

Promoting social human rights as a key factor of sustainable democracy in Ukraine

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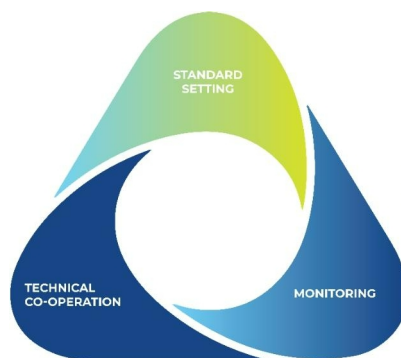


CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

"PROMOTING SOCIAL HUMAN RIGHTS AS A KEY FACTOR OF SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY IN UKRAINE"

Impact:

Democracy is rendered more sustainable through enhancement of social rights in line with European standards.



Expected results:

1

Social rights policies and practices are coherent and synergised at the national level and aligned with European standards in the field of social and economic rights, providing for proper protection and implementation of social rights.

2

Reporting procedure on the implementation of the European Social Charter is improved and the quality of the national reports submitted to the ESCR is improved, providing accurate and complete data.

3

Awareness on human social rights and the system of the European Social Charter is increased among target groups (including legal professionals, social/civil servants, students of law and social science) and public in general to enhance implementation and protection of social rights.

1.08.2019

The Council of Europe Project on the "Promoting Social Human Rights as a Key Factor of Sustainable Democracy in Ukraine" was launched on 1 August 2019. It became the first among the 47 member States of the Council of Europe to promote social human rights guaranteed by the European Social Charter.

2017

The development of social rights has become one of the key directions of the reforms in Ukraine.

2009-2019

Ten national reports have been submitted by the Ukrainian authorities to the European Committee of Social Rights (hereinafter-ECSR) on the implementation of the accepted provisions of the European Social Charter.

21.12.2006

Ukraine ratified the European Social Charter, accepting 76 of its 98 paragraphs.

3.05.1996

The European Social Charter was revised.

18.10.1961

The European Social Charter was adopted.

During the first year of implementation, a number of activities aimed at realising the main goal of the Project – **strengthening the sustainability of democracy through promoting social rights in accordance with European standards** – were organised and carried out:

2019-2020:

38

activities

700

attendees
of the forums

500+

online and
offline meetings

106

documents
translated

3

Publications

5

analysis of
legislation

1

1 assessment with respect to policy
and legal framework revision in the area of rights of
people with disabilities in Ukraine vis-à-vis Art. 15 of the
European Social Charter

engaged

70

partners

18

national and
international experts

1

Analysis of the compliance of draft laws on Employment with the European Social Charter with regard to ensuring **gender equality** through equal pay and leave entitlement.

2

Analysis of the compliance of draft laws on Employment with the European Social Charter and anti-discrimination standards with regard to ensuring **right to work of persons with disabilities**.

3

Summary on Problematic Aspects of Socially-Oriented Legislation of Ukraine and Recommendations for Their Elimination in the context of the implementation of the judgements of **the European Court of Human Rights** in the group of cases 'Yuriy Mykolayovych Ivanov v. Ukraine' and '**Burmych and others v. Ukraine**'.

4

Analysis of the Law of Ukraine "**On Social Services**" and related regulatory framework on compliance with the European Social Charter and best European practices.

5

"White paper" on legal regulation of **employment of people with disabilities** in line with the best European practices.



**24.10
2019**

«PROJECT LAUNCHING» CONFERENCE

"The priorities of the Government's Action Plan fully coincide with the objectives of the Project and the European Social Charter", Ms Yuliia Sokolovska, Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine

"I hope, that the excellent co-operation the Council of Europe and Ukraine have in promoting human rights and rule of law will continue. I am proud that the first social rights project of the Council of Europe will be implemented in Ukraine", Mr Christophe Poirel, Director of Human rights, DGI, Council of Europe.



**28-29.11
2019**

"EFFICIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS A BACKGROUND OF DEMOCRATIC AND RULE-OF-LAW STATE" FORUM

More than 240 representatives of central and local executive bodies, local self-government authorities and their associations as well as other attendees learned about the best European practices on implementation of social services at the local level in the context of decentralisation.



**2.12
2019**

"OPEN SPACE" FORUM

Approx. 200 participants learnt about the best practice of Council of Europe member States and got acquainted with the recommendations with regard to accessibility and promoting social entrepreneurship in Ukraine.



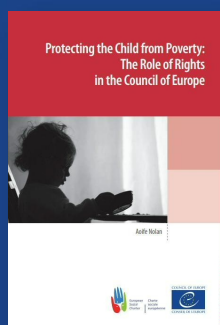
**9-10.12
2019**

"PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TROUGH JUDICIAL EDUCATION: BEST PRACTICES AND IMPROVEMENT OF STANDARDS" CONFERENCE

European Social Charter is recommended to be included in the judicial training programmes following the high-level international, regional conference "Protection of human rights through judicial education: best practices and improvement of standards".



The booklet *Tell Me What is the European Social Charter?*, explaining the European Social Charter in a comic strip for children.



The report *'Protecting Children from Poverty: The Role of Rights in the Council of Europe'* shows that the European Social Charter, a regional human rights agreement Ukraine has voluntarily committed to, is a roadmap for the efforts of states to combat child poverty.



Conclusions of the European Committee of Social Rights on the adopted provisions of the articles related to the thematic group 'Children, families and migrants' in relation to Ukraine, as well as a brief description of conclusions with regard to 36 European countries.

During the reporting period, 5 open lectures on the topic “The European Social Charter and its application in Ukraine” were delivered by **Ms Alla Fedorova**, the Council of Europe national consultant, Candidate of Sciences in International Law.



25.11.
2019

Kyiv

Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

27.02.
2020

Lviv

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

28.02.
2020

Lutsk

Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University

15.04.
2020

Online-lecture

Open registration

26.05.
2020

Online-lecture

Department of the on International and European Law of the National University “Odessa Law Academy”

October
2019 -
August
2020



NEEDS ASSESSMENT MISSION WITH REGARD TO POLICY AND LEGAL FRAME- WORK REVISION IN THE SPHERE OF RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Following the needs assessment with respect to the revision of the policy and legal framework in the area of rights of people with disabilities vis-à-vis Art. 15 of the European Social Charter a report with recommendations and a road map for Ukraine is developed.

30.04.
2020



INTERVIEW WITH AIOFE NOLAN, A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

How the European Social Charter guarantees human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic, what obligations of states are provided for by the Charter in cases of such a pandemic crisis and what support should be provided to the most vulnerable groups of people, were discussed.

21-22.11.
2019



NATIONAL MINORITIES RIGHTS AND SOCIAL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE AND THE DECENTRALISATION

Regional representatives of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights developed their capacities with regard to monitoring of social rights compliance vis-à-vis the rights guaranteed under European Social Charter at the local level.

The Project 'Promoting Social Human Rights as a Key Factor of Sustainable Democracy in Ukraine' can also be proud of the special projects that were carried out with partners during the year.

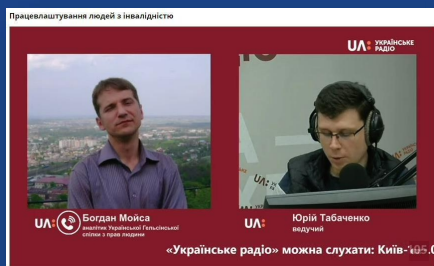
"LET'S SOUND TOGETHER"



On 4th of December 2019, in co-operation with the Ukrainian First Public Radio Channel, a unique event – 'Let's Sound Together' inclusive concert that brought together young musicians was organised.

This initiative, involving children with and without disabilities, proved that there were no limits for those who love music and want to create.

SOCIAL RIGHTS IN UKRAINE



Also, in co-operation with the Ukrainian First Public Radio Channel, a series of radio interviews on social rights in Ukraine was developed, and they were available both in the form of podcasts and in video and text formats.

- Concert dedicated to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 'Let's Sound Together'
- What is the European Social Charter?
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion
- The rights of persons with disabilities under the European Social Charter
- Employment of people with disabilities

- European Social Charter: the Right to Housing
- Children's rights in the European Social Charter. Sexting
- Deinstitutionalisation of care
- Council of Europe Project on the European Social Charter implementation in Ukraine
- Coronavirus and social rights

500 000+
listeners

MARATHON DEDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN



The Project, together with the Ministry of Social Policy, held an online marathon dedicated to Children's Day from 1 June to 7 June 2020.

It was launched by the online concert with famous Ukrainian musicians and talented children.

A series of video master classes from popular craftsmen and artists were presented during the marathon.

170 000+
reach

- How to become a theatre actor/actress;
- How a child can learn cooking?;
- How to read quickly? Basic life hacks;
- How to become a movie star? Basics and life hacks;
- How to take and edit videos using the smartphones?
- How to make the first money? Financial literacy for children;
- How to take good quality photos and edit them using a smartphone?

A series of infographics about Children Rights guaranteed under the European Social Charter was designed:



- Rights of children and young persons to work;
- Rights of children to social, legal and economic protection;
- The right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration and participation in the life of the community;
- The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion.

The Council of Europe Project “Promoting Social Human Rights as a Key Factor of Sustainable Democracy in Ukraine” is presented on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

The Project page on Facebook:



Decentralisation and local government reform in Ukraine

Protecting national minorities, including Roma, and minority languages in Ukraine

Further support for the execution by Ukraine of judgements in respect of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights

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The European Social Charter, adopted in 1961 and revised in 1996, is the counterpart of the European Convention on Human Rights in the field of economic and social rights. It guarantees a broad range of human rights related to employment, housing, health, education, social protection and welfare.

No other legal instrument at pan-European level provides such an extensive and complete protection of social rights as that provided by the Charter.

The Charter is therefore seen as the Social Constitution of Europe and represents an essential component of the continent's human rights architecture.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 47 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.



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