



Review of the European Works Council Directive: Commission Acts on the Resolution of a Broad Majority in the EU Parliament

EUCDW calls upon social partners to seize the opportunity

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The EUCDW welcomes the decision of the European Commission to act on this spring's resolution of the European Parliament in initiating a quick review of the European Works Council Directive. This demand was supported by a broad majority in the Parliament's Plenary Session on May 10, 2007, which included the two main fractions of the European Parliament.

It is also the correct way to proceed first to consult the social partners who – in a further development of the efforts they have already put in – now have the opportunity of taking this important project into their own hands. The EUCDW calls upon the employers in particular to seize this opportunity and to demonstrate the willingness to shape the future and to comply with the subsidiarity principle which they have always proclaimed for themselves.

The EUCDW expects EU Commissioner Spidla to pursue the process of reviewing this Directive within the lifetime of the current Parliament. In the immediate after-math of the Reform Treaty, the social Europe is in need of some concrete and practical social policies. In addition, the special position of the Social Dialogue (also in view of the civil dialogue) must also be acknowledged in the future.