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# January 2023: Stay tuned for the launch of the Care4Care Project

The Covid-19 pandemic has emphasized the centrality of care work in modern societies, but it also notably highlighted many critical issues affecting the working conditions of care workers. Therefore, in September 2021, during her State of the Union speech, President von der Leyen pointed out the need for decent working conditions for all workers in the care sector and announced a European Care Strategy.

In this crucial context, the EU funded project Care4Care will be launched in January 2023 with the objective to investigate in a comparative and multidisciplinary perspective the **working conditions of care workers** and their perception of their working environment and dynamics in six EU Member States (France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and Sweden) in order to develop suitable **tools to improve job quality** and **counteract discrimination** in the sector.

The Project has been awarded a Horizon Europe grant of 2,739,012 euros for a three years lifespan to study the risks and conditions of vulnerability of care workers, to raise awareness and rights consciousness among them and their trade unions and to support the elaboration of legislative and policy proposals at the national and the EU level.

Coordinated by an experienced team at University of Florence (Italy), the Care4Care Consortium involves 10 partners: Lunds Universitet (Sweden), Universitat de Girona (Spain), Universidad de Sevilla (Spain), Europa - Universität Viadrina (Germany), Uniwersytet Rzeszowski (Poland), Tuscan Organisation of Universities and Research 4 Europe (Belgium), Université de Bordeaux (France), European Federation for Family Employment & Home Care (EFFE) (Belgium) and European Federation for Services to Individuals (Belgium). The Consortium can rely on the support of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI).

The ambition of the Consortium is firstly, to **create a model** of analysis and regulation of the care sector that can be **replicated** in other European countries and can bring out new relevant strategies for intervention for European institutions and, secondly, to **give voice** to care workers and to their representatives in the design and delivery of policies and measures that affect their lives, thirdly to develop a **web platform** providing accessible information on working conditions for care workers in the Countries concerned.

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