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Realising social rights in the age of digitalisation: opportunities and risks

13th Meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights

28 September 2023, 09:00-17:30 CET
Helsinki, Finland (Parliament building, Arkadiankatu 2)

AGENDA

09:00 - 10:20	Social programme

09:00 - 10:00	Participant are kindly invited to a guided visit of the Finnish Parliament building. Detailed information is included in the Practical Information document.
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee and refreshments

10:20 - 10:45	Opening

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

Welcoming remarks
- *Maija SAKSLIN, Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman, Finland*

Ensuring Non-Discrimination and the duty to promote equality in the application of AI: Insights from Finnish Non-Discrimination Ombudsman
- *Tiina VALONEN, Head Senior Specialist, Head of Unit, Finnish Non-Discrimination Ombudsman*

10:45 - 12:00	Session 1: The impact of digitalisation on the labour market (access to the labour market, new forms of work, working conditions)

Moderated by Jari A. MURTO, Professor of Labour Law, University of Helsinki

Impact of digitalisation on the labour market and the emergence of new forms of work
- *Gerard Rinse OOSTERWIJK, Digital Policy Analyst, Foundation for European Progressive Studies*

Impact of digital developments on workers' employability and employment relationships
- *Aída PONCE DEL CASTILLO, Senior Researcher, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)*

How is platform work regulated in Spain
- *José María MIRANDA BOTO, Professor of Labour and Social Security Law, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain*

The impact of digitalisation and IT developments on social rights: the approach of the European Committee of Social Rights
- *Mario VINKOVIC, Professor of Labour Law and Social Security, Holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Labour, Equality and Human Rights Law (2013-2016), Faculty of Law, University of Osijek, Croatia, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights*

Q&A session

12:00 - 13:00	**Session 2: Digitalisation and access to social services: how to prevent social exclusion and ensure the realisation of people's social rights in times of digitalisation?**

Moderated by Robert ALLEN, Discrimination Barrister, Cloisters chambers

Digitalisation in social protection systems, in particular in application to unemployment and minimum income benefits
- *Hans DUBOIS, Senior Research Manager, Social Policies, Eurofound*

The case of the Dutch tax authority using an algorithm to spot suspected benefits fraud in the Netherlands
- *Christiaan DUIJST, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, Chair of the ENNHRI Working Group on Economic and Social Rights*

The issues around the Serbian Social Card Law establishing a digitalised distribution of social welfare benefits
- *Tatjana PRIJIC, Assistant Commissioner for Protection of Equality, Serbia*
- *Danilo ĆURČIĆ, Programme Coordinator, A11 Initiative for Economic and Social Rights, Serbia*

Q&A session

13:00 – 14:30   Lunch – Lobby outside the auditorium.

14:30 - 15:30	**Sessions 3: Equal opportunities, non-discrimination or how to ensure digitally inclusive society**

Moderated by Milla VIDINA, Policy Officer, EQUINET

How to ensure a digitally inclusive society for all: the role of civil society
- *Eliza CAMPBELL, Technology & Inequality Researcher, Amnesty International*

Ensuring access to public services in digital societies for older persons
- *Sabine SPRINGER, Project Manager, Equality, Roma and Social Rights, Fundamental Rights Agency*

Use of public services -Tackling unequal outcomes of digitalization
- *DSocSc Ulla Buchert, Social and Public Policy, University of Helsinki, Finland*

Q&A session

15:30 – 15:45   Coffee and refreshments

15:45 - 16:45   Session 4: What role for human rights defenders in realising social rights in the age of digitalisation

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

The session aims to explore the role of human rights defenders in the prevention, mitigation, and oversight of the human rights impacts of digital technologies and their capacity to suggest possible policy-level responses to mitigate the negative impact of digitalisation on social rights. The session is organised in three working groups which will be moderated by:

> *Ursula TILL-TENTSCHERT, Project Manager, Equality, Roma and Social Rights, FRA*
> *Daris José LEWIS RECIO, Legal and Policy Officer, EQUINET*
> *Sophie HALE, Human Rights Officer, ENNHRI*

16:45 - 17:00   Working group sessions wrap-up

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

17:00 - 17:15   Current affairs and future steps

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

- General discussion on working methods, capacity building needs and priorities for 2024-2025

17:15 - 17:30 Concluding remarks

Moderated by Ursula TILL-TENTSCHERT, Project Manager, Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit, Fundamental Rights Agency

- Participants are invited come up to their own conclusions