



## **Reform of the European Social Charter monitoring procedures: what consequences for national human rights institutions and national equality bodies**

13 December 2023 (10.00-12.00 CEST, via ZOOM)

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

The event is part of the training activities organised by the Department of Social Rights for national human rights institutions and national equality bodies. The overall objective of these activities is to enhance the knowledge of human rights institutions on the European Social Charter and social rights in general and to strengthen their engagement with the European Committee of Social Rights in the framework of the monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter.

More specifically, the objective of the event is to present the operational changes to the European Social Charter monitoring system, introduced by the adoption of the reform package by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2022.

The aim of this reform is to ensure better respect for social rights. It involves the modernisation of the reporting procedure and promoting enhanced dialogue between the Charter organs (the European Committee of Social Rights and the Governmental Committee) and other stakeholders (national authorities and relevant institutions and organisations, including national human rights institutions and national equality bodies). The implementation of the new system started in January 2023. This year, States Parties to the Charter have been requested submit ad-hoc reports on the [cost-of-living crisis](#) by 31 December 2023.

#### *Speakers*

The meeting is organised and let by the Secretariat of the Department of Social Rights of the Council of Europe.

## Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:15**      **Introduction**  
Tanya Montanari, Coordinator of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Platform on Social and Economic Rights, Council of Europe Department of Social Rights
- 10:15 – 10:45**      **Charter Reform: Strengthening the Council of Europe Legal Framework for Social Rights Protection**  
Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Head of Department, Head of Collective Complaints Division  
  
Q&A
- 10:45 - 11:15**      **Follow up to the reporting procedure by the Governmental Committee**  
Lucja Miara, Co-secretary to the Governmental Committee, Department of Social Rights  
  
Q&A
- 11:15 – 11:45**      **Procedure on non-accepted provisions and role of national human rights institutions and national equality bodies**  
Loreta Vioiu, Programme Manager, Department of Social Rights  
  
Q&A
- 11:45 - 11:55**      **Communication and relevant publications**  
Irida Varfi-Boehrer, Communication Officer, Department of Social Rights
- 11:55 – 12:00**      **Conclusions and next steps**  
Tanya Montanari, Coordinator of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Platform on Social and Economic Rights, Council of Europe Department of Social Rights