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Regarding the open survey on "Have your say on reinforcing Social Europe" we want to submit the following contribution:

#### Regarding the current Corona-Pandemic-Situation

We have to learn to deal with Corona. The pandemic will accompany us even further and demand a new normality. This means a change of life and routines and it affects how we work, where we work and whether we can continue working. Many sectors of the economy have been hard hit by the effects. We now need incentives to keep people in employment or get them there. We must seize opportunities to become more resilient, sustainable and fitter for the future. The future EU action plan for the European pillar of social rights can contribute to this if it meets these objectives.

We strongly believe and emphasize that now is not the time to set new legislative measures in the current crisis that result in additional burden for the EU, Member States, local governments, social partners or civil organisations.

As the Corona pandemic shows, the economic realities are different in every member state. Therefore there cannot be a "one size fits all" approach for every situation. Member States must have the freedom to shape their national economies. That is why it is important for that the Commission continues to focus on areas that meet the challenges of this new reality, especially now and the next few years which call for an administrative and legislative time of ease, so Member States have the possibility to re-establish their economy with the assistance of financial aid instruments.

#### Regarding the European Pillar of Social Rights

At European level, there are already a sufficient number of initiatives and available instruments that bring life into the social rights pillar, such as the European Skills Agenda, Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, the EU Youth Guarantee, the European Labour Authority ELA, the Work-Life balance policy, the European Semester, the European Employment Strategy and many many more.

From the point of view of the Member States, the European Commission should focus on the following goals in the coming months and years:

- the implementation and effective enforcement of existing instruments in accordance with regulations and existing law
- and we must make full use of all instruments and possibilities so that Member States and the Union as a whole emerge from the crisis stronger.

In order to reach these goals the aim of an action plan for the European pillar of social rights must be to ensure throughout the EU that:

- existing EU initiatives in the field of employment policy are properly implemented and the existing EU law is effectively applied (the newly founded ELA will play a key role in this regard)
- the EU institutions as partners of the member states support them with know-how and financial resources
- the social partnership, as certain Member States have developed to a great extent, is widely promoted in the EU.

We believe, it is the task of all of us to handle the available resources carefully and at the same time to do everything possible to keep people in employment or to bring them back. This must be the focus of the new action plan on the social rights pillar when it is adapted to the new reality.

3. You can also <u>submit your contribution by email</u> to the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

# Final questions

## \* 1. How did you find out about this consultation?

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

## \* 2. Has participating in this consultation changed your attitude towards the EU?

- Yes, I have a more positive attitude towards the EU
- Yes, I have a more negative attitude towards the EU
- No, it has not changed my attitude towards the EU

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