

**High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter; as a step for member states to take further commitments under the Charter where possible:**

**Possible Discussion Topics could be suggested or supported by Türkiye for the High Level Conference on the European Social Charter :**

- improving awareness of the Charter in the State Parties
- promoting the acceptance of States Parties of further commitments under the Charter as well as the 1991 protocol (Türkiye already accepted the 1991 protocol)
- filling gaps through the possible elaboration of soft-law instruments to promote a common approach among member States in social rights (Committee of Ministers' guidelines, recommendations, declarations,...) Considering the need for soft law instruments, initiate drafting in necessary, possibly in line with the implementation of the ad hoc report prepared by the State Parties.
- encouraging the HELP( **H**uman Rights **E**ducation for **L**egal **P**rofessionals) programs in the State Parties. The importance of online courses in order to raise awareness of social rights. These courses have been translated and adapted to different countries and their individual laws. supported the initiative and encouraged further expansion of the program where possible. The main objective of the Council of Europe Programme on **H**uman Rights **E**ducation for **L**egal **P**rofessionals (HELP) is to enhance the capacity of judges, lawyers and prosecutors, labour inspectors and experts on labour and social rights in all 46 Council of Europe member states and beyond, to apply the European human rights standards in their daily work especially for European Social Charters. This is done through the HELP online courses that cover a range of human rights topics. Legal professionals, who are at the forefront of the protection of human rights, must know the European human rights standards to apply them effectively. Therefore, they deserve high-quality training, which the Council of Europe HELP Programme provides. Furthermore, HELP online courses can be tailored to the different needs of countries, institutions and professionals. While HELP courses focused on the European Convention on Human Rights at the beginning, it gradually moved to cover also other instruments like the European Social Charter or Council of Europe Conventions in key areas.