

Child Poverty and Social Exclusion through the Lens of the European Social Charter

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Article 30 - The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion

- With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion, the Parties undertake:
 - a) to take measures within the framework of an overall and co-ordinated approach to promote the effective access of persons who live or risk living in a situation of social exclusion or poverty, as well as their families, to, in particular, employment, housing, training, education, culture and social and medical assistance;
 - b) to review these measures with a view to their adaptation if necessary.



Article 17 - The child's right to social, legal and economic protection

- Article 17 Revised Charter
 - With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right of children and young persons to grow up in an environment which encourages the full development of their personality and of their physical and mental capacities, the Parties undertake, either directly or in co-operation with public and private organisations, to take all appropriate and necessary measures designed:
 - 1) (a) to ensure that children and young persons, taking account of the rights and duties of their parents, have the care, the assistance, the education and the training they need, in particular by providing for the establishment or maintenance of institutions and services sufficient and adequate for this purpose;
 - (b) to protect children and young persons against negligence, violence or exploitation;
 - (c) to provide protection and special aid from the state for children and young persons temporarily or definitively deprived of their family's support;
 - 2) to provide to children and young persons a **free primary** and secondary education as well as to encourage regular attendance at schools.