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We acknowledge that advantages and disadvantages accumulate over the life course and are transmitted across generations. Early action and prevention help break cycles of intergenerational disadvantage while building the foundations for future generations to thrive.

We therefore commit, to the best of our abilities and within our respective competences and responsibilities, to:

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- 7.** Invest in quality, inclusive and accessible public SERVICES, SPACES and INFRASTRUCTURE that bring generations together, creating more cohesive and supportive local communities and ensuring that people have an effective 'right to stay' in the place they call home;
- 8.** Improve access to more affordable and adapted HOUSING by supporting innovative housing models such as co-living spaces and intergenerational living;
- 9.** Support all generations in navigating the DIGITAL transformation by ensuring that public services remain inclusive and accessible to everyone, whether online or offline;
- 10.** Accelerate the CLEAN ENERGY transition by supporting renewable energy and the decarbonisation of local economies, strengthening Europe's leadership in clean energy, reducing energy costs today and enhancing energy autonomy for future generations;
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- 13.** Advance equitable HEALTHCARE by strengthening preventive, primary and mental health services for all generations, and ensure accessible community-based LONG-TERM CARE;
- 14.** Expand access to SPORT infrastructure and activities to enable all generations to pursue active lifestyles;
- 15.** Advance SUSTAINABLE TOURISM that balances economic development with the long-term wellbeing of future generations;
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