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Introduction of the mission <u>« European pillar of social rights »</u> January 17th and 18th 2019 - Copenhagen

Ms. **Carole Grandjean** and Ms. **Marguerite Deprez-Audebert**, members of Parliament, have been nominated by the National Assembly's European Affairs Committee, chaired by Ms. Sabine Thillaye, co-rapporteur of an information assignment on the perception of the « European pillar of social rights » passed during Göteborg Social Summit on November 17th 2017 in view of the next European elections. Their works, which began on July 2018, will lead to the publication of a report at the end of the year.

The rapporteurs have held hearings in Paris, Rome, Vienna and Helsinki so that they can have various EU members 'viewpoint (the different approaches of Southern, Continental and Northern Europe).

During their meetings in Denmark, they wish to exchange views on:

- The progress of the transposition works or implementation of the European texts, enacted or close to, in the social field before the European legislature ends (ex.: the Posted Workers directive, the project for a European Authority for Work, etc.)
- Preserving the economic *acquis* (Single Market, etc.) while adapting it to the new current transformation challenges (digitization of the economy, globalization, developing platforms, ecological transition);
- Thinking about the extent of the set of social rights implementation (Union "as a whole" or a closer cooperation between some of the EU member States);
- Making social Europe more visible to citizens;
- Fight against social fraud and unfair competition between the different EU members social systems;
- Fight against the increasing poverty and the lack of security in job, housing or access to care;
- Deepening policies for youth employment, in particular the "NEET";
- Promoting youth learning and trainees mobility across Europe;
- Promoting gender equality and promoting the work life private life balance
- Setting ambitious policies to combat disability

The co-rapporteurs wish to visit Denmark, in order to collect the opinion of the different political actors and civil society about the **European pillar of social rights** (implementation / priorities), and the points already mentioned above. **Denmark was eventually chosen, as a meaningful example of Social protection succeeding system, due to its commitment to promoting equality and job**

(especially for the youth), great performances in terms of employment rate and the quality of social dialogue between Danish social partners.

The rapporteurs wish to draw a comparative analysis of Danish good practices in the social field, to adapt them to the French model and mutually inform their interlocutors about the different French policies implemented in that field.