

Welfare and Care Economy

How to strengthen gender equality and decent work in social care systems

FEPS-FES-CEE Gender Network Online Roundtable (Korčula School 2020)

Friday, 2 October 2020

16:00-17:30 Brussels/Zagreb time (Zoom)

The coronavirus outbreak has been a major shock for our global economies and for our, as can be seen now, fragile social systems. The effects are felt on a much bigger magnitude for women who have been at the forefront of handling the crisis in their capacity of care workers or other essential sectors but also as the main unpaid care providers in private households. Although there are no reliable figures a significant number among care workers in Western Europe are migrant women, including from Eastern and South Eastern Europe, who often are working in precarious and underpaid work conditions. Therefore, the questions of gender equality and decent work need to be put more prominently on the European agenda. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), the CEE Gender Network and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) have joined forces to gain a better grasp of social care regimes, including the major intra-EU tensions arising from the unbalance between Eastern and South Eastern countries care workforce supply and Southern and Western care workforce needs. This constitutes an important building block of the #Eucares4care Roadshow part of the joint FES-FEPS project “Femnist Europe – Does Europe care for care?”.

We are inviting you to this roundtable discussion in the framework of the Korčula-School 2020. We would like to discuss with you the care models in place in the region whilst exploring tailored, progressive recommendations for a fair, well-functioning care economy in Europe. Together with you we want to contribute to a Feminist Europe, where our economic systems are based on gender equality, diversity, wellbeing, solidarity and justice !





Programme

Overall event moderation: **Türkan Karakurt**, Director, FES Zagreb

- 16:00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS
- 16:10 **#EUcares4care Feminist Europe Roadshow - Scene setting**
Laeticia Thissen, Gender Equality Policy Advisor, FEPS
- 16:15 **Panel discussion: "Does Europe care for care?"**
Goran Lukič, Workers' counseling Ljubljana (Delavska svetovalnica), Slovenia
Klára Dobrev, Vice-President of the European Parliament (S&D), Hungary
Nino Žganec, Professor, Faculty of Law (University of Zagreb), Croatia
Sanela Čekić Bašić, Assistant Dean for international cooperation, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 16:40 **Q&A session**
- 17:15 **"Now is the time to demonstrate we care about care" - Concluding Remarks**
Daša Šašić Šilović, Chair, CEE Network International Board, President The European Partners for the Environment