Social care – typologies of public funding:
- levels/ share of public funding
- type(s) of funding agents (e.g., due to differing degrees of federalism/ responsibilities on a sub-national level)
- type of contract/ mode of funding

Social care – funding effects
Analyses of different systems of public funding with an emphasis on
- access to
- mix of social care services
- quality of

Implications for social policy

Empirical research:
mixed methods approach:
- Qualitative Interviews with
  - persons in need of LTC
  - informal carers
  - professionals
  - public authorities
- multivariate analyses of secondary data

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Quality of social care – multiple definitions to be accounted for
Integration of disconnected concepts of quality of social care from economics, public health, health care, gerontology, social work,… with a special emphasis on the needs of frail elderly people

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