



TRAINING SESSION ON SOCIAL RIGHTS

**Thursday, 28 June from 14.30 to 16.30
AGORA room G01 (English speaking group)**

This training session is organised by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe during its Summer session and with the support of the Secretariat of the European Social Charter.

We will try to better understand the monitoring system of the social rights listed in this treaty which has been signed by 43 European States, and to think about the possible role of NGOs in the effective implementation of these rights.

Programme: several short interventions followed by exchanges with the participants.

Moderator: Peter Verhaeghe (Caritas Europa)

- History of the treaty: Marie-José Schmitt
- the particular conditions of ratification of the Charter (video presentation) and the monitoring system of the Charter: the four thematic groups of articles selected for the examination of States' reports and the role of INGOs in this monitoring;

Henrik Kristensen, Deputy head of the Department of the European Social Charter

- the collective complaints procedure: a special form of dialogue with the States; INGOs share their experience of making a collective complaint : International Movement ATD -Fourth World ; Médecins du Monde ; KEK

Conclusions: How to encourage the States to take more commitments and to ratify the articles that they have not yet ratified? What could be the role of NGOs?