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**EUROPEAN SOCIAL COHESION PLATFORM
(PECS)**

**2nd meeting
Strasbourg, 19 – 20 September 2017**

Council of Europe, Agora Building, room G 03

Starting time: 19 September, 9.30am

Closing time: 20 September, 05.00 pm

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Introductory and welcoming address by the Head of the European Social Charter Department.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Documents: PECS (2017)OJ2, PECS (2017)OJ2 Annotated, Order of business

Action: *the Platform is invited to adopt the draft agenda and the draft order of business.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform adopted the agenda as it appears in document PECS(2017)OJ2 and the order of business.

3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR

Documents: PECS (2017)4, Resolution CM/Rec (2011)24

The PECS is invited to nominate candidates for the position of Chair. The members of the Platform are invited to submit written nominations to the Secretary of the Platform, after having obtained the prior consent of the candidate, by the coffee break or at the end of the morning session of 19 September.

The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Platform could take place after the coffee break in the morning or at the beginning of the afternoon session of 19 September.

Action: *the Platform is invited to set a deadline for nominating candidates for election to the post of Chair and Vice-Chair and to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the PECS.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform elected Ms/Mr..... as Chair of the PECS and Ms/Mr.... as Vice-Chair for a one year term.

4. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE PREVIOUS PLENARY MEETING

Documents: SG/Inf (2017)3, PECS (2017)2, PECS (2017)8, PECS (2017)9

4.1 Developments within the Council of Europe

Under this item, the Secretariat will inform the PECS on developments of particular interest to the Platform since the 2016 meeting of the PECS. Complementary topical concise information to the written document on this topic, if particularly relevant, will be given by representatives of Council of Europe bodies and committees

4.2 Developments in Member States

Complementary topical concise information to the written document on this topic, if particularly relevant, will be given by representatives of member States

Action: *the Platform is invited to take note of relevant developments in the field of social cohesion / social rights since its previous meeting.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform took note of the information on developments in the field of social cohesion / social rights since its previous plenary meeting within the Council of Europe.

5. WORKING PROGRAMME 2016-2017

Documents: PECS ToR 2016-2017, PECS (2016)7, PECS(2017)1

5.1 Working Groups

At its first meeting (27-28 June 2016) the Platform decided to organise its work through 3 Working groups (WG). The rapporteur of each working group drafted a report on the work done and will present it to the Platform in order to exchange and reach an agreement on the finalisation of the implementation of its mandate 2016-2017

- WG1 “Mainstreaming of social cohesion throughout the Council of Europe”
by **Linda Niki Volosinovskiy** *Document: PECS (2017)5*

- WG2 “Good practices and innovative approaches”
by **Arman Sargsyan** *Documents: PECS (2017)6, PECS (2017)3*

- WG3 ‘New trends and challenges’
by **Joseph Gerada** *Document: PECS (2017)7*

Action: *The Platform is invited to take note of the presentations by the Rapporteurs and to discuss the follow-up as well as the improvement of the functioning of the working groups*

5.2 Report by the Gender Equality Rapporteur (tbc)

5.3 Study

Document PECS (2017)12

At the PECS first meeting, a prospect study was suggested as a valuable outcome of its work, in particular with the view of implementing the future-oriented part of the PECS mandate. Taking into account the outcome of the working groups’ work and the proposed mandate to the Consultant, the Platform should reach an agreement on the contents of this study.

Action: *The Platform is invited to advise the Secretariat as appropriate.*

Proposed draft decisions

The Platform:

- *welcomed the reports by the Rapporteur of each working group*
- *decided on the follow-up to the work of the working groups in order to finalise the mandate 2016-2017 of the Platform*
- *following the discussion on the prospective study and the exchange with the consultant, agreed that...*

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6. OPINION ON PACE'S RECOMMENDATION 2112 (2017)

Documents: PACE's Recommendation 2112 (2007), PECS (2017)11

Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation 2112 (2017) – "The Turin Process: reinforcing social rights in Europe" is submitted to the PECS, in accordance with the Committee of Ministers' request to the Platform for information and possible comments.

Action: *the Platform is invited to take note of PACE's Recommendation 2112 (2017) and to agree on possible comments*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform took note of PACE's Recommendation 2112 (2017) and agreed on comments as they appear in document PECS(2017)11

7. QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PLATFORM WORKING PROGRAMME

The following interventions are in the framework of the third priority indicated for the work of the Platform in the Secretary's General Interim report, which is: "**The impact of the economic crisis on health and social protection**, in particular **combating poverty and social exclusion**, and the fact that these may foster violent **radicalisation**." Two presentations are also related to the replies to the questionnaire on best practices and innovative approaches.

Article 30 of the European Social Charter 'The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion'

by Ms Eliane Chemla, General Rapporteur, European Committee of Social Rights

'Citizenship income'

by Mr Marc de Basquiart, Economist, President, *Association pour l'Instauration d'un Revenu d'Existence (AIRE)*

'The SPIRAL approach of the TOGETHER Network - application of the strategy of social cohesion in the territories as a response to the negative effects of the economic crisis'

by Mr Samuel Thirion, Secretary General, TOGETHER Network

'European Food Bank Federation'

by Patrick Alix, Secretary General, European Food Bank Federation (FEBA)

'Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe'

by Aiste Ramanauskaite

Action: *The Platform is invited to take note and exchange views.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform took note of the presentation by ... on ... which are related to its third working priority "The impact of the economic crisis on health and social protection, in particular combating poverty and social exclusion, and the fact that these may foster violent radicalisation".

8. PROGRAMME 2018-2019

Document: Draft PECS ToR 2018-2019

The Committee of Ministers will decide on the Terms of Reference for the next biennium during the last trimester 2017. The Platform will exchange views on its draft ToR 2018-2019 in order to agree on clear and concise orientations which can be easily integrated in the draft Terms of Reference.

Action: *The Platform is invited to discuss possible future orientation of its working programme 2018-2019.*

Proposed draft decisions

The Platform agreed on the following possible future orientation of its working programme for 2018-2019:

9. COOPERATION

Document: PECS (2017)9

9.1 Exchange of views with the Representatives/Secretariat of the Council of Europe's Bodies and Committees

The purpose of this exchange of views is to focus on concrete ways to implement the PECS' Mandate, in particular for "ensuring the mainstreaming of social cohesion throughout the Council of Europe", rather than giving an update on the activities, issue considered under point 3.1 of this agenda

Action: *The Platform will exchange views with representative of Council of Europe's bodies and committees in order to find concrete ways of implementing its mandate*

Proposed draft decisions

The Platform exchanged views with representative of Council of Europe's bodies and committees in order to find concrete ways of implementing its mandate and agreed that...

9.2 Exchange of views with observer States, other International Institutions and NGOs

Under this item, the Platform is invited to hold an exchange of views with the representatives of Observer States, other International Institutions and NGOs

Action: *the Platform is invited to take note of the interventions of representatives of observer States, other International institutions and NGOs and had an exchange of views with the aim of a more effective cooperation*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform:

- welcomed the presentation by the representatives of Observer States, other International Institutions and NGOs*
- exchanged views with the aim of a more effective cooperation*
- reached the following agreement:...*

10. REPRESENTATION OF PECS AT EXTERNAL EVENTS

Document: Calendar of events

Action: *the Platform is invited to nominate its representatives in external events*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform nominated Ms/Mr... to attend...;....

11. WORKING METHOD AND CALENDAR

The Platform will discuss working methods and calendar to finalise the implementation of the mandate 2016-2017 and, possibly, for the following biennium.

Action: *The Platform is invited to discuss the working methods to finalize the implementation of its working programme taking into account its specificity and to decide the calendar of this implementation.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform discussed the working methods with the view of finalizing the implementation of its working programme 2016-2017 and decided to..... and to..... with the following calendar:

12. EUROPEAN SOCIAL COHESION PLATFORM NEWSLETTER

The Platform will exchange views on the PECS Newsletter, which is issued monthly since July 2016 in order to suggest possible improvements.

Action: *The Platform is invited to exchange views and advise the Secretariat*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform discussed the Newsletter and proposed that....

13. EUROPEAN SOCIAL COHESION PLATFORM WEBPAGE

The Secretariat will present the PECS Page www.coe.int/pecs on the Council of Europe Website

Action: *The Platform is invited to take note of the presentation of the PECS Website and to exchange in order advice the Secretariat on possible improvements*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform took note of the presentation of the PECS Website and suggested that...

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Delegations are kindly asked to indicate any issues they may wish to raise under this item when the PECS adopts its agenda.

Proposed draft decision

The Platform took note of

15. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT PECS MEETING

The 3rd Meeting of the PECS will take place on2018 at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. This meeting will depend on the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the PECS ToR 2018-2019.

Action: *The Platform is invited to decide a date for the 3th meeting of the Platform*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform decided to held its third meeting on ... in Strasbourg, provided that its Terms of Reference 2018-2019 are adopted by the Committee of Ministers.

16. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Document: PECS (2017) 10 - Draft list of decisions

Action: *the Platform is invited to adopt the draft list of decisions as they appear in document PECS (2017)10.*

Proposed draft decision

The Platform adopted the list of decisions as they appear in document PECS(2016)10.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING