

**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX**

SYNOPSIS

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECSR), 333RD SESSION

Date 20/03/2023 – 24/03/2023

Activity Type Monitoring

Location Hybrid meeting: Strasbourg, videoconference

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

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 hold a press conference on the occasion of the publication of Conclusions 2022;
 - To examine the pending collective complaints;
 - To examine national reports for Conclusions XXII-4 (2023) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2023 of the Revised Charter;
 - To examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions (Implementation of Article 22 of the 1961 Charter);
 - To discuss the outcome of the work of the Committee of Ministers Working Party (GT-CHARTE);
 - To exchange views with the European Committee on Social Cohesion (CCS);
 - To hold a bilateral meeting with a delegation from the Finnish Government at the latter's request.

- 1) The Bureau members held a press conference in respect of Conclusions 2022.
- 2) The Committee adopted a decision on admissibility in the following complaints:
 - International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA) v. France
Complaint No. 210/2022
 - *Syndicat des Agrégés de l'Enseignement Supérieur* (SAGES) v. France
Complaint No. 211/2022
- 3) The Committee adopted a decision on the merits of the following complaint:
 - Validity v. Finland
Complaint No.197/2020;
- 4) The Sub-Committees examined draft conclusions for Conclusions XXII-4(2023) of the 1961 Charter and for Conclusions 2023 of the Revised Charter;
- 5) The Committee adopted the report in respect of North Macedonia and examined developments related to upcoming reports and meetings on non-accepted provisions;
- 6) The Committee held a discussion of the outcome of the work of GT-CHARTE.
- 7) The Committee held a bilateral meeting with a delegation from the Finnish Government at the latter's request. The main topic of the meeting was the Committee's recent decision in *Finnish Society of Social Rights v. Finland* (Complaint No. 172/2018) in particular and the Committee's assessment method in respect of social benefit levels under Articles 12§1 and 13§1 in general;
- 8) The Committee held an exchange of views with CCS.

**Conclusions/
Follow Up**

The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- To follow the collective complaints procedure with the Rapporteurs for the pending complaints;
- to transmit to the parties and publish the decisions on admissibility;

- to transmit to the parties and to the Committee of Ministers the decision on the merits in accordance with the usual procedure;
- to be in contact with States concerned by reports and meetings on non-accepted provisions and in particular to transmit the report on North Macedonia to its authorities;
- to draw up a report of the meeting with the Finnish Government as well as of the exchange of views with CCS.

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