



Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

For the attention of the Chairperson
of each national delegation
to the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Council of Europe (PACE)

Strasbourg, 3 October 2025

Dear Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Department of Social Rights (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe), is organising a **Parliamentary Conference on “The cost-of-living crisis: how can the European Social Charter help to uphold social rights?”**.

The Conference will take place on **Friday, 5 December 2025 at the National Assembly in Paris (France)**. It will bring together parliamentarians, representatives of selected European and national institutions, governmental representatives, social partners, and civil society to discuss how parliaments can respond to the cost-of-living crisis by making full use of the European Social Charter's standards and monitoring mechanisms. Participants will be able to discuss best practices and case studies reviewing national measures.

The event aims to reinforce the role of parliaments in advancing social rights and will also contribute to the preparations for the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter to be held in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on 18-19 March 2026.

I would be grateful if you could kindly **forward this invitation and the enclosed draft concept note and programme to the Chairperson of the committee or body in your national parliament that deals with social affairs and related issues**, so that its high representatives would consider attending the conference in Paris and contributing to the discussions. Please note that participants will be responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. I would be grateful if you could confirm the names of the representatives of your Parliament as soon as possible [by completing the following electronic form before 21 November 2025: [link.](#)]

We very much look forward to the active participation of your Parliament in this important event. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Committee (Stefan Stankovic at stefan.stankovic@coe.int and assoc@coe.int) should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Secretaries of the national delegations to the PACE

Encl. Concept note and draft programme
Practical Information document