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CESI welcomes the European Commission's consultation on an action plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) as an opportunity to provide a trade unionist view on how the European Commission and further EU institutions can help make the EPSR a success for workers.

CESI hopes that the action plan, announced for spring 2021, will yield in tangible results, making it possible to finally move from consultation to action, almost 6 years after Jean-Claude Juncker's announcement of the EPSR.

As the Covid crises impacts increasingly heavily on workers and contributes to further social disparities and inequalities that had been on the rise for years before already, there is no more time for talking.

The European Commission and further EU institutions, with the support of social partners, trade unions and civil society organisations, should deliver their share to implement the EPSR's objectives by focusing on three areas of action:

I. Communication: While the EPSR was thought to be a "compass" for a renewed process of convergence towards better working and living conditions across Europe, it has so far, not been a much-known among governments in policy-making or social partners in collective negotiations. A more effective communication is needed to actually make government representatives and civil and public services as well as trade unions, employers organisations and more aware of the EPSR and its objectives – as a first step to it becoming a form of relevant compass which is also adhered to.

II. EU policy making: While the Single market is largely integrated in economic and financial affairs and free movement of capital, persons, goods and services, it has opened doors to an exploitation of workers, social dumping, and social inequalities. Making full use of its competences under the Treaties, the EU should close existing legal loopholes and create binding standards that close these doors in both the private and public sector, but without prejudice to the prerogative of the Member States to organise and finance their civil service.

III. National policy making: In the absence of far-reaching EU competences in the area of employment and social affairs, the European Commission should apply creative tools to encourage and induce Member States to develop and implement measures and social policies guided by the EPSR.

See the dedicated position paper, as attached, for further information and more details.

3. You can also [submit your contribution by email](#) to the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

Final questions

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- Social media advertisement
- Advertisement in specialised magazines/ journals
- European Commission website
- Event I attended
- Word of mouth
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