

Seminar on the Reform of the European Social Charter

Programme

*Venue: Säätytalo, House of the Estates
Address: Snellmaninkatu 9-11, 00170 Helsinki
Date: 8 February, 2011*

08.30– 9.15 Registration

09.30 – 10.00 Opening of the Seminar by the President of the Republic of Finland, Tarja Halonen

Welcoming Address: Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Part I International Framework

The European Committee of Social Rights and the collective complaint mechanism: present and future

Mr. Luis Jimena Quesada, President of the European Committee of Social Rights

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

11.20 – 12.30 *European and global social standards and their interaction*

Mr. Kari Tapiola, Special Adviser to the Director-General, International Labour Organization

The relationship between the European Social Charter and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

Ms. Lenia Samuel, Deputy Director General of Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 ***Part II Reform needs of the European Social Charter***

Needs to strengthen the monitoring mechanisms of social human rights

Professor Matti Mikkola, Professor of Labour law, University of Helsinki

Social Charter and social NGOs - where they should meet?

Ms. Antonina Dashkina, President of the Russian Union of Social workers and social pedagogues, vice-chair of the social cohesion and eradication of the poverty committee, INGO Conference of the COE

States' compliance with the decisions of the ECSR

Mr. Freek Spinnewijn, Director of the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

Bringing collective complaints concerning violations of rights of the Romani minority to the ECSR – experiences and challenges

Ms. Lydia Gall, Lawyer, European Roma Rights Center

Final remarks/Conclusions

Ms. Jarna Petman, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

Seminar will be chaired by Ambassador Irma Ertman, Permanent Representation of Finland to the Council of Europe