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The Revised European Social Charter: what use for what impact?

"Advancing the implementation of socio-economic rights by making better use of the monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter"

Webinars

organised by the Conference of INGOs' "Action for Social Rights" Committee, in partnership with the Department of Social Rights of the Council of Europe

29 March 2022 14.00-16.30 CET

14 June 2022 10.00-12.30 CET

International and national civil society organisations and trade unions are stakeholders of the [European Social Charter](#) and the [Collective Complaints Protocol](#). They contribute to the implementation of the treaty by the States Parties. Monitoring is carried out through two procedures to which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) can contribute: the collective complaints procedure and the [reporting system](#). They are complementary in that the conclusions based on the reports can be used as a springboard for a strong collective complaint. Both procedures are under the supervision of the [European Committee of Social Rights](#) (ECSR), which is made up of 15 independent experts elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The participatory status allows international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to be accredited by the [Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security](#) to lodge collective complaints. This is why the organs of the [Conference of INGOs](#) in charge of the promotion of economic and social rights, alongside the Charter's Secretariat, ensure the dynamics of co-operation between the INGOs with participatory status and the Council of Europe organs responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Charter.

In this perspective and in continuity with the training sessions previously organised by the Conference of INGOs, the Committee "Action for Social Rights" invites you to a webinar entitled "The revised European Social Charter: what use for what impact?" This is a new initiative that follows on from the training workshops held successively in Brussels and Strasbourg in recent years.

Objectives:

- To increase the knowledge of national and international non-governmental organisations of the monitoring procedures (reporting procedure and collective complaint procedure) of the European Social Charter in order to encourage them to take an active part.
- To highlight the key role that INGOs and NGOs play in the application of the monitoring procedures of the Charter to better protect social rights at the pan-European level.
- To provide INGOs and NGOs with "know how" about the collective complaints procedure of the European Social Charter.

- Raise awareness and support INGOs and NGOs on collective complaints, in order to increase the use of this instrument to guarantee social and economic rights, in particular of vulnerable groups in countries that have ratified the Protocol.
- Strengthen the capacity of INGOs to submit collective complaints under the European Social Charter.

The webinars are open to national and international NGOs, informal civil society groups, trade unions, independent national human rights institutions, academic experts.

Draft Programme

29 March 2022

Moderator: Piotr SADOWSKI, Standing Committee Member of the Conference of INGOs, President of Social Platform, SG of Volonteuropa

14.00-14.20 Opening by Jan MALINOWSKI, Head of Social Rights Department, Council of Europe

14.20-15.00 Presentation of the reporting procedure and the targeted questions to States Parties of the European Social Charter relating to thematic group 3 on labour rights for conclusions 2022.

Nino CHITASHVILI, lawyer, Social Rights Department

Presentation of the collective complaints procedure and the role of NGOs in the procedure.

Henrik KRISTENSEN, Deputy Head of Social Rights Department

Q&A session

15.00-16.00 **Workshops** (without interpretation)

Workshop in English

Moderator: Peter VERHAEGHE, INGO Conference, Action for Social Committee, Caritas Europe

Collective complaint [No. 164/2018 European Organisation of Military Associations \(EUROMIL\) v. Ireland](#),

Collective complaint [No. 150/2017 European Youth Forum \(YFJ\) v. Belgium](#)

Speakers:

Emmanuel JACOB, President of the European Organisation of Military Association (EUROMIL),

William HAYWARD, Policy Officer, Social & Economic Inclusion, European Youth Forum,

Henrik KRISTENSEN, Deputy Head of Social Rights Department, Council of Europe,

József HAJDÚ, member of the European Committee of Social Rights

Workshop in French

Moderator: Anna Rurka, INGO Conference, Action for Social Rights Committee, former President of the Conference of INGOs, Eurocef

Collective complaint [No. 162/2018 International Federation of Associations of the Elderly \(FIAPA\) v. France](#)

Speakers:

Alain KOSKAS, Marie-Hélène ISERN REAL, International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA),

Laurent VIOTTI, Social Rights Department, Council of Europe,

Petros STANGOS, former Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights

16.00-16.30 Conclusions by Nicolas MOIZARD, University Professor - Faculty of Law, Political Science and Management and Labour Institute, University of Strasbourg.