



Equal opportunities and access to the labour market



Fair working conditions



Social protection and inclusion

European Pillar of Social Rights
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EU Pillar of Social Rights

- Proclaimed on 17 November 2017 at EU Social Summit in Gothenburg
- European Parliament, Council and the European Commission



- Fully endorsed and further developed under the new Commission: Upcoming Action Plan in 2021



What is the European Pillar of Social Rights?

Political Commitment
and framework for
upwards convergence

20 principles and
rights

Building on the
existing EU social law

A scoreboard of
employment and
social indicators

Several concrete
initiatives



The 20 principles and rights at a glance

Equal opportunities and access to the labour market

- Education, training and life-long learning
- Gender equality
- Equal opportunities
- Active support to employment

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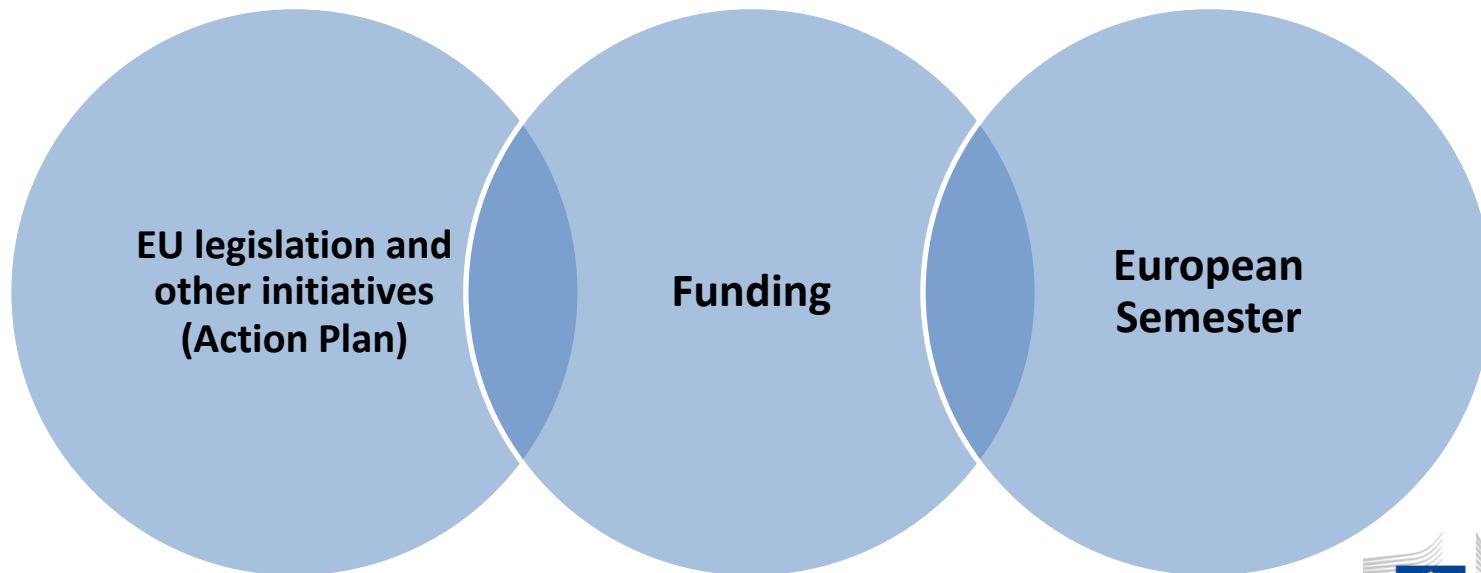
- Secure and adaptable employment
- Wages
- Information about employment conditions and protection in case of dismissals
- Social dialogue and involvement of workers
- Work-life balance
- Healthy, safe and well-adapted work environment

Adequate and sustainable social protection

- Childcare and support to children
- Social Protection
- Unemployment benefits
- Minimum income
- Old age income and pensions
- Health care
- Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Long-term care
- Housing and assistance for the homeless
- Access to essential services



Putting the Pillar into action:





Integration of the Pillar in EU into the European Semester since 2017

- ***EU takes into consideration and promotes the principles*** enshrined in the Pillar by assessing, monitoring and comparing the progress made towards their implementation.
- Monitoring of progress is supported by the ***new social scoreboard***.
- Dedicated Eurostat webpage under:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/european-pillar-of-social-rights/indicators/social-scoreboard-indicators>



Steps To date

Work-Life Balance:

- New Directive adopted in 2019

European Labour
Authority

- Established 2019

Access to social
protection

- Recommendation adopted in 2019



Recently adopted initiatives

Minimum Wages:

- New Directive adopted in 2020

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- European Support to Short Time Unemployment 2020

Youth Employment
Support

- Reinforced Youth Guarantee 2020

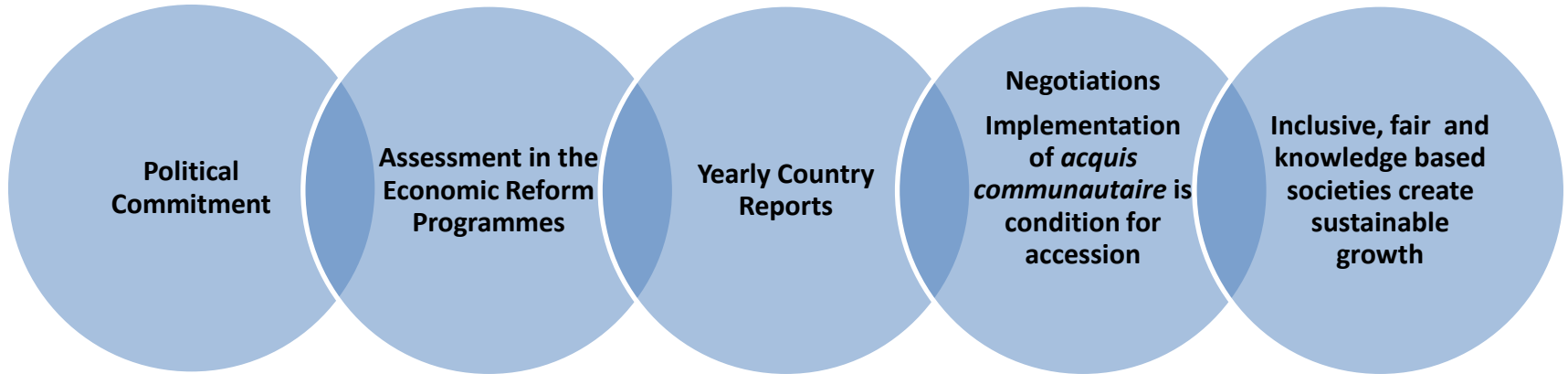


Further initiatives in the pipeline

- Improving working conditions of platform workers (2021)
- EU Disability Strategy (2021)
- A new Occupational Safety and Health strategy framework (2021)
- Action Plan on Social Economy (2021)
- Child Guarantee (2021)
- Initiative on individual learning accounts and micro credentials for new skills (2021)



Why is the European Pillar of Social Rights important for the Western Balkans?





Roll out of the European Pillar of Social Rights in Western Balkans

- The Western Balkan Ministers in charge of social policy committed in November 2018 to strengthen the social dimension of Enlargement Policy
- WB Ministers adopted European Pillar of Social Rights as framework for social policy development in their countries



Roll out of the European Pillar of Social Rights in Western Balkans

- Endorsement at WB Balkan Ministerial 2019
- Dedicated periodic reviews and policy action
- Spin Offs and Follow Up actions e.g. on Youth Policy in North Macedonia
- Funding under IPA III



More information at:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights_en

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/european-pillar-of-social-rights/indicators/social-scoreboard-indicators>

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/financial-assistance-eu/funding-mechanisms-and-facilities/sure_en

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1193



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