

SCRIPT – Video: European Pillar of Social Rights

A changing society and world of work is bringing new opportunities and ways of organising our labour markets.

Many issues need to be addressed:

- New forms of work, work patterns and a more diverse workforce;
- Technological change and digitisation;
- Longer and more varied working lives;
- Longer life expectancy and an ageing society.

There are large differences in unemployment rates or in inequality in the Euro area. The European Pillar of Social Rights will set out a number of essential principles to support well-functioning and fair labour markets and welfare systems.

There are 20 principles in three areas:

Equal opportunities and access to the labour market: to increase employment opportunities and improve the employability of individuals.

Fair working conditions: to establish a balance of rights and obligations between workers and employers.

Adequate and sustainable social protection: to ensure a dignified living and protection against life's risks, enabling citizens to participate fully in employment and in society.

The European Commission wants your feedback on this first outline of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

- Is the existing EU law still relevant and up to date?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for the future of work and welfare systems?
- How can the European Pillar of Social Rights support a deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union?

The public consultation is open until December 2016. Have your say!