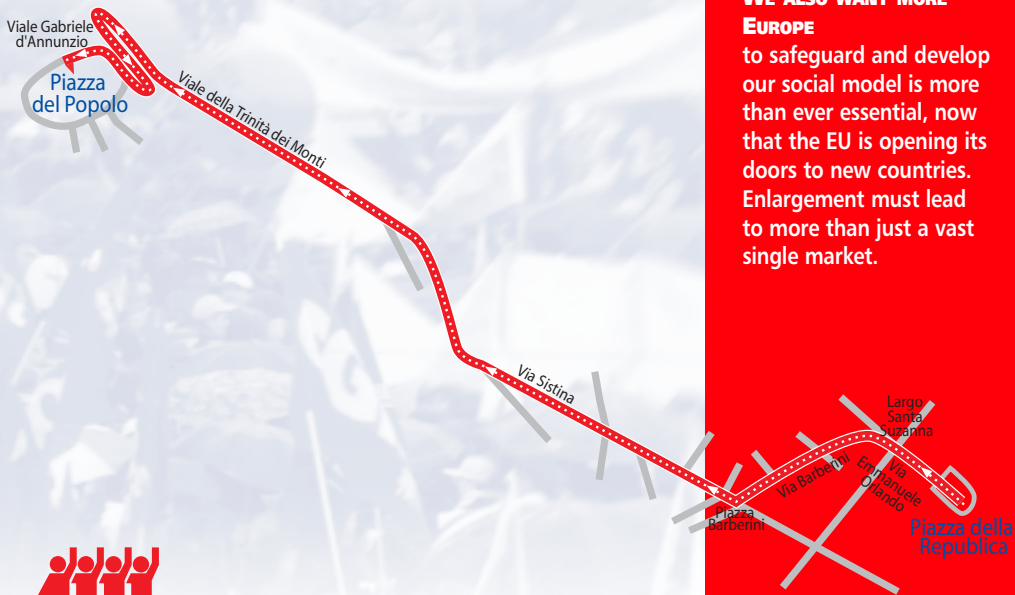


Lisbon objectives. But in order to guarantee the creation of more and better jobs, issues such as reconciling work and family life, implementing the Barcelona objectives on childcare, reducing the difference in pay between men and women, guaranteeing social security entitlement for atypical workers, and providing high quality jobs for women, need to remain at the top of the agenda.

In this respect, complementarity and synergies between the European employment strategy and future national programmes geared towards social inclusion are paramount and the ETUC demands that the Italian Presidency focus closely on these issues.

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- full employment and social rights
- the safeguarding of social protection systems
- the guarantee of quality public services
- the promotion of gender equality, starting with equal pay
- the improvement of health and safety in the working environment
- the fight against poverty, exclusion and any form of discrimination

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to safeguard and develop our social model is more than ever essential, now that the EU is opening its doors to new countries. Enlargement must lead to more than just a vast single market.

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UP UNTIL THE END OF ITS TERM IN DECEMBER 2003, THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EU WILL HAVE THE TASK OF ADMINISTERING AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX POLITICAL AGENDA.

**THE SIGNING OF THE ACCESSION TREATY** from which, thanks to the entry of ten new Member States in May 2004, Europe is emerging as a more unified entity, together with ongoing negotiations with other candidate countries, highlights the need for preparations for enabling an enlarged EU to operate more efficiently and be more effective. Real answers to questions posed by citizens and workers in Europe need to be finalised as a matter of urgency.

**THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE**, to be launched under the Italian Presidency and based both on the work of the European Convention and the subsequent agreement on the future EU constitution, will mean that the Italian Presidency will be of vital importance.

**AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF A DIFFICULT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE**, the EU must prove that it can make a difference, by consolidating its decision-making powers, its identity and its social model, by shoring up its role in the context of international governance, and by showing itself to be pivotal player in controlling globalisation, promoting sustainable development for all, and advocating peace, democracy and human rights throughout the world.

**BUT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CLIMATE IN EUROPE** has deteriorated over the course of the last few months and this is proving an ever-larger obstacle to achieving the Lisbon objectives. Europe requires enhanced economic governance that can rectify the worrying social situation and can respond positively and in a coordinated manner to workers' expectations on the deterioration of jobs and the restrictive and negative approach adopted in many countries in Europe with regard to the future of social protection.

**THE ETUC CALLS UPON THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY** to exert its influence to remedy this situation using the principles of the European social model, and not the neo-liberal approach seemingly favoured by several European countries.

**THE ROME DEMONSTRATION** is to show that Europe's trade unions demand that:

- people are put centre stage and not big business
- Europe must have a strong social dimension, not just be a single economic market, and it must guarantee quality public services
- The New Treaty must include a strong commitment to strong social protection and opportunity.

**EUROPEAN UNION UNEMPLOYMENT** at nearly 9% is a disgrace and the Italian Presidency must lead co-ordinated action to boost investment, research and development, education and training and, most of all, jobs.

**THE REUNIFICATION OF EUROPE** next year with 10 new member states means that Europe must work more efficiently and effectively – and pledge itself to uphold social protection and opportunity across all its future work.

## EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE (IGC)

In the view of the ETUC, given the current political context, the draft Constitution drawn up by the convention constitutes major progress towards a European Union that is more effective, more democratic and which, to a certain extent, is more in tune with the concerns felt by its citizens.

**NEVERTHELESS, THE ETUC REGRETS** that the most ambitious objectives have not been achieved, specifically the extension of qualified majority voting, measures on social and fiscal policy, and the provision of new tools and procedures for economic governance in the EU that would enable Europe to fulfil

more of its potential and would promote increased employment. The IGC should pave the way for progress to be made in these areas.

**OUR OBJECTIVES ARE:** legally recognised incorporation into the Constitution of the Charter of Fundamental Rights; recognition of social values and objectives, in particular full employment; the establishment of a legal base for services of general interest; the mandate of the Union in terms of economic, social and labour coordination; and acknowledgement of the role of the social partners and their social dialogue.

**THE ETUC IS VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED** to any attempt to call these objectives into question at the IGC.

**THE ETUC CALLS UPON THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY** to take action on these issues at the IGC to boost the credibility of the social provisions contained within the new Constitution.

**IF THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY FAILS TO ACT**, the workers of the EU will be cheated and the ETUC will be forced to adopt a negative position on the results of the IGC.

## ECONOMIC LABOUR POLICIES

**THE ETUC BELIEVES THAT THE EU** should strive to boost implementation of the Lisbon strategy, in particular in terms of a commitment to provide "more and better jobs", full employment and the creation of a knowledge-based society, with the appropriate policies to ensure stable, annual growth of 3%. The present position of low growth and high unemployment is massively unsatisfactory.

**THE ETUC SUPPORTS THE APPROACH SET OUT IN THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDELINES** adopted by the European Council of Thessaloniki. The ETUC reiterates that the broad economic policy guidelines (BEPG) should also play a role in creating full employment and calls for measures that go beyond rationalisation procedures and which can generate the necessary synergy and coherence between the two processes.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY** will help to improve the labour market whilst at the same time promoting equal opportunities for men and women. Integrating/re-integration into the labour market individuals who have become excluded – not through choice or as a result of over-generous benefits from social security systems, but because not enough jobs have been created – will help to achieve the

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