



## **Against a selective implementation of the European Constitution**

### **EUCDW welcomes dialogue about the tasks and the limitations of the EU – Integrate Social Partners in the „Parliamentary Forums“**

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The European Union of Christian Democratic Workers (EUCDW) supports the Report on the future of the EU constitution, which is on Wednesdays agenda of the European Parliament.

It recalls that the political problems and institutional weakness that the Convention was set up to address will persist – and, indeed, grow - unless and until the reforms enshrined in the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe are brought into force.

It shares the opinion that the No votes appear to have been rather more an expression of dissent at the present state of the Union than a specific objection to the constitutional reforms, but, paradoxically, the result of the “No’s” is to maintain the status quo and block reform

The EUCDW warns that a strategy based on the selective implementation of the Constitution risks destroying the consensus that achieved a balance between the institutions and among Member States, thereby aggravating the crisis of confidence.

EUCDW welcomes the new, broad dialogue about the tasks and the limitations of the European Union, which should be seen as a chance to promote European democracy. Therefore – in analogy to the European Convention - the European Social Partners should be integrated in the ‘Parliamentary Forums’.

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