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Council of Europe - European Social Charter: how it works and why it’s important for employers

Dear Members, Partners and Colleagues,

You may already be aware that the IOE has consultative status in the Council of Europe, which gives us a deeper understanding of the European Social Charter (ESC) and its application and allows us to play an important role in communicating the business perspective in the supervisory system.

Through the IOE, members therefore have the formal opportunity to have their voice heard - whether to express opposition to the observations of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), which ascertains whether countries have respected the provisions of the ESC, or to prevent diplomatic escalation arising from violations of the Charter.

The IOE's work in this area is increasing and we have produced a new information paper: The European Social Charter and its Supervision: opportunities, concerns and the role of the IOE to give you an insight into the content of the ESC, the way in which it is supervised and the working methods of the ECSR. This publication, which may be downloaded via the link in the side panel, aims to highlight why it is important for employers to be aware of the impact of the supervision of the Charter and to show how the IOE is involved on your behalf.

We hope this information will be useful to you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact IOE Adviser, Ms Alessandra Assenza.

Kind regards,

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