

# Eu Social Cit

European Social Citizenship

## The Future of European Social Citizenship Conference

*University of Amsterdam*

*18-19 January 2024*

*Call for papers*



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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The [EuSocialCit Horizon2020 project](#) invites scholars from political science, law, sociology and economics interested in (European) social rights and social policy to submit paper proposals to the project's final conference, **18-19 January 2023** at **the University of Amsterdam**.

The conference aims to assess the development of European social citizenship in the context of the adoption of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the respective evolution of social rights and policies. The conference is organized in the five streams presented below, dealing with the broad development of European social citizenship, social investment, fair labour markets, social inclusion and public opinion. For more information on the project, please visit <https://www.eusocialcit.eu/>

## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

**Timeline:** Please submit (in pdf format) an abstract of your paper (approx. 300 words) at the [link](#) until **15 October 2023**. Acceptance of paper proposals will be notified by **30 October 2023**.

**Costs and funding possibilities:** This conference benefits from the financial support of the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement number 870978, and participation is free of charges. However, participants will have to cover their own travelling expenses and accommodation.

## CONFERENCE STREAMS

The conference is organized in five streams.

### **Stream 1: The European Pillar of Social Rights and the development of European Social Citizenship**

**Chairs:** *Maurizio Ferrera & Maarten Keune*

This stream welcomes theoretical and empirical papers assessing the development of European social citizenship. Since the adoption of the European Pillar of Social Rights there has been a revival of European social rights and European social policy, with a series of new or proposed social Directives, Recommendations and new forms of financing of social policy. In addition, we can observe a partial integration of social policy and social objectives in EU economic governance. What does this mean for European social citizenship? How are the multi-level relationships between European, national and local social rights and policies evolving and how is the effective use of social rights promoted? Can we observe a rebalancing of the economic and social dimensions of the EU? To what extent is the balance between economic and monetary integration on the one hand and social integration What is the political underpinning of these processes and will this trend continue in the future? These are the type of questions we want to discuss in this stream.

## Stream 2: Social investment, early child education and care to empower parents and future adults

**Chair:** *Cinzia Alcidi*

Interest in policy and academic circles in early child education and care (ECEC) has increased in recent years and resulted in a flourishing literature. Yet, there is a long way to go to fully understand how ECEC systems work and their ability to empower parents and future adults. National ECEC policies are often defined and used in different ways and consequences are not studied in a systematic manner. Issues related to accessibility, affordability, quality and inclusiveness are challenging to compare across countries and their causal linkages with labour market outcomes remain difficult to establish. We welcome studies (including comparative studies) on theoretical and empirical understanding of ECEC policies as well as on policy design.

## Stream 3: Fair working conditions through labour market policy

**Chairs:** *Caroline de la Porte & Janine Leschke*

This stream is interested in the connection between labour markets and socioeconomic outcomes for different social groups, in European Union (EU) Member States, with special attention to whether and if so, how EU level policies exacerbate or diminish inequalities. Thus, the focus is on policies where the EU has shared legislative authority with member states, including parental leave, minimal contract requirements (targeted at the most precarious non-standard workers), occupational health and safety, and minimum wages. Papers focusing on the development and influence of EU's soft law initiatives, such as active labour market policy and social investment, including child-care, are also welcome. The stream is multi and interdisciplinary, and methodologically pluralistic, thus, we welcome original research papers that seek to engage with this research agenda, with special attention to EU-induced policy output and outcomes in member states in a comparative perspective.

## Stream 4: European social citizenship, the EPSR and social inclusion

**Chair:** *Bea Cantillon*

Reaching the three social inclusion targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) Action Plan — an employment rate of at least 78%, at least 60% of adults attending training courses every year and lifting 15 million people out at risk of poverty or social exclusion out of which at least 5 million should be children — is the litmus test for the success of the EPSR. To attain these goals all the principles and rights defined in the EPSR are involved. Prima facie, the EPSR puts forward a balance between employment, equal opportunities and social protection. Concerning employment, the EU level policies reiterated in the EPSR, including equal opportunities and active labour market policy, are nested in the social investment approach. Regarding fair working conditions, many novel or substantially updated legislative initiatives were launched, for instance relating to the work-life balance and minimum wages. In the area of social protection and inclusion, however, although multiple principles highlight the importance of well-functioning, accessible and adequate social protection systems, initiatives mostly rely on soft law even if the social funds are relevant to consider. In this session we welcome papers dealing with the state and the evolution of social inclusion in the EU, the role of the EU social agenda and of the social funds.

## Stream 5: Public opinion on European social citizenship

**Chairs:** *Brian Burgoon, Gianna Eick and Marius Busemeyer*

This conference stream will present and discuss work on public opinion on European social citizenship. How does the public define European social citizenship? What does the public expect from national governments and the European Union? And who deserves access to European social citizenship, and under which conditions? This stream is interested in addressing these questions and related ones, using different methodological approaches. For example, scholarship that reviews quantitative survey data from existing public opinion surveys, such as the European Social Survey, the Eurobarometer, and more tailored surveys on European social citizenship. Or scholarship that reviews qualitative data, such as interviews, to deepen existing surveys. Finally, this stream is also interested in scholarship that contrasts public opinion data with data on policy outputs and outcomes to trace patterns of convergence and congruence.

### FURTHER DETAILS

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