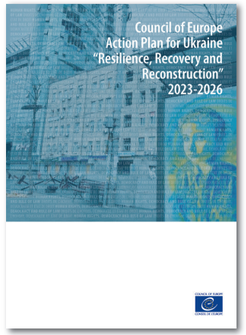
BACKGROUND

The European Social Charter is a Council of Europe treaty that guarantees fundamental social and economic rights. It remains at the heart of the Council of Europe's statutory goals: human rights, rule of law and democracy, which cannot be realised without the respect for social rights.

The Charter was ratified by Ukraine in 2006. Its enhanced implementation in practice will contribute to a better protection of social and economic rights and support the sustainable democracy in Ukraine. Charter implementation is also crucial in addressing current challenges in the area of social and labour rights protection taking into account the consequences of the Russian full-scale war against Ukraine.

Social rights and reforms in this field remain high on the agenda of the Ukrainian authorities and are included to the strategic cooperation area with the Council of Europe, envisaged by the Council of Europe **Action Plan or Ukraine "Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction" for 2023-2026**.

The Council of Europe supports Ukraine in implementing the reforms in the sphere of social rights and social protection in Ukraine in line with the requirements of the European Social Charter and relevant European standards for ensuring that the post-war recovery phase is as short and effective as possible.







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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project **"Strengthening the social dimension in Ukraine"** is implemented by the Council of Europe within the framework of the Council of Europe **Action Plan for Ukraine "Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction" for 2023-2026**. It aims to ensure that general public and people from vulnerable groups, including war-affected population in Ukraine, benefit from targeted social protection and support.

To achieve this objective, a combination of targeted activities is envisaged in two key directions.

Firstly, the policy and legislative framework on social, labour rights, and social dialogue will be further aligned with the European standards, more particularly the European Social Charter (Charter) and case law of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR).

Secondly, national and local authorities will be supported to effectively implement social and labour policies and to efficiently operate during wartime and in post-war contexts. In addition, legal professionals, social partners and civil society activists will be equipped to apply Charter standards in their activity. The project is built on the achievements of the previous Council of Europe projects, implemented in Ukraine since 2019.

Project duration – 01 April 2025 - 31 December 2026.

Budget – 865 000.00 EUR.





MAIN FOCUS AREAS

Support the development and implementation of the **new social policy model** in Ukraine and the comprehensive reform of social payments in line with the Council of Europe standards and relevant European Court of Human Rights and ECSR case law.

Support the development and implementation of the new amendments to the **labour legislation** of Ukraine (including the Labour Code of Ukraine and the Law on Social Dialogue) to ensure alignment with European standards.

Facilitate the development and implementation of the legal framework regarding the **rights of people with disabilities**, in line with Charter standards, with a particular focus on access to the labour market.

Facilitate the implementation of the **National Strategy for Barrier-Free Environment in Ukraine until 2030**, and support the monitoring of its Action Plans.

Enhance the capacity of national partners to improve the quality of **statutory and alternative reports on the implementation of the European Social Charter** in Ukraine submitted to the European Committee of Social Rights.

Enhance the capacity of national and regional authorities to ensure the efficient, quality, and timely delivery of social services, thereby contributing to the creation of a network or market of **social service providers**.

Conduct capacity building, monitoring and awareness raising activities to promote the application of the new social policy model, the **implementation of social and labour rights, social dialogue** by national and regional authorities.

Conduct awareness-raising campaigns on social rights and their protection mechanisms in accordance with the Charter, including promoting the acceptance of new Charter provisions and **collective complaints procedure**, targeting CSOs and social partners.

Deliver **on-line courses and trainings** for judges, lawyers, social partners and civil society activists to enhance their understanding of the European Social Charter, the collective complaints procedure, and the case law of the ECSR.

NATIONAL PARTNERS

- Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Parliament Committee on Social Policy and Protection of Veterans' Rights in Ukraine
- Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Office of the President of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights
- National Mediation and Conciliation Service

TARGET GROUPS

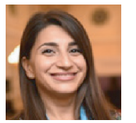
Decision-makers: MPs, national and regional authorities developing and implementing social policies.

Legal professionals (lawyers, judges), social partners, civil society activists.

FINAL BENEFICIARIES

General public and people from vulnerable groups including war-affected population in Ukraine.

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