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

4th Meeting

of the CoE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform

on Social and Economic Rights

28 March 2017

Strasbourg, Council of Europe, Agora building, Room G01

OBJECTIVES

The fourth meeting of the CoE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights will focus on the relationship between the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter in the light of the various contributions sent to the European Commission; it will discuss proposals for relevant indicators for monitoring respect for social and economic rights; it will explore possible interventions by National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies before the European Committee on Social Rights. An exchange of views will be held on the Platform's online co-operation. Finally, the Platform will prepare the outline for its next meeting to be held in Riga in the autumn.

FORMAT / WORKING LANGUAGE(S)

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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 – 09.30 Welcome by Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Head of the Department of the European Social Charter
- Opening remarks, including summary conclusions of the Belgrade meeting and identified objectives by Julie Lejeune, Legal Policy Officer, ENNHRI
- 09.30 – 11.00 Social Rights at the crossroads
- Moderator: Julie Lejeune, Legal Policy Officer, ENNHRI
- Presentation of contributions to the European Commission consultation on the Pillar of Social Rights by:
- Council of Europe - Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter
 - FRA – Rosana Garciandia, Legal Research Officer Equality and Citizens
 - EQUINET – Laurence Bond, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
 - ENNHRI – Veerle Stroobants, Combat Poverty, Insecurity and Social Exclusion Service, Belgium
- Progress of work on the European Pillar of Social Rights by Georgi Karaghiozov, Policy Officer, Directorate General for Employment, European Commission
- Conclusions 2016 of the European Committee of Social Rights in the field of employment by Lauri Leppik, Professor, Chair of Social Policy, Tallinn University, former member and former General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights
- Recent achievements in the context of the Turin Process by Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe
- Discussion
- 11.00-11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.45 Monitoring of social and economic rights and use of indicators

Moderator: Julie Lejeune, Legal Policy Officer, ENNHRI

Introductory remarks by Sille Stidsen, Danish Institute of Human Rights on “Sustainable Development Goals as a new framework for work on economic and social rights” (tbc)

Framework for monitoring and targeting social and economic rights by

- Louise Callier, Adviser in the Department Policy and Society, UNIA (Belgium)
- Rosana Garciandia, Legal Research Officer, Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department, FRA

Steered discussion with members

12.45 - 14.15 *Lunch break*

14.15 – 15.15 Website and SharePoint of the Platform

Moderator: Rosana Garciandia, Legal Research Officer, Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department, FRA

Presentation of the Website and SharePoint by Tanya Montanari, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe

User feedback / needs

- ENNHRI
- EQUINET

Discussion of next steps for the best use of this tool

15.15–16.00 Interventions before the European Committee of Social Rights by National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies

Moderator: Katrine Steinfeld, Policy Officer, EQUINET

Presentation by Lauri Leppik, Professor, Chair of Social Policy, Tallinn University, former member and former General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights

Collective complaint Complaint No. 69/2011 lodged by Defence for Children International (DCI) v. Belgium – presentation by Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director of DCI, Belgium

16.00 –16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 16.45 Outline for the next meeting to be held in Riga

Moderator: Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe

Presentation by Anete Ilves, Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia

Discussion

16.45 – 17.00 Conclusions by Katrine Steinfeld, Policy Officer, EQUINET