

12. GLOBALIZATION OF WORKERS' RIGHTS

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The creation, implementation and enlargement of the European Single Market have always been some of the EU most important pillars. All of this happened in an international context of increasing globalization: capitalism is more global every day, the market demands more and more freedom of movement for goods, capital and people. Unfortunately we have also witnessed many times that economic freedom is ruling out social and workers' rights. The judgments of the European Court of Justice *Viking* and *Laval (2007)*, for example, are a clear proof that economic freedom is considered more important than social and workers' rights. The efforts and the fight of our comrades from Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Estonia in the aforementioned cases were necessary and meaningful, but sadly fruitless.

In order to react to the superpower of international finance and capitalism, the fight for workers' rights must be European and international too. Young European Socialists, together with its member organizations, socialist and social democratic parties, national and European trade unions and workers associations must lead the fight for the globalization of social and workers' rights.