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High-level conference on the European Social Charter as a tool for employment and social inclusion

The **Charter** establishes a system of legal standards which help to reduce economic and social tensions while facilitating sustainable and mutually beneficial development in the States Parties. The main subjects to be discussed will be:

- 1) Synergies between the law of the European Union and the European Social Charter;
- 2) The contribution made by the Social Charter's collective complaints procedure to respect for social rights in Europe;
- 3) Austerity measures in times of crisis: impact on social rights, participation by citizens, and the European Social Charter's contribution to overcoming the crisis. ([more...](#))



Ending violence against women must become a top priority

If we look at available data, we can better grasp the urgency of the situation. It is estimated that at least 12 women are killed by gender-related violence in Europe every day. In 2013, available statistics showed that domestic violence claimed the lives of 121 women in France, 134 in Italy, 37 in Portugal, 54 in Spain and 143 in the United Kingdom. In Azerbaijan 83 women were killed and 98 committed suicide following cases of domestic violence, while **data** collected by the media in Turkey reported that at least 214 women were killed by men last year. Available data covering the first six months of 2014 in many European countries continue to show such alarming figures. ([more...](#))



A public consultation on the Europe 2020 strategy is open until October.

The public consultation on the European 2020 strategy is organized by the European Commission, Unit SG D1 "Europe 2020, European Semester, Economic Governance" and it will be open until 31 October 2014.

The questionnaire is available in all 24 official EU languages and you can find it [here](#). You may reply in any of the 24 official EU languages. The reply may be published in the language of submission.

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Bridges for Trainers



Trainers and training course organizers with existing training strategy for their trainers at national or international level are invited to contribute to and discuss these trends and issues and their impact on the work of both - trainers and providers of train the trainers offers.

Bridges for Trainers 2014 will take place from 08 - 10 December 2014 in Bonn/Germany and will gather 150 participants. ([more...](#))