



**SEMINAR ON  
THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER AND THE EUROPEAN  
CODE OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

**organised by  
the Department of the European Social Charter and  
the European Code of Social Security  
Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law  
Council of Europe**

**In cooperation with  
the Ministry of Health and Social Development  
of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Social Development and  
Labour of the Astrakhan Region**

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**Astrakhan, Russian Federation  
24-25 April 2012**

The aim of this Seminar is to provide comprehensive information to the authorities of the Russian Federation with a view to a wider application of the European Social Charter, now ratified by the Russian Federation and to assist “the Russian Federation” in the process of signature and ratification of the European Code of Social Security.

The overall objective is to ensure effectiveness of fundamental social rights in “the Russian Federation”.

**Tuesday 24 April 2012**

**9.15-9.30**

**Introductory Remarks**

- Representation of the Astrakhan Region,
- Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation,
- Mr Régis Brillat, Head of Department, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

**9.30-10.30**

**General presentation of the Council of Europe and the European Social Charter**

- Mr Régis Brillat, Head of Department, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
- Ms Elena Vokach-Boldyreva, Deputy Head of Division, International Cooperation Department

Questions/Discussion

**10.30-11.00**

**Legal assessment of national situations: the work of the European Committee of Social Rights**

- Mr Colm O’Cinneide, Lecturer in Law, University College of London, Vice President of the European Committee of Social Rights

Questions/Discussion

**11.00-11.20**

**Coffee break**

**11.20-12.30**

**Articles 11, 12§1, 13 and 14 of the European Social Charter**

**1) Presentation of the situation in the Russian Federation and in the Astrakhan Region**

- Ms Ekaterina Lukianenko – Minister of Social Development and Labour in Astrakhan Region
- Ms Zoya Sereda, Chief of Division, Department of Health Protection and Sanitary Epidemiological Human Well-being, Ministry of Health and Social Development, Russian Federation

**12.30-14.00**

**Lunch**

- 14.00-15.00**                    **Articles 11, 12§1, 13 and 14 of the European Social Charter**
- 1) Presentation of the situation in the Russian Federation and in the Astrakhan Region (continues)**
- Ms Irina Kukushkina, Chief of Division, Department of Social Insurance Development and State Support, Ministry of Health and Social Development, Russian Federation
  - Ms Nina Shakhina, Deputy-director, The Russian children in need fund
- Questions/Discussion
- 15.00-16.00**                    **2) Council of Europe expert's presentation by article**
- Questions/Discussion
- 16.00-16.15**                    **Coffee break**
- 16.15-17.00**                    **Follow-up to the conclusions of the European Committee of Social Rights and the role of the Governmental Committee**
- Questions/Discussion

**Wednesday 25 April 2012**

**The European Code of Social Security**

- 9.30-10.30**                    **General presentation on the development of social security in Europe**
- The Russian situation**
- Mr Alexandre Razumov, Deputy Director of the Institute of Labour and Social Insurance, Russian Federation
- Questions/Discussion
- 10.30-11.10**                    **The European Code of Social Security (background, overall structure, supervision procedure)**
- Ms Ana Gomez, Administrator, Department of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security, Council of Europe
- Questions/Discussion
- 11.10-11.30**                    **Coffee break**
- 11.30-12.15**                    **The practical application of the Code**
- Ms Ana Gomez, Administrator, Department of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security, Council of Europe

Questions/Discussion

**12.15-12.30**

**Closing of the seminar**

**12.45**

**Lunch and visit of the Social Institutions of the Region of Astrakhan**