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High-Level
Conference on the
**European
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Europe is perceived by its citizens as being remote from their everyday concerns. In order to regain its appeal Europe must focus on the fundamental values which are central to its mission to bring together states and their citizens and primarily on the European Social Charter, signed in Turin on 18th October 1961. This Charter, a genuine social constitution for Europe, must now be at the forefront so that Europe can once again count on the full support of citizens and the commitment of states based on the values of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

“The road forward is neither easy nor safe, but must be pursued and it will be.”

Altiero Spinelli, Ventotene Manifesto



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P R O G R A M M E

Friday 17 October 2014 2.15 > 6.15 pm

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OPENING SESSION

- > **Giuliano Poletti** Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy
- > **Thorbjørn Jagland** Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- > **Piero Fassino** Mayor of Turin

Theme I

THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER IN AFFIRMING SOCIAL RIGHTS DURING THE CRISIS PERIOD AND THE CRISIS EXIT PHASE

2.45 > 3.45 pm

MINISTERIAL SESSION

Statements:

- > **Salim Maslumov** Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- > **Ministers, Vice-Ministers and Secretaries of State present at the Conference**
- > **László Andor** European Commissioner responsible for Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion

3.45 > 5.00 pm

PANEL 1

Austerity measures in a period of crisis: the impact on social rights, the participation of citizens and the contribution of the European Social Charter to the crisis exit phase

Moderator: **Francesco Manacorda** Deputy-Director of the daily newspaper “La Stampa”

- > **Cleopatra Dombia-Henry** Director of the Department of Labour Standards of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- > **Ioannis Dragasakis** Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- > **Sylvie Goulard** Member of the European Parliament, President of the Intergroup on “Extreme Poverty and Human Rights”
- > **Jean-Marie Heydt** President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe
- > **Renate Hornung-Draus** Vice-President for Europe of the International Organisation of Employers
- > **Bernadette Ségol** Secretary General of the European Trade Union Confederation

5.00 > 5.20 pm *coffee break*

5.20 > 6.15 pm

PANEL 2

The contribution of the collective complaints procedure to the respect of social rights in Europe

Moderator: **Giuseppe Zaffuto** Spokesperson, Directorate of Communication, Council of Europe

- > **Jean-François Akandji-Kombé** General Coordinator of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter and Social Rights, Professor at the Sorbonne Law School, Paris
- > **Luis Jimena Quesada** President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
- > **Urfan Khaliq** Professor of Public International and European Laws, Cardiff Law School, Cardiff University
- > **Guido Raimondi** Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

8.30 pm >

Dinner offered by the Municipality of Turin, reserved to Heads of ministerial delegations and representatives of the participating institutions

(at the invitation of the Mayor)



Saturday 18 October 2014 9.00 am > 1.30 pm

9.00 > 9.45 am

OPENING SPEECHES

- > **Anne Brasseur** President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- > **Laura Boldrini** Speaker of Chamber of Deputies, Italian Parliament
- > **Representative of the European Parliament**

Theme II

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE

9.45 > 10.45 am

MINISTERIAL SESSION

- > **Statements by Ministers, Vice-Ministers and Secretaries of State present at the Conference**

10.45 am > 12.00 pm

PANEL 3

Synergies between the law of the European Union and the European Social Charter

Moderator: **Giovanni Guiglia** Coordinator of Italian Section of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter and Social Rights, Professor of Public Law, Department of Legal Sciences, University of Verona

- > **Olivier De Schutter** Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the United Nations (2015-2018), Professor at the University of Leuven and at the College of Europe
- > **Luca Jahier** President of Group III of the European Economic and Social Committee, European Union
- > **Paolo Mengozzi** Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- > **Giuseppe Palmisano** Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
- > **Armindo Silva** Director for Employment and Social Legislation, Social Dialogue - Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- > **Gabriel N. Toggenburg** Senior Legal Advisor of the Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union

12.00 > 12.30 pm *coffee break*

12.30 > 12.50 pm

GENERAL REPORT

- > **Michele Nicoletti** Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
General Rapporteur of the Conference

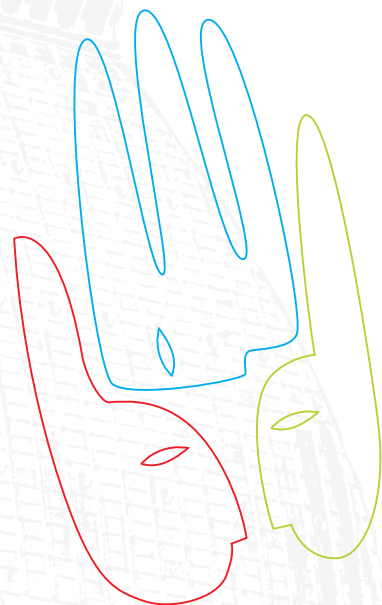
12.50 > 1.30 pm

CLOSING SESSION

- > **Giuliano Poletti** Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy
- > **Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni** Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- > **Piero Fassino** Mayor of Turin

1.30 pm >

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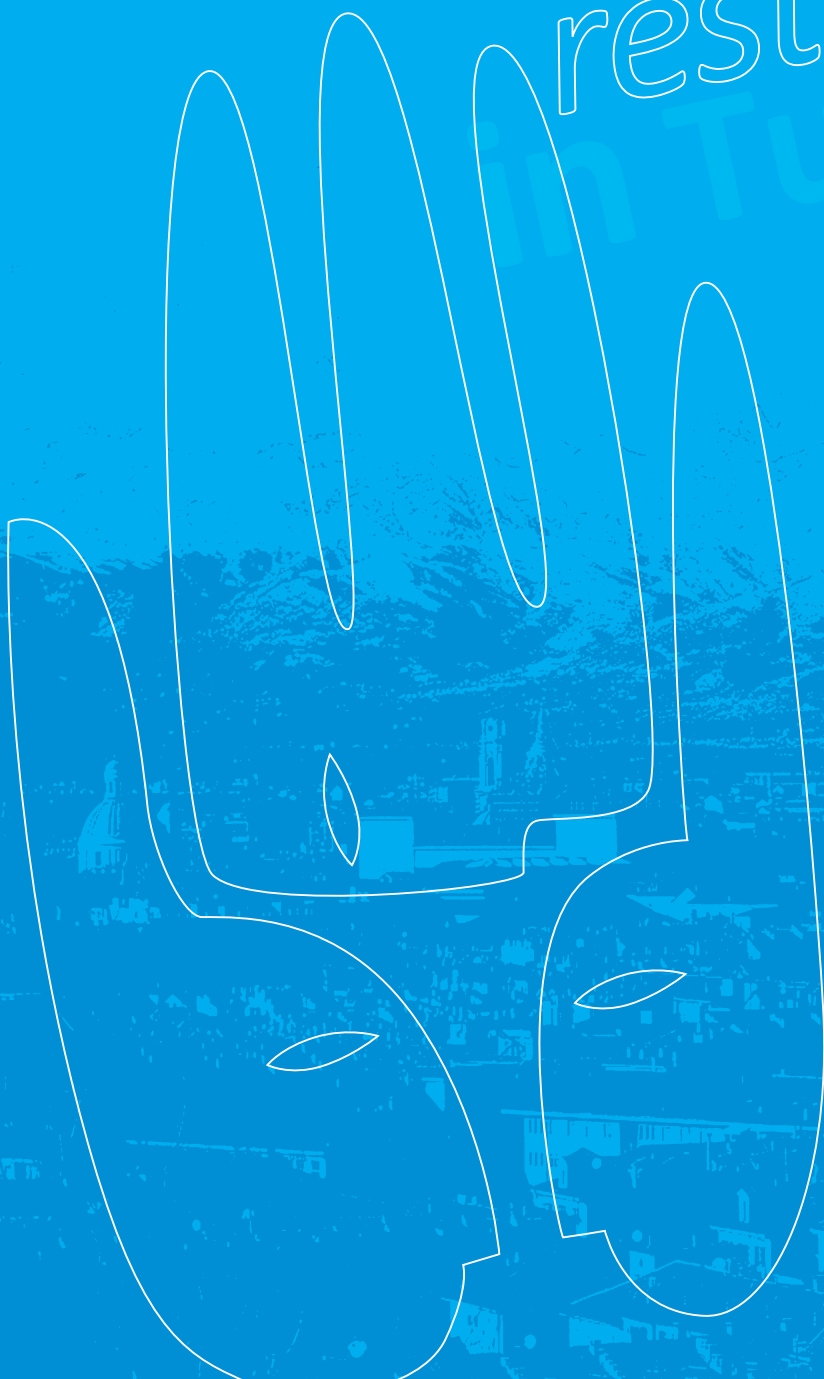


Meetings related to the European Social Charter

held in conjunction with the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter

- **274th Session of the European Committee of Social Rights**
13-16 October 2014 - Curia maxima, via Corte d'Appello, 16, Turin
- **130th meeting of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security**
13-17 October 2014 - ILO training Centre
viale Maestri del Lavoro, 10 - Turin
- **Meeting of the INGOs Conference of the Council of Europe** organised on the occasion of the International Day for the eradication of poverty
17 October 2014 - Palazzo Civico, Piazza Palazzo di Città, Turin
- **General Assembly of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter and Social Rights (ANESC)**
16 October 2014 - Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Turin
- **Round table organised by ANESC** on the occasion of the High-level Conference on the European Social Charter
16 October 2014 - Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Turin
- **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**
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