



European Commission



THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

#SocialRights

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“Our Union has always been a social project at heart. It is more than just a single market, more than money, more than the euro. It is about our values and the way we want to live. The proclamation of the Pillar at the Gothenburg Social Summit comes at a key moment to anchor a strong social dimension in the future of the European Union. The timing was chosen very deliberately, making Europe’s social dimension the first milestone on our road to Sibiu.”

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, Statement following the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, Tripartite Social Summit, 17 November 2017

On 17 November 2017, the leaders of the European Union solemnly proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights at the Social Summit for fair jobs and growth in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The European Pillar of Social Rights is about delivering **new and more effective rights** for citizens. It expresses 20 principles and rights essential for fair and well-functioning labour markets and welfare systems in 21st century Europe.

Since then, the European Commission has taken concrete initiatives to put the 20 rights and principles of the Pillar into practice at European level. And by working together with the European Parliament, Member States, social partners and civil society, it has the potential to improve significantly the social situation of millions of Europeans by investing in their future.

2017

November

- 17/11** European Parliament, Council and Commission jointly and solemnly proclaim the European Pillar of Social Rights at the Social Summit in Gothenburg
- 22/11** Launch of the 2018 European Semester cycle

December

- 15/12** European Council issues a call to implement the Pillar at Union and Member State level, with due regard to their respective competences
- 21/12** Commission proposal for a Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions

2018

March

- 15/03** Social Fairness package (European Labour Authority, Access to Social Protection)
- 22–23/03** European Council underlines shared political commitment and responsibility of the EU and its Member States to deliver on the Pillar

May

- 02/05** Commission proposal for the Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021–2027
- 30/05** Commission proposals on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and the future Globalisation Adjustment Fund with direct links to the Pillar

June

- 27/06** Presidency Conference on the European Pillar of Social Rights, Sofia

2019

April

- 09/04** High-level conference on the Future of Work, Brussels

May

- 09/05** Summit on the Future of Europe in Sibiu, Romania
- 23–26/05** European elections



FROM WORDS TO DEEDS, FROM PRINCIPLES TO CONCRETE INITIATIVES

PRINCIPLES	EU-LEVEL INITIATIVES UNDER THIS MANDATE (2014–2019)
<p>1. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Skills Agenda for Europe ▶ European Solidarity Corps ▶ European Education Area ▶ European Social Fund + ▶ Erasmus
<p>2. GENDER EQUALITY</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Initiative on Work-Life Balance
<p>3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Equal Treatment Directive ▶ EU Justice, Rights and Values Fund ▶ Directive on Posting of Workers
<p>4. ACTIVE SUPPORT TO EMPLOYMENT</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ European Social Fund+ ▶ Recommendation on Access to Social Protection ▶ European Globalisation Fund ▶ Recommendation on Long-Term Unemployment ▶ Youth Guarantee/Youth Employment Initiative
<p>5. SECURE AND ADAPTABLE EMPLOYMENT</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Directive on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions ▶ European Labour Authority ▶ European Semester process
<p>6. WAGES</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ European Employment Strategy ▶ European Semester process
<p>7. INFORMATION ABOUT EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND PROTECTION IN CASE OF DISMISSALS</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Directive on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions
<p>8. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND INVOLVEMENT OF WORKERS</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Joint Statement on a New Start for Social Dialogue ▶ European Semester process
<p>9. WORK-LIFE BALANCE</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Initiative on Work-Life Balance
<p>10. HEALTHY, SAFE AND WELL-ADAPTED WORK ENVIRONMENT AND DATA PROTECTION</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Revision of Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive ▶ Revision of the entire EU Occupational Safety and Health legislation

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11. CHILDCARE AND SUPPORT TO CHILDREN	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Initiative on Work-Life Balance ▶ Common framework for high quality early childhood education and care (ECEC) ▶ Preparatory Action on a Child Guarantee
12. SOCIAL PROTECTION	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulation on the coordination of social security systems ▶ Recommendation on Access to Social Protection ▶ European Labour Authority ▶ European Semester process
13. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recommendation on Access to Social Protection
14. MINIMUM INCOME	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market ▶ 25% of ESF+ earmarked for social inclusion
15. OLD-AGE INCOME AND PENSIONS	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recommendation on Access to Social Protection ▶ Regulation on New Pan-European Personal Pension Products ▶ European Semester process
16. HEALTH CARE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulation to strengthen EU cooperation on health technology assessment ▶ Council Recommendation to strengthen the EU cooperation on vaccine-preventable diseases
17. INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ European Accessibility Act
18. LONG-TERM CARE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Initiative on Work-Life Balance ▶ Regulation on the coordination of social security systems
19. HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Urban Agenda for the EU ▶ European Social Fund+
20. ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Electronic Communications Regulatory Framework Directive ▶ Toolkit for rural broadband ▶ Clean Energy Package ▶ WiFi4EU Regulation ▶ Drinking Water Directive ▶ European Accessibility Act