1. The Commission will present in 2022 a European care strategy addressing carers and care receivers, from childcare to long-term care. The strategy will set a framework for policy reforms to guide the development of sustainable long-term care that ensures better and more affordable access to quality services, in line with principle 18 of the European Pillar of Social Rights. Member States can mobilise EU funding to invest in care services, including in homecare and community-based services, and thus increase the choice to households.

2. Member States will have to transpose the Directive on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions until 1 August 2022. Domestic workers will benefit from more transparent and predictable working conditions, if they have an employment contract or employment relationship as defined by law, collective agreements or practice in force in each Member State with consideration to the case-law of the Court of Justice. The European care strategy will acknowledge the vulnerable situation of domestic workers and call for actions at Member States level to ensure fair working conditions.

3. While the main responsibility for tackling undeclared work lies with national authorities, the Commission encourages Member States to adopt a holistic approach towards undeclared work. Such holistic approach should include information and awareness raising about the problems and disadvantages of undeclared work, as well as incentives and sanctions. The European Platform tackling undeclared work, operating as a permanent working group at the European Labour Authority, organized in March 2022 a seminar on tackling undeclared work in the care and personal and household services sector.

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