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Mission to the European Union
(25 November 2020 – 29 January 2021)

Schedule

25 November 2020: Roundtable discussion with civil society organisations with experience on the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Semester

- European Anti-Poverty Network EU Secretariat and members from Spain, Portugal, France, Cyprus, Poland, and Lithuania
- AGE Platform Europe
- ATD Fourth World
- European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
- International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
- Eurodiaconia

26 November 2020: Meeting with United Nations agencies in Brussels

- UN Team in Brussels, Barbara Pesce-Monteiro
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Veronika Safrankova
- International Labour Organisation (ILO), Lieve Verboven
- UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Sandie Blanchet
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Birgit van Hout

4 December 2020: Meeting with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

9 December 2020: Roundtable discussion with civil society organisations with experience on the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan, the European Green Deal, EU recovery plans, and social indicators

- Social Platform Secretariat
- AGE Platform Europe
- Caritas Europa
- European Anti-Poverty Network (EU Secretariat)
- European Disability Forum
- European Network of Social Integration Enterprises (ENSIE)
- European Roma Grassroots Organisations (ERGO Network)
- Eurodiaconia
- Eurochild
- European Youth Forum
- European Women’s Lobby
- International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
- Make Mothers Matter
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Solidar
15 December 2020: Roundtable discussion with public sector trade unions with experience on public services, debt, and EU economic policy

- European Public Service Union Secretariat
- Trade Union Federation of Defence Civil Workers of Albania (TUFDCWA)
- Fédérations Syndicales des Industries Électriques et Gazières (CFE-CGC Energies)
- Fédération des services de santé et des services sociaux (FSS-CFDT)
- Fédération CGT des Services Publics (CGT-SP)
- Försa – Ireland
- Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV)
- Federazione Lavoratori Funzione Pubblica (FP-CGIL)
- Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees (NUMGE)
- Nordic Public Service Unions (NOFS)
- Federación de Servicios a la Ciudadanía Comisiones Obreras (FSC-CC.OO)
- Federación de Atención a la Ciudadanía de la Unión Sindical Obrera (FAC-USO)
- Swedish Association of Health Professionals (Vårdförbundet) (SAHP)
- Nuclear Power and Industry Workers Union of Ukraine (Atomprofspilka)
- Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS-UK)
- Black Activists Raising Against Cuts (BARAC) UK
- UNISON Public Service Union (UK)
- European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

16 December 2020: Roundtable discussion with national members of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and people affected by poverty in those countries

- Réseau européen de lutte contre la pauvreté (EAPN France)
- CILAP (EAPN Italy)
- RENASIS (EAPN Romania)
- Red Europea de Lucha contra la Pobreza y la Exclusión Social en el Estado Español (EAPN Spain)

7 January 2021: Meeting with the Brussels Office of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

8 January 2021: Meeting with the French government:

Nathalie Georges, Deputy Director for macroeconomic policy, Economic Ministry
Tristan Le Guen, Chief of the Office for policies and finances of the European Union, Budget Department, Economic Ministry
Stéphane Dupuis, Deputy Secretary general, Secretary general for European Affairs
Claire Massuelles, Chief of the division on the Coordination of European and international policies, International Affairs Department of Social ministries
Martine Jeantet, Inter-ministerial delegate for the fight against poverty

11 January 2021

- Meeting with the European Investment Bank:

  Markus Berndt, Director EIB Group Strategy Department
  Lars Östling, Head of Institutional Strategy Division and
  Olivier Debande, Special Adviser
- Meeting with the European Central Bank:
  Frank Smets, Director, Directorate General Economics
  Joao Sousa, Senior Manager, Directorate General Economics
  Cornelia Holthausen, Senior Manager, Directorate General Economics
  Klaus Masuch, Senior Manager, Directorate General Economics

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- Meeting with the Recovery and Resilience Task Force of the EU (RECOVER):
  Celine Gauer, Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force

- Meeting with Eurocities

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- Meeting with the Social Protection Committee (SPC) of the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion:
  Rait Kuuse, Chair
  Georgi Karaghioyov, SPC Secretariat

- Meeting with the Unit for Employment and Social Aspects of the European Semester, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL):
  Katia Berti, Head of Unit for Employment and Social Aspects of European Semester

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- Meeting with the Employment Committee (EMCO) of the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion:
  Ilze Zvidrina, Chair

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- Meeting with the European Labour Authority (ELA)
  Cosmin Boiangiu, incoming Executive Director
19 January 2021

- Meeting with the Spanish government:
  Manuel de la Rocha-Vazquez, Director of Economic Affairs of the Presidency of the Government

- Meeting with the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

- Joint meeting with the Cabinets of EU Trade Commissioner, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, and EU Economy Commissioner:
  Marco Piantini, Cabinet of EU Economy, Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni
  Aleksandra Tomczak, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, Frans Timmermans
  Mirzha De Manuel, Cabinet of EU Trade, Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis

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- Meeting with EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas Schmit

- Roundtable discussion with the Human Rights Cities Network

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- Meeting with the President of the Eurogroup, Paschal Donohue

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- Meeting with the Portuguese Presidency of the EU
  Maria João Botelho, Deputy Director General for European Affairs, MFA;
  Ana Brito Maneira, Head of the Human Rights Division, MFA;
  Eduardo Silva on behalf of the Permanent Mission in Geneva.

- Meeting with the Slovenian Government, forthcoming Presidency of the EU
  Valentina Vehovar, Acting Director General, Directorate for Social Affairs
  Dušan Mikuž, Acting Director General, Family Directorate
  Katja Rihar Bajuk, Director General, Directorate for Labor Relations and Labor Rights

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- Meeting with the Government of Italy
  A. Marano, Director General Ministry of Labour
28 January 2021

- Meeting with the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA):
  Grigoris Tsioukas (Social protection, conditionality, poverty, children, SDGs)
  Rossalina Latcheva, Programme Manager, Fair and Equal Societies
  Ursula Till-Tentschert, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Unit
  Henri Nickels, Policy Coordinator
  Albin Dearing, Project Manager, Legal Research
  Ludovica Banfi, Project Manager, Social Research
  Jonas Grimheden, Programme Manager, Supporting human rights systems
  Massimo Toschi, International Relations Officer

- Meeting with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Plenary Assembly

- Final debriefing meeting with the European Commission and other EU institutions, chaired by Commissioner Nicolas Schmit

29 January 2021: End-of-the-mission press conference at 10.30am CET: