



Round table on
**“European Social Charter – 60th anniversary and
25 years of Russian membership of the Council of
Europe”**

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Conference room of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation,
Ilyinka 21 Street, Moscow, Russian Federation.

Organised by
the Department of the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe and
the Council of Europe Programme Office in the Russian Federation,
in cooperation with
the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation, and
the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights of the Russian Federation.

PROGRAMME*

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| 8.45-9.15 | Arrival of participants of the Round Table |
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| 9.30-10.00 | Opening of the Round table <u>Russian Federation – 25 years of Council of Europe membership</u> |
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Moderator: Petr SICH, Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Moscow.

- Christophe POIREL, Director of Human Rights of the Council of Europe ([via videoconference](#)).
- Andrey PUDOV, State-Secretary - Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation.
- Rinat ALYAUDINOV, Director of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
- Valery FADEEV, Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights.
- Luca VISENTINI, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), General Secretary of the ITUC Pan-European Regional Council ([via videoconference](#)).

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| PART I. <u>A longstanding partnership between the Russian Federation and the European Social Charter</u> |
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Moderator: Tamara SHASHIKHINA - Director of the European Training Institute of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.

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| 10.00-10.50 | Brief presentation on the European Social Charter and the ongoing reform process |
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- Karin LUKAS, President of the European Committee of Social Rights
- Yuri VORONIN, Commissioner for Finance of the Russian Federation.
- Julie GOMIS, Representative of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security.
- Questions and answers :
 - Nikita LYUTOV, Head of Department of Labour and Social Security Law at Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL).

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| 10.50-11.20 | Coffee break and networking |
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| 11.20-12.45 | Implementation of the European Social Charter provisions in the Russian Federation: achievements and challenges |
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- Andrey PUDOV, State-Secretary - Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation.
- Ekaterina TORKUNOVA, member of the European Committee of Social Rights.
- Boris KRAVCHENKO, member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights (HRC), Chairman of the HRC Standing Commission on Economic and Labor Rights, President of the Confederation of Labour of Russia.
- Questions and answers:
 - Nikita LYUTOV, Head of Department of Labour and Social Security Law at Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL).
 - Fatima SULEYMANOVA, Higher School of Economics (HSE) University, Associate Professor at the School for Theory of Law and Cross-sectoral Legal Disciplines
 - Irina GORSHKOVA, Executive Secretary for Gender Equality of the Confederation of Labour of Russia.

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| 12.45-13.45 | Lunch break |
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| 13.45-14.30 | A longstanding partnership between the Russian Federation and the European Social Charter: towards new commitments? |
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- Giuseppe PALMISANO, Former President of the European Committee of Social Rights, General rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights ([via videoconference](#)).
- Nikolay KALASHNIKOV, Head of Division, Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
- Eduard RYZHKIN, Senior Adviser, Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
- Questions and answers.

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| PART II. <u>Partnerships in good democratic governance</u> |
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***Moderator:** Igor YURGENS, member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights (HRC), member of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) Board.*

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| 14.30-15.00 | Role of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, NHRIs, civil society and the social partners (trade unions and employers) in promoting the European Social Charter |
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- Tatyana MERZLYAKOVA, member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights (HRC), Commissioner for Human Rights in the Sverdlovsk Region ([via videoconference](#)).
- Irina KIRKORA, Deputy Chairperson of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights (HRC), Director of the ANO “Authors Center” World of the Family”.

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| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee break and networking |
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| 15.30-16.30 | Role of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, NHRIs, civil society and the social partners (trade unions and employers) in promoting the European Social Charter |
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- Yuri VARLAMOV, Member of the Council of the Confederation of Labour of Russia, Chairman of the Interregional Trade Union of Educational Workers “Teacher”.
- Stefan CLAUWAERT, ETUC Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation ([via videoconference](#)).
- Alexander NURIK, director of ANO “Center for Social and Labour Rights”.
- Questions and answers:
 - Members of the Presidential Council for Civil Society Development and Human Rights.
 - Pavel KUDYUKIN, member of the Council of the Confederation of Labour of Russia, co-chairman of the Interregional Trade Union of Higher Education Workers “University Solidarity”.

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| 16.30-17.15 | Closing remarks and conclusions |
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Moderator: *Henrik KRISTENSEN, Deputy Head of Department of the European Social Charter, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe* ([via videoconference](#)).

- Karin LUKAS, the President of the European Committee of Social Rights.
- Valery FADEEV, Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights.
- Andrey PUDOV, State-Secretary - Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation.

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| 17.15-18.00 | Reception at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation |
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