



III CALRE AWARD “Stars of Europe”

Participation form

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a) Regional law:

b) Administrative act:



c) Procedure:

d) Other: Initiative to the diffusion of the European Social Charter

Date of issuing of the initiative: From May 5 to October 18, 2017.

Reference period

Short description of the initiative

This initiative consists in a set of activities intended to improve the knowledge and the valuation that the Canary society has about the European Social Charter. We intend, in this way, achieve citizens understand the basis of a model of society to feel particularly proud of: the European social model. .

Both the raison d'être and the strategy used in this action can be summarized by this expression: **we want the European Social Charter enters through the eyes and reaches the heart and minds of all the people who live in Canary Islands.** To achieve this purpose we will have the public and private organizations. In the additional documentation (three videos) can be clearly identified both the activities we have launched and those we plan to develop.

We want, nonetheless, highlight, among all the initiatives developed, one that, in our view, can have a great social impact. The Parliament of the Canary Islands has approved, unanimously, to start a procedure aimed at achieve the Council of Europe can choose October 18 as the day of the European Social Charter.



This initiative will be transferred to the CALRE so that we can count on its support, as well as to different social and institutional agents that are part of European institutions.

Role of the regional Assembly:

The Parliament of the Canary Islands is the main driver of this initiative aimed at facilitating greater knowledge and understanding of the European Social Charter. This action counts with the support of each and every one of the political groups that make up our Parliament.

In this initiative development, the Parliament counts with the support of the Government of the Canary Island, as well as the local and insular public administrations and numerous private institutions.

We would like to highlight, because of its relevance, the collaboration the Parliament of the Canary Island has from the Education and Universities Ministry of Education of the Government of the Canary Islands. Thanks to this collaboration we have counted with the invaluable Art School and Superior Design of Tenerife and Gran Canaria help and support, which together, have designed a beautiful campaign of diffusion (see the complementary material).

The Parliament of the Canary Islands, as the main driver of this initiative, prompted the first activity that started the divulgation process: an exhibition of art works based on the Social Charter (see the complementary material). All this process, that began on May 5, and that we hope to conclude on October, with the final declaration of the Council of Europe, will have another turning point, when the October 18 of that same year, the working group of the CALRE meets to study the report we have prepared about Migration Movements and Human Rights.

Main features of the initiative

Impelling knowledge and understanding of the European Social Charter is much more than a disclosure campaign; It is, above all, a way of raising of awareness to the population and of conform a will of a people, to know the conditions that make possible the model of coexistence have chosen for themselves and the future generations.

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Advancing in a common European citizenship requires we know both the institutions which we are represented in and its political and moral foundations. The European Social Charter is the basis of the European social model and its respect, beyond political options, is the foundation of our European citizen identity.

The initiative is based in a simple strategy we have formulated it this way: make the Social Charter enter through the eyes and reach our hearts and our minds. In short, to get the Charter to move us, to the point that we get interested in what it says. We want to sensitize the Canarian society and achieve its interested in what makes its way of life possible.

The activities that are included inside this strategy are very varied, to respond to the breadth of the population which the Charter is intended to, but have special interest the activities we are develop with the education centers in all the Canary Islands (see the complementary material).

The main message we want impelling in all the activities is the same: The Social Charter is not just a social rights set but a well-defined set commitments must be assumed by all the public power and which leads them to protect theses rights at all times and places and to all men and women.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications

The scope of the public and private institutions committed to the knowledge of the European Social Charter makes the initiative an essential tool for cohesion of the Canary Islands society, allowing them to understand what is common to all the people who live in this remote and fragmented territory: the Canary archipelago.

The European Union, as both the President of the Council of Europe and his secretary have shown, are experiencing critical moments as a result of the successive crises (economic, institutional, social ... etc.). That have taken place since 2008. Canary Islands, as part of the European territory, is no stranger to this delicate situation and as in other territories, here we can feel the discouragement, if not skepticism, about the future of the European Union.

In our view, in these conditions to make the European Social Charter known, through a creative and close to the whole population, represents a great opportunity



for us to remember and live the European dream that sighted our grandparents and our parents and that we must preserve and reinforce for our sons and daughters and our grandchildren.

Knowing the European Social Charter will not only strengthen the European identity but also strengthen the cohesion of Canary Islands society by making it share a common dream, the dream of a peaceful coexistence based on the mutual recognition of the same rights and duties for all European citizenship.

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