



**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITE EUROPEEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX**

SYNOPSIS

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECSR), 322ND SESSION

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Activity Type Monitoring

Location Videoconference

Directorate (Service) DGI Human Rights and Rule of Law (Department of the European Social Charter)

Origin/DG Remarks The European Committee of Social Rights is established by the European Social Charter. It is composed of 15 independent experts. It works on two specific objectives: treating collective complaints and examining national reports on the application of the European Social Charter with a view to rule on the conformity of national situations under the Charter.

- Objective(s)**
- To examine the pending collective complaints.
 - To examine national reports for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter.
 - To examine national reports for Findings 2021
 - To examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions.

- To discuss the Secretary General's proposals for improving the implementation of social rights in Europe.
- To discuss/submit comments for the Committee of Ministers on two Parliamentary Assembly recommendations: 2205(2021) and 2206 (2021).

Output

- 1) The Committee adopted a decision on the merits in the following complaint:
 - European Youth Forum (YFJ) v. Belgium
Complaint No. 150/2017.
- 2) The Committee adopted a decision on admissibility in the following complaints:
 - Validity v. Finland
Complaint No. 197/2020.
 - Norwegian Association of Small & Medium Enterprises (SMB Norge) v. Norway
Complaint No. 198/2021.
- 3) The Committee considered the arrangements for the up-coming (2021) written reports in the framework of the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
- 4) The sub-committees examined draft conclusions for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter;
- 5) The Committee examined draft findings for Findings 2021;
- 6) The Committee held an exchange of views on [the Secretary General's proposals for improving the implementation of social rights – reinforcing the European Social Charter system.](#);
- 7) The Committee submitted comments to the Committee of Minister on the two PACE recommendations: 2205(2021) and 2206 (2021)

**Conclusions/
Follow Up**

The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- to notify the decisions regarding collective complaints according to the usual procedure;
- to follow the collective complaints procedure with the Rapporteurs for the pending complaints;
- to finalise the provisional conclusion adopted by the sub-committees;
- to finalise the provisional findings adopted in Plenary;
- to proceed with the organisation of meetings and written reports for the 2021 exercise on non-accepted provisions;
- To prepare a working document for further discussion of the Secretary General's proposals.

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