



12th Meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Platform on Social and Economic Rights

Strengthening cooperation between National Human Rights Institutions/National Equality Bodies and civil society organisations working on social rights

20 September 2022

AC Marriott Hotel Bratislava Old Town (meeting room LIPA, 09:30-17:00 CET)
Bratislava, Slovak Republic

PROGRAMME

09:30-10:00 Opening

Welcoming remarks

- *Silvia Porubánová, Executive Director, Slovak Centre for Human Rights*

Latest developments relating to social rights at the Council of Europe

- *Gerald Dunn, Head of Cooperation and Intergovernmental Activities, Social Rights Department, Council of Europe*

10:00-10:45 Protecting social rights in Europe through collaboration: how to engage with the European Social Charter and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

Moderated by Tanya Montanari, COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Platform Coordinator, Social Rights Department, Council of Europe

How can the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights support [strong and effective national human rights institutions – challenges, promising practices and opportunities](#)

- *Ursula Till-Tentschert, Project Manager, Equality, Roma and Social Rights, Agency of Fundamental Rights*

Engagement opportunities under the monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter

- *Mario Vinković, member of the European Committee of Social Rights*

What is the “social rights tracker”, developed by the Council of Europe Conference of INGOs

- *Piotr Sadowski, Volonteuropa / Social Platform*

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Existing collaboration between National Human Rights Institutions/National Equality Bodies and civil society organisations to strengthen the protection of social rights in Europe: good practices and challenges (by NHRIs/NEBs)

Moderated by Juliana Santos Wahlgren, Director of European Anti-Poverty Network

Enhancing the use of the reporting procedure of the European Social Charter in Slovakia through better collaboration with civil society organisations

- *Zuzana Pavlíčková, Head of Policy and International Relations, Slovak National Centre for Human Rights*

Social rights of older women in rural areas: how cooperation with civil society organisations contributed to implement the project

- *Daliborka Nikodimović, Senior Adviser, Sector for Projects, Protector of Citizens of Serbia*

Cooperation of the Finnish Human Rights Institutions with the Human Rights Delegation

- *Sanni Myllyaho, Junior Expert at the Human Rights Centre, Finland*

Q & A Session

12:00-13:00 Existing collaboration between civil society organisations and National Human Rights Institutions/National Equality Bodies to strengthen the protection of social rights in Europe: good practices and challenges (by CSOs)

Moderated by Katerina Charokopou, Greek National Consultative Commission for Human Rights

- *Helen Portal, Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe*
- *Ivan Novosel, Director of Programs, Human Rights House Zagreb, Croatia*
- *María del Carmen Cortés, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Spain*

Q & A Session

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch (restaurant of the hotel)

14:30-15:30 From existing collaboration to partnerships: identifying specific tools and approaches for strengthening collaboration and transforming it to partnerships (working group sessions)

The session aims to provide concrete ideas on how to create and strengthen collaboration between National Human Rights Institutions, National Equality Bodies and Non-governmental organisations. The session will be organised in three working groups.

Moderators:

Ursula Till-Tentschert, Project Manager, Equality, Roma and Social Rights, FRA

Daris José Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, EQUINET

Tanya Montanari, Social Rights Department, Council of Europe

15:30-16:00 Working group sessions wrap-up

Working Groups' rapporteurs will be invited to present the results of the discussion.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:00 Next steps and concluding remarks

General discussion on working methods, capacity building needs and outline for the next meeting of the Platform

- *Tanya Montanari, COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Platform Coordinator, Social Rights Department, Council of Europe*

Concluding remarks

- *Christiaan Duijst, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, Chair of the ENNHRI Working Group on Economic and Social Rights*