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Subject: Study supporting the monitoring of care credits in occupational pension schemes and evaluating the situation of EU mobile workers (Contract Number VC/2022/0179)

The European Commission is financing a study to carry out a detailed analysis of care periods and benefits provided under national occupation pension schemes to workers who suspend their professional career due to care responsibilities. The evaluation of the protection of pension rights in occupational pension schemes during care periods and their comparison with statutory pension schemes will provide a basis for further discussion at EU level, for example with the objective of reducing the existing gender pension gap in Member States.

The study involves the collection of information, interviews and workshops with broad range of stakeholders, for example:

- Social partners: trade unions representing workers' organisations (e.g. ETUC), and business and employers' organisations (e.g. Business Europe);
- Representatives of pension funds and providers and EU-level networks and associations (e.g. PensionsEurope, AGE Platform, European Association of Paritarian Institutions – AEIP, EuroCarers, European Network of Equality Bodies);
- EU agencies and authorities, e.g. European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA).

A consortium comprising Risk & Policy Analysts (RPA), Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna, Obsevatoire social européen, Mercer (Denmark) and Tilburg University (Competence Centre for Pension Research) has been appointed to carry out the study.

I would be grateful for any assistance that you can provide to the consortium as they collect information and data to inform the analysis in this study. All queries about this study should, in the first instance, be addressed to RPA's project manager Barbara Janta (barbara.janta@rpald.co.uk).

Should additional information be required, you may wish to contact the responsible officer in the Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion Directorate-General, Mr Radek Casta (radek.casta@ec.europa.eu).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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