
Editorial News

Improving Social Dialogue

Commissioner Flyn has outlined plans for streamlining the framework for social dialogue at EU level. The aim is to concentrate on strategic priorities, strengthen constructive debate by the social partners (employers and trade unions), and rationalise structures for social dialogue.

The consultative document, published on 18 September, is the first occasion on which the Commission has expressed an overall position on different aspects of social dialogue. Recent developments in employment policy, including the Essen strategy and the Commission's proposed Confidence Pact for Employment, have concentrated the focus of social dialogue on employment.

After assessing responses to the communication, the Commission plans to issue a second paper in 1997, setting out the steps to be taken.

European Institute of Public Administration Announcement

EIPA is organising a series of multinational seminars on 'European Negotiations' to be held in Maastricht on 25–29 November. These seminars detail the strategies and tactics relevant to European negotiations and examine ways in which to promote their efficient conduct.

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