



Green book Labour Law harmful for economic Europe

EUCDW demands return to the assets of the Social Market Economy in global competition

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The Green book on “Labour Law”, put forward by the European Commission, bases on the idea of an exchange of 'rights' for 'promises', of 'job protection' for 'employment protection'. The basic idea is to abandon or to weaken the right of protection against dismissal in exchange for the promise of financial support in case of unemployment, the promise of training and qualification, the promise of an active labour market policy of the state.

The EUCDW welcomes the debate about how to improve competitiveness and employability. Yet, it rejects the approach by the EU-Commission and favours instead a combination of measures which in the end enables the EU to win global competition by its assets: high quality products and services, a well trained workforce and social stability.

In a competition only focussed on low wages and low-level social protection, Europe cannot but loose.

Epecially in view of the demands of information society we see in labour quality a decisive factor in order to increase flexibility and the capacity for innovation.

We have to seize all the possibilities to regulate contractual and employment relations in a broad range of areas, from working time to agency work, from work organisation to the reconciliation of work, private and family life, etc.

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