

What is the Party of European Socialists?

The PES brings together the 33 socialist, social democratic and labour parties from the 25 EU Member States, plus Norway, Romania and Bulgaria. The PES member parties are:

Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs, SPÖ (Austria)
Parti Socialiste, PS (Belgium)
Sociaal Progressief Alternatief, sp.a (Belgium)
Bulgarska Sotsialisticheska Partiya, BSP (Bulgaria)
Kinima Sosialdimokraton, EDEK (Cyprus)
Česká strana sociálně demokratická, CSSD (Czech Republic)
Socialdemokraterne, SD (Denmark)
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond, SDE (Estonia)
Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue, SDP (Finland)
Parti Socialiste, PS (France)
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands, SPD (Germany)
Panellinio Sosialistiko Kinima, PASOK (Greece)
Magyar Szocialista Párt, MSZP (Hungary)
Magyarországi Szocialdemokrata Párt, MSZDP (Hungary)
Labour Party, LP (Ireland)
Democratici Di Sinistra, DS (Italy)
Socialisti Democratici Italiani, SDI (Italy)
Latvijas Socialdemokratiska Strandnieku Partija, LSDSP (Latvia)
Lietuvos Socialdemokratu Partija, LSDP (Lithuania)
Letzeburger Sozialistesche Arbechterpartei, LSAP/POSL (Luxembourg)
Partit Laburista, MLP (Malta)
Partij van de Arbeid, PvdA (The Netherlands)
Det Norske Arbeiderparti, DNA (Norway)
Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej, SLD (Poland)
Unia Pracy, UP (Poland)
Partido Socialista, PS (Portugal)
Partidul Social Democrat, PSD (Romania)
Sociálna Demokracia, SMER (Slovakia)
Socialni Demokrati, SD (Slovenia)
Partido Socialista Obrero Español, PSOE (Spain)
Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti, SAP (Sweden)
Labour Party, LP (Great Britain)
Social Democratic and Labour Party, SDLP (Northern Ireland)

Through its bodies – Congress, Council, Leaders Conference and Presidency, as well as PES Ministerial meetings – the PES organises cooperation between socialists and social-democrats at EU level.

ECOSY and PES Women are respectively the Youth and the Women's organisations of the PES.

The President of the PES is former Danish Prime Minister *Poul Nyrup Rasmussen*.

The Secretary General is *Philip Cordery* (PS-France).

The PES is also:

- 199 members of the European Parliament, including the President of the EP
- a presence in 12 out of 25 governments, with 8 Prime Ministers
- 7 Commissioners and the Secretary General of the Council of the EU
- 116 members of the Committee of the Regions
- 5 associate parties and 5 observer parties from neighbouring countries
- several recognised social democratic organisations and partners

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7 priorities for the EU

PES Leaders agreed their top priorities for the EU for 2006:

- A multi-annual European Growth and Investment Strategy for more and better jobs. You can download the PES proposal for “A new Growth and Investment strategy” from our website.
- A common effort of member states and European institutions for the doubling of the target for renewable energy.
- More effective European anti-discrimination legislation and implementation in the workplace, in particular, with regard to equal pay between men and women and the conciliation of professional and family life.
- More effective legislation to eradicate violence against women in society, as well as in conflict and crisis situations, and the trafficking of women and children.
- An appropriate legal framework for services of general interest in the European Union. The PES is committed to protecting the special values and features of public services – including universal service obligations, guaranteed quality and continuity of service, consumer rights and affordability.
- The strengthening of common efforts for economic and social cohesion between Member States, including for example the development of trans-Europe networks.
- The strengthening of the European social model and the defence of workers’ rights by reinforcing European social legislation.

A New Social Europe

The PES has launched a debate on a social Europe fit for the 21st century – combining Europe’s high levels of social protection and workplace rights with international competitiveness, growth and jobs.

Co-chaired by PES President *Poul Nyrup Rasmussen* and former Commission President *Jacques Delors*, the initiative is organised around 3 discussion forums:

- **An Active Society:** building an active labour market and society.
- **An Inclusive Society:** building an inclusive society with greater justice.
- **The EU Dimension:** identifying the role of the EU in helping to build active, inclusive societies.

A comprehensive report will be presented to the PES Congress in autumn 2006.

Order our “New social Europe” brochures or download them from our website and participate in our online discussion!

A people’s **dialogue** on the future policies of Europe

The PES aims to identify a new direction for Europe by listening to citizens and shaping policies that the people of Europe can unite around to create a better future and a better world.

This wide-ranging consultation will take place first and foremost on national and local levels in close cooperation with our member parties. The PES website enables people across Europe to exchange views.

Among the important issues being addressed:

- *How should Europe and our countries boost economic growth and tackle unemployment?*
- *What should European countries do to renew their welfare states?*
- *How can the EU manage globalisation for the benefit of Europeans and the rest of the world?*
- *What should our social democratic vision be for the future development of the EU?*

PES and the world: decent jobs in a global economy

The PES is active internationally. It is committed to making our world a safer place, where shared prosperity, human rights and human dignity are at the centre of our actions.

The PES wants ‘decent work’ for all to be at the heart of the international agenda. The UN, ILO and WTO should be linked and work together with particular focus on workers’ rights and the abolition of child labour.

Together with the Socialist Group in the European Parliament and the Socialist International, the PES has launched the Global Progressive Forum to create global communities for change.