The social partners shall be consulted on the design and implementation of economic, employment and social policies according to national practices. They shall be encouraged to negotiate and conclude...

What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

Strengthen bipartite and tripartite social dialogue at EU, national and sectoral level to build a fairer and more social Europe for its workers and improve their working conditions;

Ensure the full involvement of social partners in the design, adoption, implementation and monitoring of measures to tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that they correspond to the situation their constituencies face;

Ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic is not used, even temporarily, to dismantle human rights and social rights, including trade union and workers' rights;

Within the Social Economy Action Plan, better recognise and support social economy enterprises as possible alternative forms of businesses that promote the full involvement of workers in setting their companies' policies and decision-making processes.

Why do we make these demands?

New models for labour relations are challenging traditional industrial relations and social dialogue systems;

COVID-19-related measures led to significant challenges for employers and workers and restricted the autonomy of social partners;

During the pandemic, social enterprises could not stop their social missions, yet suffered economic consequences.

How should they be implemented at EU level?

Ensure enhanced legislation, policies, agreements and funding for capacity-building to reinforce social dialogue;

Adopt recommendations and legislation to build stronger and autonomous national collective bargaining, workers' and trade union rights in all Member States;

Encourage the participative principles and practices used by the social economy.

Read more about principle 8 in our full paper.