

## Conclusions of the Conference

### **“50 Years of the European Social Charter: Accomplishments and Social Challenges for Croatia and Europe”**

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*Acknowledging that the world is under great challenges that are a result of globalisation, social processes, global economic and social crisis, and the development of new social risks,*

*Emphasising that the improvement and respect of social rights should be understood as a developmental standard of developed countries, and as a social investment directed to activation and inclusion, and not as a cost,*

*Recognising the Council of Europe as the most important promoter and protector of human rights in Europe,*

*Understanding the role of civil society organisations as social innovators,*

*Stressing the importance of ratification, reporting and the system of monitoring the implementation of the European Social Charter,*

We bring the Conclusions of the Conference “50 Years of the European Social Charter: Accomplishments and Social Challenges for Croatia and Europe“:

1. Systematic access to all materials, documents, reports, scientific research and articles connected to the topic of the European Social Charter should be organised for the public – through the web site of Pragma and other partner organisations, while important documents, decisions, opinions and declarations of the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Committee for Social Rights of the Council of Europe should be translated into Croatian,
2. Theme conferences on the European Social Charter and the work of the Committee for Social Rights of the Council of Europe should be organised once a year,
3. The Republic of Croatia should ratify the revised European Social Charter and accept all articles of the revised European Social Charter,
4. The efforts of the Council of Europe in the promotion of the revised European Social Charter should be supported and its contribution in promoting and safeguarding socially sustainable development should be emphasised,
5. State administration should be reorganised to be based on active social politics aiming at providing support and social inclusion of all citizens, and in a way that the social sphere is not fragmented between several state administration bodies,
6. Efforts in reporting, data collection, inclusion of social partners and the promotion of the European Social Charter should be increased in Croatia among the experts, academic, political and general public.