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At the beginning of May, former Commissioner Monti presented the [report](#) he produced on the request of Commission's President Barroso on "A new strategy for the single market - at the service of Europe's economy and society". The report examines the challenges that an initiative to relaunch the single market faces today and outlines a comprehensive strategy to make such a relaunch politically successful and economically and socially viable.

Prof. Monti sees two mutually reinforcing trends at work: an "integration fatigue", eroding the appetite for more Europe and a single market; and more recently, a "market fatigue", a reduced confidence in the role of the market. Social NGOs like SOLIDAR have consistently expressed their concerns that market forces are unable to regulate themselves, as the disastrous effects of speculation on the financial markets show. There are interesting ideas and proposals in the report in particular concerning the reconciliation between the single market and the social and citizenship dimension of the Treaty, where social services of general interest are seen as the "building blocks" for such reconciliation.

How will the Commission now translate these proposals into action, taking into account that the effects of the crisis do not only require keeping the poverty target in the Europe 2020 strategy, but in creating an environment in the single market where providers of social services can fulfill their mission, maintain the scope and high level of quality of the services and where public procurement procedures take social needs into consideration and services are not just chosen on the basis of the lowest cost?

Conny Reuter, Secretary General

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE 'DECENT WORK & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS' PROJECT

On 27 May, SOLIDAR alongside its project partners, presented the final outcomes of the "Decent Work & Industrial Relations" project and launched the [brochure of recommendations](#) for European and national stakeholders at a conference in Bucharest. Topics discussed included working conditions, and in particular how decent work can be achieved through social dialogue. The main conclusion from the conference was that in order for social dialogue to be effective and comprehensive, civil society organisations need to contribute. [Read more...](#)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

BETTER POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT TO COMBAT POVERTY AND FAMINE

This week SOLIDAR participated in the Food, Agriculture, Trade and Environment (FATE) Forum organised by CONCORD to discuss in-depth policy coherence for development in EU policy-making. The main focus was how to promote sustainable (economic, social, environmental and equitable) food systems which can ensure global food security. [Read more...](#)

ENFORCING MIGRANT DOMESTIC WORKERS' RIGHTS

A legal colloquium, organised by the Officer of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Brussels Office on 25-26 May, put the spotlight on migrant domestic workers in the European Union and the applicability of International Human Rights Treaties to promote their rights. In SOLIDAR's view, whilst a sound legal framework exists in theory, in practice the implementation and monitoring of their rights at national and local levels remains a huge challenge across Europe. [Read more...](#)

MEMBERS

UNISON is organising an [event](#) in the frame of their Annual Conference on 'The struggle for workers rights in Latin America: What the Tory coalition means for International Solidarity' on 17 June at 5.15pm at the International Centre of Bournemouth, UK.

COCIS is organising a [debate](#) on 'Futuro del mondo della cooperazione governativa e non governativa'.

LegaCoopBund published a [statement](#) saying that they are joining 'Cooperare con Libera Terra', an national agency aiming to support cooperatives managing the assets confiscated from organised crime.

Read the [Banada Trade News Bulletin](#)

Read the [ARCI Newsletter](#)

PARTNERS

WIDE is organising their Annual Conference on 'Migration and Equal Opportunities in the globalization context', with participants from all continents (250 people) in Bucharest on 3-5 June 2010. [More Information](#) | [press release](#) | [Invitation](#) | [Register](#)

The **National Network for Junior Associations** is launching a youth project, in which they give young people the opportunity to create and manage projects by themselves. [Mission Statement](#) | [Flyer \(1+2\)](#)

CTUWS published a [statement](#) 'No for the security attack against workers'

Read the [Europeans for Financial Reform Newsletter](#)

AGENDA

27	DWIR Project Final Conference, Bucharest Programme Practical information
1	Fair Flowers for Human Rights, Brussels (EP) Invitation
9	DWIR Round Table on Decent Work and Quality Jobs in Europe, Brussels
17-18	Social Affairs Committee and Seminar on Volunteering, London
24-25	European Integration Forum, Brussels (EESC)

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