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|  | Agnieszka Kozlowska-Rajewicz, Polish MEP on | *We currently have a 17% pay gap and a 40% pensions gap in Europe, which is embarrassing. Stereotypes are to blame and the fact that women are shorter on the labour market than men, because they look after children and have career breaks because of this.* | *PL:* (:00)  *Mamy w tej chwili w Europe 17% lukę płacową i 40% lukę emerytalną, co jest zawstydzające. Winne są stereotypy i to, że kobiety krócej są na rynku pracy niż mężczyźni, ponieważ opiekują się dziećmi i mają przerwy w pracy z tego powodu.* |
|  | Chris off | Closing those gaps are a top priority for the EPP Group. Part of the answer is building a support network for mothers, says Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Coordinator for Women´s Rights and Gender Equality. |  |
| Interview | AK on | *What can be done and what the EPP is trying to promote in practically every possible report, is building crèches, kindergartens, nursing homes, that is, providing support for childcare.* | *:14*  *To co można zrobić i co EPP stara się promować w praktycznie każdym możliwym sprawozdaniu, to budowanie żłobków, przedszkoli, domów opieki, czyli zapewnianie wsparcia jeżeli chodzi o opiekę nad dziećmi.* |
|  | Chris off | Many European women and men struggle to maintain their families’ standard of living, and work-life balance is a part of that. David Casa is the EPP Group´s Coordinator for Employment and Social Affairs. |  |
| Interview | David Casa, Maltese MEP | :38+  *We must make sure that the fathers will be given the responsibility, but also the opportunity, to be involved in the upbringing of the family.* |  |
|  |  | Casa helped to push through Parliament an EU directive calling for paid parental leave for both parents and for carers who need to look after ill or dependent relatives, such as elderly parents. |  |
|  | Casa on | 3:20  *We have the same problems all over Europe. When it comes to caring, unfortunately right now, we tend to leave that part of caring to women. We are also trying to make sure that men are involved in caring also for their relatives.* |  |
|  | Chris off | Kozłowska was lead negotiator for an EU directive to combat discrimination against women by encouraging better sharing of career responsibilities between women and men. |  |
|  | Kozłowska on | *It offers an individual right to parental leave for father and mother, which is not transferable.*  *This ensures that children have both parents at home, but also both parents on the labour market, having a better chance of being competitive.* | *1:46*  *Oferuje ona indywidualne prawo do urlopu dla ojca i matki, które jest niewymienialne. To zapewnia dzieciom oboje rodziców w domu, ale również oboje rodziców na rynku pracy mających wtedy większe szanse żeby być konkurencyjnymi.* |
|  | Casa on | :00  *We want to make sure that Europe remains the best place to work, to live, to invest. And we want to give the opportunity to all EU citizens to reach their full potential.* |  |
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| Headline |  | **Work-life balance: get men sharing in the caring** |  |
| Description |  | Closing the gender gap in pay and treatment as employees is an important priority for the EPP Group in improving family life. The work-life balance is also key, and EPP Group-supported legislation calls for parental time off for men and women to care for their immediate families as well as elderly relatives. |  |
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