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Reaffirming the right to education

What will the European Pillar of Social Rights bring?

Concept

Nowadays in Europe there is no equal and homogeneous welfare system to ensure the same fair living conditions for all its citizens. Economic and financial crisis, austerity measures, political instability and the lack of a common vision have led to weakened social systems in Europe, and to insufficient ones in countries that have been affected by austerity measures the most. Therefore, the initiative to put forward a European Pillar of Social is a crucial step in the development of a fair European Union. All those who wish to pursue education but are excluded from the system, mainly for economic reasons, are the ones that are paying the highest price in all areas of their future lives. Education is a human right which is still far from being accessible to all.

ESU welcomed the Commission's initiative to establish The European Pillar of Social Rights in order to foster development and incentives for well-functioning and equitable welfare systems and labour conditions, and now we want to discuss the next steps that will impact the implementation of the Pillar of Social Rights. We believe education has a leading role in shaping societies for the better and we do believe that putting emphasis on it within the Pillar of Social Rights and starting its implementation with education could be a great first step to achieve the social rights that the Pillar is advocating for.

Agenda

Welcome words & Introduction

- MEP Jill Evans (tbc)

Discussion

- ESU, Chiara Patricolo
- SOLIDAR Foundation, Conny Reuters
- ETUC, Luca Visentini
- OBESSU, Larissa Nenning
- Dr Sonja Bekker, University of Tilburg
- Moderator: Gina Ebner (EAEA/LLLP)

Q&A session

Closing words

- MEP Jill Evans (tbc)



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