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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS  
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

## European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 295<sup>th</sup> session

### SYNOPSIS

**Date** 16/10/2017 – 20/10/2017

**Activity Type** Monitoring

**Location** Strasbourg, France (Agora)

**Directorate (Service)** DGI Human Rights and Rule of Law (Department of the European Social Charter)

**Origin/DG Remarks** The European Committee of Social Rights is established by the European Social Charter. It is composed of 15 independent experts. It works on 2 specific objectives: treating collective complaints and examining national reports on the application of the European Social Charter with a view to rule on the conformity of national situations under the Charter.

**Objective(s)** - to examine:

- the draft conclusions for Conclusions 2017 and Conclusions XXI-2 (2017);

*Conclusions 2017 and XXI-2 (2017) relating to all States Parties will be adopted in December 2017*

- the provisional conclusions by article (preliminary review);
- the pending collective complaints;
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
- developments relating to the Turin process.

**Output** 1) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions as regards for Conclusions 2017 and Conclusions XXI-2(2017);

2) The Committee conducted a preliminary review of the provisional conclusions;

3) The Rapporteurs for the pending collective complaints informed the Committee of the progress of the proceedings and the President informed about the procedural decisions taken since the previous session (Rules 27 and 28) as well as about new complaints registered.

4) The Committee adopted a decision on admissibility in:

- European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) v. Bulgaria  
Complaint No. 151/2017

and it adopted a decisions on the merits in:

- Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC) v. Belgium  
Complaint No. 109/2014

5) The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions

6) The Committee took note of the information provided on the Turin process.

**Conclusions/Follow Up** The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- to amend the draft conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Committee and transform them into provisional conclusions;
- to notify the decisions regarding collective complaints according to the usual procedure;
- to follow the collective complaints procedure with the Rapporteurs for the pending complaints;
- to remain in contact with the other States Parties concerned on the procedure on non-accepted provisions.

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