

Coordination committee of the Conference of INGOs for the Turin Process for the European Social Charter

Since its creation in June 2016 by the Conference of INGOs, the Coordination Committee has prepared several **recommendations and communications** on social rights in Europe, which have been adopted by the Conference of INGOs at its previous sessions.

Between June 2017 and June 2018 the Committee has taken the following initiatives:

1. The committee represented the Conference of INGOs at the meeting on 26 September 2017 of the **Collaborative Platform** CoE-FRA-ENHRI-EQUINET on social and economic rights, with a contribution to the debate on article 30 of the European Social Charter, entitled « **the voice of civil society in the fight against poverty** ».
2. The committee organised, on 29-30 November 2017 in Brussels, a working session with the participation of representatives of its members in Strasbourg and Brussels, to evaluate the outcome of and to prepare a follow up to the **Social Summit of the EU** in Gothenburg where the European Pillar of Social Rights was proclaimed. An action plan was developed during this working session in Brussels.
3. In the follow up to this meeting, a **Recommendation regarding the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights** was prepared by the Committee and adopted by the Conference of INGOs at its session in January 2018 ([CONF/PLE\(2018\)REC1](#))
4. During the June 2018 session of the conference of INGOs, the Committee organised a **training session on the European Social Charter**, with the participation of members of the Secretariat of the European Social Charter and INGOs having presented collective complaints. About 70 INGO representatives participated. This level of participation illustrates again the interest that INGOs give to social rights in their activities.
5. The Coordination Committee proposes the organisation, in October-November 2019, of a **European Conference on social rights**, with the support of the presidencies of the EU and the Council of Europe. The Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs validated this project. The initiative will come at the right moment, 5 years after Turin I and after the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Parliamentary elections, to make an interim assessment and to open new perspectives for the promotion of social rights in Europe.