

„We are all in this together“
Internationalisierung in der Sozialen Arbeit

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Influencing the European Pillar of Social Rights

- ▶ In November 2017
 - ▶ Council of the European Union
 - ▶ European Parliament
 - ▶ and the European Commissionjointly proclaimed the **European Pillar of Social Rights (Social Pillar)**

Through IFSW Europe, social workers are active in influencing the Social Pillar since the document was signed in 2017.

The EU headline targets

► Employment

At least 78% of the population aged 20 to 64 should be in employment by 2030.

► Education & skills

At least 60% of all adults should participate in training every year by 2030.

► Poverty reduction

The number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion should be reduced by at least 15 million by 2030.

Other thematic aspects of the European Pillar of Social Rights

- ▶ Access to essential services
- ▶ Provision of Minimum Income Directive
- ▶ Access to affordable long-term care
- ▶ End child poverty
- ▶ Access to decent affordable social housing and ending homelessness

Delivering successfully on the Social Pillar will depend to a large extent on the provision of quality social services.

Quality social services

1. Education, training and life-long learning;

2. Gender equality;

3. Equal opportunities;

4. Active support to employment;

9. *Work-life balance;*

11. *Childcare and support to children;*

12. *Social Protection;*

14. *Minimum Income*

15. *Old age income*

17. Inclusion of people with disabilities;

18. Long-term care;

19. Housing and assistance for the homeless

20. Access to essential services.

Finally, as employers, social service providers also impact the principles from Chapter 2 (5 to 10).

Common European definition of the term “social services”

- *supporting all people, but especially persons in vulnerable situations, to participate fully in society*
- *a wide range of care and support services over the entire lifespan of persons, from early childhood to older age.*
- *support people at risk of exclusion or abuse or experiencing challenges or personal crises and can take many different forms.*



Create an EU strategy for social services



Strategy to develop a resilient ecosystem for social services

1. Developing a **resilient** ecosystem for social services, which **maximises their support** to enable all people **to lead dignified lives** and **reach their full potential**.



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2. Facilitate the development and promotion of ambitious **common quality standards on social services**, rooted in a **human rights-based approach**, with a strong focus on **social justice** and **equality** in the crucial aspects of their **accessibility, affordability, adequacy and coverage**.



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3. Create the right public funding and investment conditions for social services by using and adapting all available EU instruments that impact such conditions.



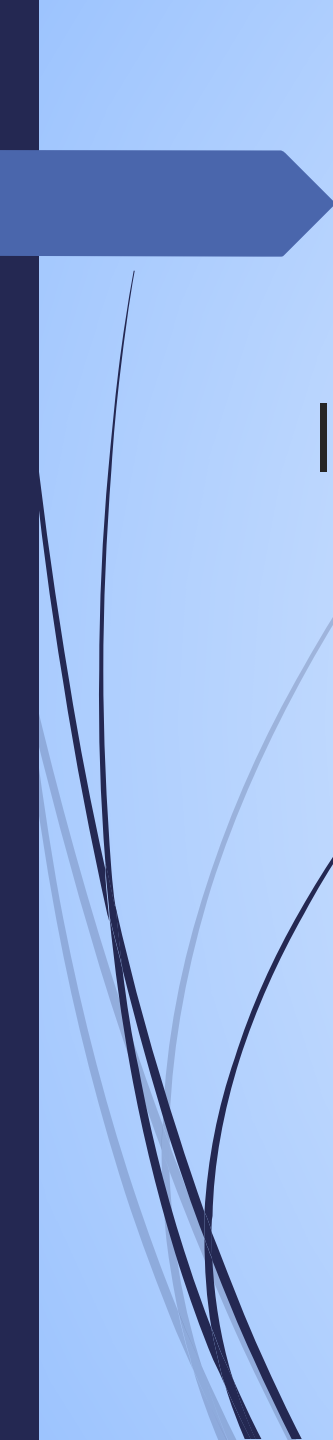
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4. Unlock the job creation potential of the social services care sector across Europe by **improving the attractiveness of jobs, working conditions, wages, up- and re-skilling, health and safety, collective bargaining and better career paths.**



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5. Support **digitalisation of social services**, while making sure that negative side effects, including the digital divide and digital poverty, are tackled.



IFSW Europe Policy paper for the transfer of
young social workers from education to
employment.



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