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Subject: European Social Dialogue

Social dialogue, initially set up with a view to involving the two sides of industry in the single market process, is no longer capable of delivering the results it achieved in the past. The successive enlargements to the EU have made it increasingly difficult to establish. While some Member States have a functioning social dialogue that has helped them to withstand the crisis, others are lumbered with weak, ineffective negotiation systems.

The current move towards setting up a new EU economic governance framework in an attempt to strengthen democracy and improve economic efficiency requires a new approach in the field of relations between the social partners.

1. How does the Commission intend to define a clear outlook to enable the Member States to share a common vision of the challenges and goals to be met in this area and to harmonise existing systems?
2. What action does it plan to take to enable the Member States with the least effective social dialogue to review their systems and the rights offered, and to provide much-needed progress in the field of industrial relations?
3. How does it intend to set EU-wide standards on workers' representation, negotiation frequency and the safeguarding of career paths?