

EPSU Joins the Care4Care Debate



(21/09/2022) EPSU attended the Care4Care seminar to discuss the new EU care strategy. The seminar was organised as part of the [Care4Care](#) campaign by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. The speakers talked about the future of child care and long-term care in the EU. EPSU reacted to the EU care strategy in a [press release](#) on 7 September 2022.

EPSU welcomes the new EU care strategy. However, EPSU reiterates that **care is a right** not a commodity. Importantly, care must be both affordable and accessible to everyone. Currently, many EU citizens struggle to get access to high quality child care and long-term care. Furthermore, care workers, most of which are women, endure long hours and low pay. EPSU emphasizes the importance of well-qualified staff to provide quality care. Workers demand collective bargaining agreements to protect worker's rights and guarantee decent conditions and pay. The recommendation on long-term care is a starting point. Further, the EU must review how EU directives on safety and health are being implemented at a national level in the care sector and give recommendations. There needs to be more research on the regional disparities leading to change so all can enjoy high quality care.

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