We should underpin **intergenerational solidarity** and be open about the cost dynamic of national social protection systems in order to enable future-proof solutions; the EU should regularly present a report on whether national pension, health and care provision is adequately financed and what burdens will have to be borne in the future.

- It must be made easier to extend working life: to this end, it is important to promote exchange of views and mutual learning based on Member States’ innovative policy measures.

- **Make the best of working life**: a long and satisfying professional career based on the right educational choices in early life, an ability to adjust to changes and a willingness to learn and retrain as and when necessary.