



## **European Care Strategy : what opportunities for PHS sectors?**

Thursday 29 September 2022

from 09:00 to 11:00

European Parliament, room JAN6Q1, Brussels

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### ***Agenda***

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the essential caring role of Personal and household services (PHS) workers in our societies while demonstrating the need for an urgent normative intervention to grant these workers access to the essential social protection that every worker deserves.

Very little attention has been paid to quality work in PHS and even less on granting PHS workers living and working conditions that support them in engaging and remaining in work throughout an extended working life. PHS workers are qualified workers whose commitment, skills and professionalism should be widely acknowledged and promoted.

Considering the crucial role played by the European Parliament, PHS Social partners invite you to the event at the EP “European Care Strategy : what opportunities for PHS sectors ” under the sponsorship of MEP Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN.

**9h to 9h05**

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Introduction by moderator (Mark Bergfeld, UNICARE)

**9h05 to 9h15**

Welcome & opening remarks

- Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President for Democracy and Demography (*tbc*)
- MEP Evelyn Regner Vice-President of the European Parliament
- MEP Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Renew, EMPL RE coordinator (*tbc*),

**9h20 to 9h35**

Presentation of the European care Strategy

- Kathrin Riedler, DG EMPL, Unit D2 – Social protection

**9h35 to 10h**

Reactions from various political groups

- EPP : MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen
- S&D : MEP Estrella Dura (*tbc*)
- RE : MEP Véronique Trillet Lenoir
- Green/ALE : MEP Mounir Satouri (*tbc*)
- GUE/NGL : MEP Eugenia Rodriguez Palop (*tbc*)

**10h to 10h20**

Presentation of PHS Social partners perspective on the European Care strategy

- Aurélie Decker, Director at EFSI
- Grace Papa, Political secretary “domestic work, Gender equality & diversity” at EFFAT
- Aude Boisseuil, General Delegate at EFFE
- Lilana Keith, Senior Advocacy Officer at PICUM

**10h20 to 10h30**

ILO’s perspective by Lieve Verboven, ILO Brussels office Director

**10h20 to 11h**

Q&A with the audience