

PRINCIPLE 20 Access to essential services

Actions aimed at setting a minimum floor of rights in the EU, a level playing field in the Single Market	Actions aimed at establishing upward convergence in living and working conditions
<p>1. Explore the viability of EU legal instrument(s) on public services, based on Article 14 of the Treaty to develop regulatory framework(s) for public service providers.</p> <p>2. Mainstream principle 19 in the EU Directives on access and working conditions for third country nationals for reasons of employment.</p>	<p>1. See also Anti-Poverty Action Plan. This principle will be an element of the Plan. It may include targets for public investment in social housing.</p> <p>2. Develop benchmarks for government expenditure within the Stability and Growth Pact to ensure necessary funding for universal, affordable and high-quality public services (e.g. through the “golden rule”). This would also support implementation of many of the SDGs of the UN2030 Agenda.</p> <p>3. Access to decent housing must be ensured.</p> <p>4. Support initiatives to integrate public service elements and fundamental rights in relevant EU sectoral initiatives (e.g. right to health, right to water, right to energy, right to good administration, right to public transport, right to internet access, etc.)</p>