

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



Designing effective tools for the promotion and protection of social and economic rights

3rd Meeting

of the CoE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform

on Social and Economic Rights

10 October 2016

Belgrade, Palace "Serbia", room "Beograd"

OBJECTIVES

The third Meeting of the CoE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights, organised at the initiative of the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality of Serbia, aims at increasing mutual awareness and knowledge among partners, with a focus on providing updates about practices in monitoring the respect of social and economic rights at the national, regional and international level. Specifically, the meeting will explore the relationship between the recently launched European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter, and discuss proposals for relevant indicators for monitoring respect for social and economic rights under these mechanisms. Finally, the Platform will identify further capacity building needs to be followed up in 2017.

FORMAT / WORKING LANGUAGE(S)

The one-day event will be held in plenary. The working languages will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	Welcome by Brankica Janković, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality of the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Vulin, Minister of Labour of the Republic of Serbia (tbc) Čedanka Andrić, Secretary of the Social and Economic Council of the Republic of Serbia Nadia Cuk, Deputy Head of Office, Council of Europe Belgrade Office Opening remarks, including summary conclusions of the 28 January 2016 meeting and identified objectives by Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe
09.30 – 11.00	European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter Moderators: Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe and Miltos Pavlou, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Introduction of the European Pillar of Social Rights by Gyula Cserey, European Commission, Secretariat General – Policy Coordination Reflection on the relationship between the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter in the light of the “Turin process” for the Charter by TBC Followed by discussion, including how Platform Partners can contribute meaningfully to the “Turin process” and consultations on the European Pillar of Social Rights Discussion
11.00-11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>

- 11.15 – 12.45 Indicators for monitoring economic and social rights
Moderator: Allison Corkery, Center for Economic and Social Rights

The Power of Numbers: using quantification strategically in human rights monitoring by Allison Corkery, Center for Economic and Social Rights

Discussion, including sharing examples of good practice on the indicators used by Platform Partners for monitoring human rights, in particular social and economic rights, as well as monitoring inequality in Europe
- 12.45 - 14.15 *Lunch break*
- 14.15 – 15.45 Indicators for monitoring economic and social rights continued

Presentation of indicators in the framework of monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter by Lauri Leppik, General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights

Discussion continued
- 15.45 –16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00–16.45 Next steps for the Platform

Moderator: Katrine Steinfeld, European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet)

Brief review of actions agreed at the last meeting, follow-up required, including discussion and definition of capacity building needs of Platform Partners and agreement on a timeline of priorities
- 16.45 – 17.00 Conclusions by Debbie Kohner, Secretary General, Permanent Secretariat, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)