



European Conference

Joining forces for a socially sustainable post-Covid Europe

Presentation of the Social Rights Monitor 2020

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2 December – 14.00 – 16.00

As the pandemic endures, the employment and social impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is likely to be even more dramatic than expected. National governments and European Institutions are in the forefront of the response but on the field, Civil Society Organisations are directly involved in the provision of key services for the European people, and the more vulnerable in particular. At this end-of year conference, SOLIDAR and FEPS will present the results of the Social Rights Monitor 2020 and bring together civil society and European policy makers to discuss how to devise national recovery strategies that acknowledge and support the indispensable contributions of civil society. How can we ensure that EU policymaking will seize the opportunity of this deep rethinking of economic, social and health policies to promote a sustainable recovery leading to a more social and equal Europe?

AGENDA

14:00 – 14:05 | Introduction

Mikael Leyi, Secretary General of SOLIDAR

14:05 – 14:15 | Keynote speech

Oliver Röpke, President of the EESC's Workers' Group

14:15 – 14:30 | Presentation of the Social Rights Monitor 2020

Francesca Chiavacci, Chair of SOLIDAR's Social Affairs Forum and president of ARCI Nazionale

14:30 – 15:10 | The Contribution of civil society to the Recovery Strategy

- **Piotr Sadowski**, President of Social Platform and National Strategy Group coordinator for the UK Social Rights Monitor
- **Sara Lalić**, Programme director at Centre for Peace Studies and National Strategy Group coordinator for the Croatian Social Rights Monitor
- **Björn Hacker**, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Applied Science Berlin

Moderator: **Mikael Leyi**, Secretary General of SOLIDAR

Q&A with the audience

15:10 – 15:50 | Recovery and Transformation: Towards a socially sustainable Europe

- **Heléne Fritzon**, MEP, Vicepresident of S&D group and member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Sweden
- **Jiri Svarc**, Head of Unit for the Social Investment Strategy in DG Employment
- **Bruno Ribeiro Barata**, Counsellor of Employment and Social Affairs at the Permanent Representation of Portugal
- **Esther Lynch**, Deputy General Secretary of ETUC

Moderator: **Maria João Rodrigues**, President of FEPS

Q&A with the audience

15:50 – 16:00 | Closing Remarks

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