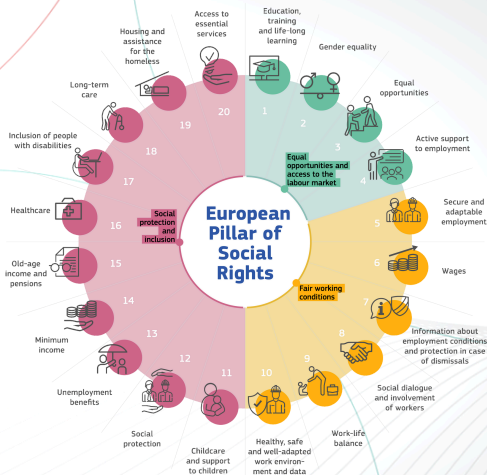


THE SOCIAL PILLAR AND THE FUTURE OF THE EU SOCIAL AGENDA

With the ongoing 'cost-of-living' crisis and digital, ecological and demographic transitions, the new EU legislature will face many challenges.

The **European Pillar of Social Rights** and its role as a compass and a counter-crisis narrative have never been more important.

What should the next **Social Action Plan** for Europe include?



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The next **Social Action Plan for Europe** should include:

An EU framework directive on minimum income schemes to facilitate better coverage and take-up of national minimum income schemes, and secure an adequate minimum income level.

A coherent approach with economic governance that considers the returns of social investment and ensures that the economic agenda is connected with the social and environmental agendas.

EU Action on Employment Standards and Upward Convergence, for instance, securing working conditions for part-time and temporary contracts and creating conditions for quality jobs.

A directive on the right to disconnect to set clear boundaries between working hours and non-working time and protect work-life balance.

Promotion of employment innovations, for instance, by financing the scale-up of local job guarantee programs and experiences of democracy at the workplace.

Measures for just intra-EU mobility to avoid wage and social dumping, excessive brain- and youth-drain, and the massive outflow of workers in crucial care and health sectors.

A package for intergenerational fairness to address long-term care and generate opportunities for Europe's youth.

An equal opportunity agenda to adapt strategies promoting equality, linking them to the European Semester to prevent gaps that leave people behind.



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