

It's official - EU leaders meeting at the EU Council have unanimously backed Commission President Barroso for a second term. The final decision though must be approved by the European Parliament in July. The key question that we're asking is whether this decision takes place under the Nice or Lisbon Treaty? If it's under Nice, then the new Parliament simply has to say yes or no to Mr Barroso and it will most probably be a yes; however if in the meantime the Irish ratify the Lisbon Treaty, then the European Parliament will have a real vote on this question and then Mr Barroso's getting in suddenly does not look so sure.

We can debate the outcome for a long time, but that does not modify our main battle which is to change the prevailing paradigm. And we have seen that under President Barroso, this simply has not happened. That is why we need to work in alliances and that is why SOLIDAR has put together [10 priorities for the new Commission and Parliament for a new direction for Europe](#). 10 priorities to make a difference in the daily lives of Europeans and people worldwide, to be together for more Social Europe and Decent Work for all.

It is only together that we are a force for change!

Conny Reuter, Secretary General

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

SPRING ALLIANCE MANIFESTO: FOR AN EU THAT PUTS PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

This Wednesday, the four European CSO platforms which form the [Spring Alliance](#) organised a conference to debate the [manifesto](#) which will offer concrete steps and targets for the strategic orientations of European policies over the next decade ([read more about the process](#)). The manifesto is due for finalisation at the end of June, after which European and national networks and platforms are invited to sign it. The Manifesto will be used as a lobbying tool towards the new European Commission, the new European Parliament and Member State's governments. [Read more...](#)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

GLOBAL NETWORK LATIN AMERICA ASKS FOR A LABOUR CHAPTER IN EU-CAN FTA

Since 2007, the EU has been negotiating the conclusion of an Association Agreement with the Andean Community Association (CAN). The agreement will cover three aspects: trade, political and cooperation. Worried by the absence of the social and labour dimension in these negotiations, SOLIDAR Global Network partners in Latin America - whose coordination is ensured by the Peruvian NGO PLADES - has released 8 proposals ([summary in EN](#) | [full text in ES](#)) to include fundamental labour rights in the EU-Andean Community agreement.

Linked to that, last week, the EU-Peru Free Trade Agreement was put under scrutiny by European and Latin America Civil Society Organisations following the violence and deaths occurring in the Peruvian jungle on 5 June, our partners in the Global Network-Latin America have written a [declaration](#) calling for the negotiations to be suspended and for the International Labour Organisation to form a special commission for Peru, to evaluate the fulfilment of Convention 169 and to support Social Dialogue with the indigenous population. Furthermore, SOLIDAR has sent a [letter](#) to the European Commission President drawing attention and echoing their demands.

10 DAYS OF ACTION: COUNTDOWN TO COMMITMENTS

Next week between the 24-26 June, the UN will host the [Conference on the Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development](#). This conference is an outcome of last years' Doha Financing for Development conference and is an important part of the ongoing discussions of how the global financial and economic system should be reformed. SOLIDAR will be present and participating in the pre-campaigning as well as the conference itself.

The [10 Days of Action: Countdown to Commitments](#) campaign is a mobilisation tool to help raise awareness, build momentum and deliver key civil society messaging around this Conference. Everyday different actions are planned ([see calendar](#)), note especially the day of action for decent Work and social protection on 25 June.

MEMBERS NEWS

Register for the [Middle East Working Group](#) and [Western Balkans Working Group](#) meetings on 3 July, and read the latest news on the **Members Area**. Don't have a password? Contact [Abigail](#).

FOOTBALLS SEWN BY CHILDREN

Research by Swiss Labour Assistance (SLA) has discovered that Swiss schools continue to buy footballs which may have been put together by children. With the campaign "no to exploitation from our taxes", SLA is calling on Swiss communes to take into account the production conditions of their supplies. Find out more in [FR](#) | [DE](#)

Read **AWO's** [press release](#) on the organisation's pushing for the training of social workers and professionals to respond to future gaps in the job market.

AWO is also looking for [European project partners](#) for a Grundvig learning partnership

PARTNERS NEWS

ITUC ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRADE UNIONS RIGHTS VIOLATIONS - SITUATION WORSENING

2008 was another difficult and often dangerous year for trade unionists around the world, according to this year's [ITUC Annual Survey of Trade Union Rights Violations](#), which details abuses of fundamental workers' rights in 143 countries.

ASIA WAGE FLOOR

The [Asia Wage Floor campaign](#) is a campaign to set a regional decent wage for garment manufacturing workers in Asia. The wage is meant to meet a workers' family's basic needs, both food and non-food costs. The campaign has launched a great [comic book](#) highlighting the main asks of the campaign. For information, the wage that they are demanding comes out to 172 Euros a month!

Read **CTUWS'** monthly [report](#) on the impact of the financial crisis on Egyptian Workers

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ActionAid member **Peuples Solidaires** is looking for a [Policy Officer](#).

FEANTSA is looking for a part-time [Administration Assistant](#)

22-23	Global Network Europe, Bucharest
24-26	United Nations High-level conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, New York
3	SOLIDAR Middle East Working Group, Brussels
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