



EUCDA Welcomes Proclamation of Charter of Fundamental Rights

Implement social rights actively!

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The EUCDA welcomes the formal proclamation and signing of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the European Parliament. The EUCDA views as extremely positive in particular the fact that the Charter of Fundamental Rights contains a broad list of fundamental social rights, which extends beyond workers' rights to also include social rights and prohibitions that relate to people's entire lives.

The EUCDW considers social rights as a necessary addition to the freedom rights. Basic freedom rights can only be practised when a minimum of social security is ensured. Fundamental Social Rights should be considered equally as liberties. On the contrary of "classical" freedom rights, which represent in principle "defensive rights" against the state, we demand with the Fundamental Social Rights the realisation of freedom with the active help of the state.

Summary of fundamental social rights:

TITLE IV SOLIDARITY

Article 27 – Workers' right to information and consultation within the undertaking

Article 28 – Right of collective bargaining and action

Article 29 – Right of access to placement services

Article 30 – Protection in the event of unjustified dismissal

Article 31 – Fair and just working conditions

Article 32 – Prohibition of child labour and protection of young people at work

Article 33 – Family and professional life

Article 34 – Social security and social assistance

Article 35 – Health care

Article 36 – Access to services of general economic interest

Article 37 – Environmental protection

Article 38 – Consumer protection

Further more:

Article 14 – Right to education

Article 15 – Freedom to choose an occupation and right to engage in work

Article 21 – Non-discrimination

Article 23 – Equality between women and men

Article 24 – The rights of the child

Article 25 – The rights of the elderly

Article 26 – Integration of persons with disabilities

Article 45 – Freedom of movement and of residence

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