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## EXPERT SEMINAR

### Reinforcing social rights protection in Europe: to achieve greater unity and equality

STRASBOURG, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019  
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AGORA G03

08h30	Registration of participants
9h	<p><b>Welcome addresses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ambassador Jean-Baptiste MATTEI, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe</i></li> <li>• <i>Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Strengthening social rights to ensure social justice, national cohesion and the rule of law, guarantors of the sustainability of democratic societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>José FERNANDEZ-ALBERTOS, Researcher at Institute for Policies and Public Goods, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>9h45 – 11h15</b></p>	<p><b><u>Round table 1</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Consolidating social progress and responding to contemporary challenges in Europe</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Joseph FABER, President of the Governmental Committee of the Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security (GC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The action of the European Committee of Social Rights for equality and inclusiveness <i>Eliane CHEMLA, General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i></li> <li>• Social rights in time of changes in the world of work <i>Stefan CLAUWAERT, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</i></li> <li>• The need for social justice in time of rising populism <i>Apostolos VLACHOGIANNIS, Research Associate Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>11h15 – 11h45</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b> (<i>served in the hall in front of the meeting room</i>)</p>
<p><b>11h45 – 13h15</b></p>	<p><b><u>Round table 2</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Strengthening the effectiveness of social rights in Europe</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Giuseppe PALMISANO, President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing the training of national judges and legal professionals on the European Social Charter <i>Elise BARBE, Legal Counsellor at the French Court of Cassation</i></li> <li>• Improving the implementation of social rights and increasing their impact: the reform of the monitoring mechanisms <i>Vít SCHORM, Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Social Rights of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-SOC)</i></li> <li>• The appropriation of ECSR decisions by national authorities (political leaders, social partners, judicial authorities) <i>Mélanie SCHMITT, Senior Lecturer in Social Law University of Strasbourg</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>13h15 – 14h45</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b> (<i>served in the hall in front of the meeting room</i>)</p>

14h45 – 16h15	<p><b><u>Round table 3</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Developing synergies between the European Social Charter and European Union law</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ioannis DIMITRAKOPOULOS, Scientific Advisor of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union (FRA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The European Social Charter, a reference for the European Pillar of Social Rights <i>Rudi DELARUE, Deputy Head of Unit of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i></li> <li>• Coexistence between European standards protecting rights <i>Olivier DE SCHUTTER, Professor of International Law at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i></li> <li>• Interpreting standards and their impact on the economy and business <i>Marcello PALAZZI, Co-Founder, B Lab Europe &amp; Global Ambassador B Corps</i></li> </ul>
16h15 – 16h45	<b>Coffee break</b> <i>(served in the hall in front of the meeting room)</i>
16h45 – 17h15	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p><i>Luis JIMENA QUESADA, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Valencia (Spain), former President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i></p>
17h15	<b>Closing of the event</b>

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