

14. PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION ABOUT IMPLEMENTING A SOCIAL PROTOCOL TO THE EU-TREATY

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The free movement of goods, capital, services and people is a cornerstone within the European Union.

The free movement has been one way to increase competition, specialization and efficiency on the internal market. Also, it has enabled the possibility for EU-citizens to freely travel across borders and seek employment in other countries.

Meanwhile it is clear that the social dimensions within the EU is not prioritized, which has created challenges regarding for example the protection of social security and trade union rights. There are especially three areas that needs to be tackled:

- 1) The imbalance between protection of fundamental trade unions rights and free movement.
- 2) The one-sided market focus that ignores social considerations and the risk of social dumping.
- 3) The negative effect on crisis policy on social protection and the functioning of the labor market.

There is a need for the EU to implement minimum levels for social protection in the EU. It is important that the differences between member states in terms of living standards and type of welfare model need to be taken into considerations, there should be a margin of flexibility. Member states must be able to introduce stricter national rules that are more advantageous for workers. The aim should be to avoid competition between member states through low social ambitions.

Social security and trade union rights is not protected enough within the EU. It is important that the EU sets floor not roofs for social security and trade union rights. Member states with high ambitions regarding social protection should be promoted and not punished.

We, Young European Socialists:

- Should work for a social protocol attached to the EU-treaty. This social protocol should clarify that fundamental social rights should override the economic freedoms.
- Are also in favour of the European Pillar of Social Rights that will set out a number of essential principles to support well-functioning and fair labour markets and welfare systems within the EU.