



14th Meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights

Young people's access to social and economic rights: Addressing the impact of the cost-of-living crisis

1 July 2024 (9:00-17:30 local time)
Vilnius, Lithuania

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Meeting Room Lambda

PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants in front of meeting room Lambda

9:00 – 9:30 Opening

Moderated by Jan Malinowski, Head of Department of Social Rights, Council of Europe

Welcoming remarks

- *Erika Leonaitė, Parliamentary Ombudsperson, Head of Ombudspersons' Office of Lithuania*
- *Jolita Miliuviene, Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson a.i. of Lithuania*

Presentation and adoption of a joint statement by the participating organisations of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights, addressed to the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter (4 July 2024, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Keynote speech - A Crisis for the Social Rights of Young People? Exploring the Cost-of-Living Crisis

- *Aoife Nolan, President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the Human Rights Law Centre, School of Law, University of Nottingham*

9:30 – 10:30 Session 1: Protecting young people from poverty and social exclusion

Moderated by Cláudia Pinto, Policy Officer, Social and Economic Inclusion, European Youth Forum

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis on the social rights of young people under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union

- *Christina Dimakou, Seconded National Expert, Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit, European Agency for Fundamental Rights*

Young people experiencing homelessness in Europe: what is the extent of the problem and what are the solutions?

- *Sergio Perez Barranco, Policy Officer, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)*

Young people leaving residential care: challenges to effective social assistance

- *Veerle Stroobants, Collaborator, Combat Poverty Service, Belgium*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee and refreshments

11:00 – 12:00	Session 2: Access to employment for young people: challenges and opportunities
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Moderated by Matthäus Fandrejewski, Youth Representative of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth)

The right to work and protection of young people at the workplace: the findings 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*

Promising & Transferrable Practices from the national level

- *Inga Balnanosiene, Director of the Public Employment Service of Lithuania*

Promoting the socio-professional inclusion of young people through work integration social enterprises

- *Baptiste Vasseur, Policy Officer, European Network of Social Integration Enterprises*

Q&A session

12:00 – 13:00	Session 3: Fostering youth participation in policy and decision-making related to social rights
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Moderated by Anja Jokić, Bureau Member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe

Young people's participation in policy and decision-making processes, in particular relating to social rights issues

- *Maurizio Cuttin, Bureau Member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe*

How to successfully plan and implement a project on youth participation – an example from France

- *Louise Savri, Policy Officer, Coordinator of the Youth Initiative, French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (CNCDH)*

Youth and policymakers' engagement in policy development, policy evaluation and policy revisions based on the principles of co-management and co-production

- *Ognjen Markovic, Team Leader of the Western Balkans Youth Policy Lab*

Q&A session

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch & Lobbying

14:30 – 15:45 In-parallel Working Group sessions

The working group sessions will explore more in depth the three thematic areas deliberated upon by the panelists. While panel discussions were focused on the general presentation and assessment of the actual situation for young people in Europe during the last years and the key challenges to effectively safeguarding and promoting their social rights, in the working groups participants will have an opportunity to convene and pinpoint good practices, lessons learnt from their activities, ways forward, resources and capacities needed to effectively promote and ensure the full enjoyment of young people's social rights across European countries in the future. Each Working Group will appoint a rapporteur who will be invited to present the results of the discussion during the closing session of the meeting.

WG1: Protecting young people from poverty and social exclusion

Moderated by Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, EQUINET

WG2: Access to employment for young people: challenges and opportunities

Moderated by Sophie Hale, Human Rights Officer, ENNHRI

WG3: Fostering youth participation in policy and decision-making related to social rights

Moderated by Margo Vorykhava, Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee and refreshments

16:15 – 17:00 Working Group sessions wrap-up and discussion

Presentation of the results of the discussions of the Working Groups by their rapporteurs

- Rapporteur of Working Group 1 (5')
- Rapporteur of Working Group 2 (5')
- Rapporteur of Working Group 3 (5')

17:00 – 17:30 Closing session

Moderated by Tanya Montanari, Coordinator of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights

Concluding remarks

- *Nikolaos A. Papadopoulos, Council of Europe Consultant, Research Fellow at University of Turin, Coordinator of the Greek section of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter and Social Rights (ANESC)*