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EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR FAMILY EMPLOYMENT: Domestic work: driving social innovation in EU

Two years after its creation, advocating for the recognition of family employment by the European institutions, the European Federation for Family Employment (EFFE) claims it first victory at the European Parliament.

MEP voted this Wednesday, April 27th, in plenary session at Brussels, the first initiative report dedicated to domestic work, calling for a common EU recognition of the profession and the value of domestic work and care.

By recommending to recognize at EU level the economic and social sector of family employment and homecare, the report voted by the European Parliament on "Women domestic workers and carers in the EU" gives the opportunity to about 20 millions of EU citizens to enjoy a legal status and acknowledgment of their social and economic value, whether employers or employees.

EFFE's commitment on theses major issues has now found an unprecedented political echo at EU level. This first step toward a better integrated Labour market more inclusive for family employment gives an answer to societal challenges facing by all Member States: ageing population, gender equality, integration on Labour market for migrant and refugees, fight against undeclared work...Those shared issues, mostly when EU is now confronted to a migrant crisis like no others, can now have a transversal policy reply.

In coming months, EFFE will continue its activities in order to highlight a modern Europe, for more justice and respect of the citizens, as closely of their requirement as possible. Through families and households' involvement, thanks to the recognition of their social and economic value, European Commission will demonstrate its commitment to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Created in 2012, the European Federation for Family Employment (EFFE) chaired by Marie Béatrice Levaux, is proposing a social innovation model for the benefit of all fellow European citizens and becoming a key political negotiator for public authorities and European, national and local institutions. It focuses on household services, family employment and home care.

EFFE (www.effe-homecare.eu) promote and advocate for family employment and homecare toward European institutions: we are committed in bringing out a social innovation model at the service of citizens, thanks to domestic services and home based jobs, in order to relay 2020 EU Strategy. Social inclusion is at the core of family employment sector, as a masterpiece of economic growth and mass employment creations, and its fight against undeclared work.

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