem, as the risk of social isolation, physical health problems, disability and loss of loved ones increases with age and can have a significant impact on well being and quality of life.</p> <p><i>Considering the above, can the Commission indicate how the mental health dimension will be included in the overall framework and implementation of the Active and Healthy Ageing Innovation Partnership?</i></p>	
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