

#SocialRightsMatter #RESC30

Let's celebrate the
30th anniversary of the Revised
European Social Charter!

Célébrons les 30 ans de la Charte
Sociale Européenne Révisée !

WEBINAR - INVITATION – PROGRAMME

Let's take stock of the Chisinau High Level Conference on Social Rights and mark the 30th Anniversary of the Revised European Social Charter.

Tuesday 5th May 2026 - 10.30am to 12.00pm CET

Join a European webinar marking the **30th Anniversary of the Revised European Social Charter** and celebrating the opening to Member States Signature on 3rd May 1996. The webinar organised on #EuropeDay, in the calendar of events marking the 50 year of the **Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe (CINGO)**. It is prepared by the CINGO Committee for the European Social Charter and its monitoring mechanisms.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/FA7hJiVAKLfQSYV8A>

The webinar will be held in memory of Cezary Miżejewski, who passed away suddenly on 26 December 2025 at 61, a Polish politician and strong activist for the Revised European Social Charter

Programme and speakers:

- 10:30 - Welcome by facilitator Pierre Klein (All Together in Dignity - ATD Fourth World, Co-chair of the CINGO Social Charter Committee) followed by **Piotr SADOWSKI** (Volontéurope, Vice-President of the Conference of INGO) -

- 10:40 - 10:45 - People first - The people who make the Revised Charter alive at the Council of Europe - **Henrik KRISTENSEN**, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Head of Department of Social Rights, Council of Europe

- 10:45 - 11:00 - Key note speech **Prof. Aoife NOLAN**, Chair of the European Committee of Social Rights - The strengths of the RESC - the challenges 30 years after - What should we aim for in the coming 3 years before the 2029 High Level Conference on Social Rights in Portugal

11:00 - 11:10 - First Q&A reactions

4 contributions from the ground, from national contexts:

11:10 - 11:17 - Ireland - A community rooted process - a story of a collective complaint - **Cecilia FORRESTAL** (former director of CAN - Community Action Network)

11:18 - 11:24 - Poland - civil society demanding ratification - in memoriam of Cezary Miżejewski - **Prof Ryszard SZARFENBERG**, Chair of EAPN Poland and ATD Poland

11:25 - 11:31 - Lithuania - 2026 Lithuania's initiative to accept Article 30 of the Revised Charter (Protection from Poverty) - **Jūratė BAUBLIENE**, Senior Adviser, International Cooperation Unit, The Ministry of Social Security and Labor, Republic of Lithuania

11:32 - 11:40 - CINGO Committee for ESC - Main messages from the Committee March 2026 Chisinau Statement - **Peter VERHAEGHE**, Caritas Europa, Co-Chair of the CINGO Social Charter Committee

-11:40 - 11:55 - Q&A reactions

-11:56 - 12:05 - Conclusive words: Henrik KRISTENSEN - Aoife NOLAN - Piotr SADOWSKI



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