The Future of Social Protection and of the Welfare State in the EU





21 KEY STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS



A. Starting strong

- 1) Affordable early childhood education and care
- 2) Income support and services to prevent child poverty
- 3) Support to enable starting a family
- High quality jobs for the youth, complemented by financial support for further education and training





B. Ensuring inclusive social protection and lifelong learning

- 5) Access to social protection for all people in employment irrespective of their status
- 6) High quality of work throughout working life
- 7) Opportunities for up- and re-skilling for the digital and green transitions
- 8) Inclusion of migrants through social and labour market policies
- 9) Job retention schemes for all to protect income, jobs and skills during crises



C. Supporting adequate income and high-quality care in old age

- 10) Flexible working-time and adjusted workplaces for longer careers in good health
- Chance for everyone to earn an adequate pension, and decent minimum benefits to tackle poverty in old age
- 12) Pension credits for care giving periods
- 13) High-quality and affordable long-term care services



D. Promoting inclusive and high-quality services including energy-efficient housing and transport

- 14) Affordable, energy-efficient and universal-design housing
- 15) Energy-efficient public transport accessible to all
- 16) High quality and inclusive social services, better involving non-profit and social economy organisations



E. Ensuring sustainable financing for a resilient welfare state

- 17) Broadening the tax basis through progressive taxation on income, consumption, capital, carbon and energy
- 18) Considering minimum tax rates on capital at EU level
- Golden rule for public finances to secure social protection and investment in social infrastructures



F. Stepping up EU capacity to secure social protection in the future

- 20) Additional EU legislative initiatives to fulfil all principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and ensure consistent enforcement across the Union
- 21) Minimum package of social rights, based on the European Pillar of Social Rights, guaranteed at national level.

Recommendations - Key Points

Children first! - GEN Z are digital natives!
Revolution in education: green skills, digital skills is what we need

No workers excluded from social policies





Public system for long-term care is the big challenge for the welfare state

Supporting old aged people, we liberate middle aged and give hope to the youth

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