TOWARDS A EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
We have to step up the work for a fair and truly pan-European labour market (...). As part of these efforts, I will want to develop a European Pillar of Social Rights, which takes account of the changing realities of Europe's societies and the world of work. And which can serve as a compass for the renewed convergence within the euro area...
PART OF THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA FOR A FAIRER AND DEEPER ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

- Political Guidelines of the Commission, July 2014
- Five Presidents' Report on Completing Europe's EMU, June 2015
- Communication on Steps for Completing EMU, October 2015
- Preparation of a White Paper for "stage 2", Spring 2017
DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONSULTATION

- A Communication on "why", "what" and "how"
- A preliminary outline of the Pillar
- A background document on key economic, employment and social challenges
- A background document on the EU legal "acquis"
- Background fiches on each domain covered by the draft Pillar

BACKGROUND TO THE PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

- the **far-reaching consequences** of the crisis
- a **changing world** of work
- accentuating **demographic trends**
- very **different performances** within the euro area
Skills and qualifications in the draft Pillar

CH 1: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS TO THE LABOUR MARKET

- Skills, education and life-long learning
- Secure professional transitions
- Active support for employment
- Gender equality
- Equal opportunities
MAIN AIMS OF THE CONSULTATION

- Assessment of the EU social "acquis"
- Reflect on new trends in work patterns and societies
- Gather feedback on the preliminary outline of the Pillar
A BROAD CONSULTATION UNTIL END 2016

A process of:
- Agenda-setting
- Knowledge-building
- Policy development

A public consultation on the Pillar:
- On-line questionnaire
- Work with EU social partners
- European conference by end 2016

Dedicated "work streams":
- The EU social "acquis"
- The future of work and welfare systems
- The role of the Pillar as part of EMU deepening
TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

March 2016
Launch of consultation

Summer 2016
Work streams on-going and first dedicated hearings

By end December 2016
European conference and closure of consultation

Spring 2017
White Paper on the future of Economic and Monetary Union