

Contribution to the High-Level Conference of the European Social Charter (Moldova 2026):

Proposal for Conference Topic – Submitted by Social Platform

Relevant objectives:

- Enhancing institutional cooperation (Objective 11)
- Supporting national implementation (Objective 14)
- Addressing contemporary social rights challenges (Objective 8)

Social Platform, the leading network of European civil society organisations working for a more social Europe, proposes the following priority topic to be addressed in the framework of the High-Level Conference:

Proposed panel topic:

"Links between the New EU Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights with the European Social Charter – Opportunities and Remaining Gaps"

With the revised **European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) Action Plan** expected to be published by December 2025, the March 2026 High-Level Conference offers a timely opportunity to assess how the new EU Action Plan can contribute to the realisation of social rights in the EU and relates to the **Council of Europe's European Social Charter**.

We propose a dedicated panel discussion at the Conference to explore:

- How the revised EPSR Action Plan aligns with the standards and provisions of the European Social Charter
- Where do gaps remain in terms of ratification, implementation, and legal coherence in the EU
- Concrete ways to enhance synergies between EU processes (e.g. European Semester) and the Social Charter monitoring and legal frameworks

This discussion would build on previous joint work between the Council of Europe and Social Platform, notably the high-level events on social rights as human rights held in Brussels in [2023](#) and [2024](#), and offer a timely space to bring together European Union and Council of Europe actors and civil society.

Whilst this suggestion is not an expression of interest to organise a full event/session, Social Platform would be able to suggest speakers if helpful, and would welcome the opportunity to participate as a speaker alongside other key institutional actors such as the European Commission and Council of Europe representatives.



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