



SEMINAR ON THE COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE UNDER THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: Palace of Serbia (Palata Srbija), Bulevar Mihaila Pupina 2, Novi Beograd,
(Meeting room "Belgrade")

Working languages: English and Serbian

8.45 Registration

9.15 **Opening Statement**

Minister (or State Secretary) of the Serbian authorities

SESSION 1:

**THE COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE - A DEMOCRATIC
TOOL TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER STATES**

Moderator: Ms Dragana Savic,
Head of International Cooperation and European Integration
Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs

9.45 **The Collective Complaints Procedure - strengthening the impact of the European Social Charter**

Mr Riccardo Priore, Coordinator of the Turin Process, Department of the European Social Charter - Focal Point Officer (FPO) for the synergy between EU law and the European Social Charter and the consultation process relating to the EU Pillar of Social Rights, DG I, Council of Europe

10.15 *Coffee break*

10.45 **Achievements of Serbia in the implementation of the European Social Charter: reducing social tension and promoting political consensus**

Mr Ivan Sekulović, General Manager, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit, Government of Serbia

11.15 **The Collective Complaints Procedure - monitoring role of the European Committee of Social Rights**

Mr François Vandamme, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

11.45 Discussion

12.30 *Buffet lunch (beside the meeting room)*

14.30

SESSION 2:

***THE ROLE OF COMPLAINANT ORGANISATIONS IN THE
COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE***

Moderator: Mr Peter Verhaeghe
Policy and Advocacy Officer, Caritas Europa,
Representative of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe

14.45

General overview:

Ms Antonina Vykhrest, Co-Director of the Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards (ACCESS)

15.15

Some concrete cases:

Mr Pim Fischer, Lawyer, Representative of Defence for Children International (DCI)

15.45

Exchange of views with representatives of Serbian non-governmental organisations and social partners

16.45

Concluding remarks

Mr François Vandamme, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

17.00

Closing of the Seminar