



## **Resolution of the EUCDW-congress with view on the work of the EUCDW (European Union of Christian Democratic Workers) in the years to come**

### **Decision of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the EUCDW, 03.09.2005**

The congress of the EUCDW on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005 in Vienna

is pleased about the fact that the EUCDW offers a platform of the dialogue of like-minded organizations at European level which pursue to the same objectives and which vouch for an equally focused business model that is based on solidarity between people;

ascertains in all satisfaction that the EUCDW succeeded in the last few years to exert an influence on European decision-making processes at European level with very limited means, particularly also with view on the European convent, content-wise primarily with regard to social affairs, as well as participative democracy;

regrets on the other hand – knowing the big differences in extent, capacity and possibilities of the member organizations – that the political work of the EUCDW is supported by too little member organizations and that, in general, the member organisations start too little initiatives in order to amplify, engross and strengthen the political points of view of the EUCDW ;

determines that the quality of seminars of the EUCDW has increased in the last few years but that the conclusions of these seminars cannot be retraced enough in the political work of the EUCDW;

regrets that too little members of the European Parliament are involved in the work of the EUCDW, but is on the other hand pleased about the commitment of those members with which the EUCDW maintains close relations;

believes that it is necessary to increase the representativeness of the EUCDW within the member states and at the level of 25 European member states;

worries about ultraliberal trends within the EVP, which create a danger to the Christian democratic idea and the Social policy;

1. ascertains that the EUCDW is an association of organizations which defends the interests of employees at European level – based on a Christian democratic idea;
2. expects that the EUCDW represents a political surplus value for the member organization in view of the realization of its political and corporate objectives and invites the board of the EUCDW to present a report on this on a regular basis;
3. is convinced that the EUCDW can play a role at the level of the European politics and within the EVP, taking into account first that the EUCDW can mobilise sufficient energy with its member organizations, and secondly that sufficient influence can be exercised on the determination of points of view of its respective ‘mother parties,
4. wishes that the EUCDW strengthens its position in the member states of the European Union, which signifies particularly that the representativeness of the existing member states is promoted and that the adoption of possible partner organizations in the new member states is intensified;
5. expects that the institutional, structural and lasting collaboration between the EUCDW and the employee group of the fraction of the European People’s Party is further expanded in the European Parliament. This could for instance mean that events of both institutions can be organized at the same locations and at the same time. The EUCDA expects furthermore that those members of the European Parliament who link themselves to the EUCDW will also stand for its positions.
6. ascertains that the work of the “work group politics” – as instance which prepares the position of the board as regards content – must be further supported and improved, by means of a higher participation of the presence of members of the European Parliament, through the admission of more member organizations, as well as through – according to the topic – the invitation of external experts;
7. expects that – in order to realize the objectives of the EUCDW – the collaboration with other organizations will be expanded;
8. orders the board and the president – if applicable, in cooperation with the EVP – to see to it that the EUCDW has an office, both with regard to logistic and personal means – which can guarantee work in the long-term
9. requests from the board and the president of the EUCDW to implement these congress resolutions and to present a report on the concrete results within one year or at the latest on the congress to come