

1) We have to enter in the post-pandemic world, seizing the opportunity to build new community-based and person-centered societies.

- Elderly: look at them as active members of our communities and integral part of our families. This will help to fully respect their dignity and to have a special care for them especially in situation of vulnerability. Importance of family solidarity to prevent loneliness.

- Family with children: teleworking demonstrated to all the current difficulty to conciliate work life and family life. Families are unequally treated and face greater difficulties. Unpaid care work is work, it should be recognised and considered when organizing working hours.

2) Most fragile in our communities are first protected and cared for through family and community solidarity.

- Family solidarity: we need to invest in the family, which demonstrated its efficiency and its crucial contribution to society during the pandemic. Increase family-friendly policies: leave for carers (for children and elderly), facilitate work-life balance (flexible working arrangement, childcare facilities). Investments for families and children represent “the form of social investment that pays the highest return in the future”. In the same way, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) stressed “that investment in efficient public services along with family-oriented investments should be a priority because they are laying the groundwork for the future” .

- Community solidarity: invest in the family as an economic and social actor of society. Increase the family benefits, not to help, but as a just and fair recognition of their contribution to society. Family itself faces greater obstacles and challenges in its responsibilities and can be in situation of fragility.

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