



MINUTES MEETING OF THE PRESIDENCY
Brussels, 28 February 2007
Adopted by Presidency on 03 May 2007

0. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

1. Adoption of the minutes of the last meetings

The minutes were adopted.

2. Debate on recent political developments

The President reported on the **Congress**. He stressed the political success in terms of participation, contents, high level of the debates and the relevance of the international guests among others Dean, Tadic and Joubblatt.

The President reported on the situation in the **EU institutions**, all of them with right-wing leadership and proposed to the PES Presidency to have far more in-depth and debates on the actions to be taken to strength the social dimension of Europe.

The President reported on the results of **elections** in Netherlands and Austria.

The President reported on the situation in **Latvia**. The Secretary General presented the results of the discussion during the Coordination Team, and its approval to send a fact-finding mission to check the situation.

The President gave the floor to Luciano Vecchi to report on the recent developments in **Italy**

The following participated in the debate: Jan Marinus Wiersma, Ugo Intini, Giacomo Filibeck, Roulla Mavronicola, Alexandra Dobolyi, Cristian Diaconescu, Kasia Matuszewska

3. PES strategy for 2007

The President presented the objectives proposed to the Presidency for 2007: 1). to consolidate PES political agenda, focusing it on people's concerns; 2). to strengthen PES influence as a political actor; 3). and to increase PES visibility.

The President underlined the necessity for the PES Presidency meeting to debate more topical issues with regular declarations and proposed that the Presidency would ratify the **CT decisions** on organisational matters without debate. **The proposal was accepted.**

The President also presented the process to elaborate the PES Manifesto for the 2009 European Parliament elections.



The following participated in the debate: Gary Titley, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Stavros ambrinidis, Ann Linde, Mia de Vits, Carlos Carnero, Etienne Godin, Alain Richard, Ugo Intini, Zita Gurmai, Vytenis Andriukaitis

The papers “PES Strategy 2007” (annex 2) and “PES Manifesto process 2007-2008” (annex 3) were adopted by the Presidency

The President then commented on other relevant issues for 2007:

- New Social Europe
- Childcare campaign
- Energy & Climate
- Economic and social issues including Hedge and capital funds.
- Future of Europe: It was agreed to set up a working group which will coordinate the discussion about the future of Europe and its future constitutional basis.
- International issues including a Position paper on International policy, Balkans, Euro-Mediterranean relations and the Middle East, and relaunch of the Transatlantic dialogue
- Diversity & Integration including the creation of a network
- Activists
- Foundation
- PES Women

The President proposed the following sharing of responsibilities in the PES, involving Presidency members, Ministers and other personalities. He insisted on the fact that it is not a final list and that other responsibilities could be given when new issues arose :

Ministerial coordinations

For each Ministerial coordination, the President proposed a Minister to coordinate and a Presidency member to be the link with the Presidency.

Foreign affairs	Coordinator	Jean Asselborn, Luxembourg
	Presidency member	Espen Barth Eide, Norway
Development	Coordinator	Heide Marie Wieczorek-Zeul, Germany
	Presidency member	Luciano Vecchi, Italy
Defense	Coordinator	André Flahaut, Belgium
	Presidency member	Alain Richard, France
ECOFIN	Coordinator	to be appointed
	Presidency member	to be appointed
Employment & Social affairs	Coordinator	Jose Vieira da Silva, Portugal
	Presidency member	Mia de Vits, Belgium
Environment	Coordinator	to be appointed
	Presidency member	Nicolai Wammen, Denmark

Political initiatives :

Lisbon network	Chair	Hans Eichel, Germany
	Presidency members	of relevant Ministerial coordinations
Future of Europe	Chair	Ruairi Quinn, Ireland
	Steering Committee	Pierre Moscovici, France Carlos Carnero, Spain Adrian Severin, Romania Andrej Szejna, Poland Jo Leinen, Germany / PES Group EP



Michiel Van Hulten, Netherlands
Gary Titley, UK
Mercedes Bresso, Italy / PES group CoR

Diversity network	Chair	Gary Titley, UK
HLG Turkey	Co-chair Co-chair Presidency member	Paavo Lipponen, Finland George Papandreu, Greece Jan Kavan, Czech Republic
HLG Middle East	Chair Presidency member	to be appointed Ugo Intini, Italy (SDI)
Eastern Europe	Chair Presidency member	Peter Schieder, Austria Kathrin Saks, Estonia
Euro-Mediterranean	Chair Presidency member	to be appointed George Vella, Malta
Balkans	Chair Presidency member	Mircea Geoana, Romania Kristian Vigenin, Bulgaria
China	Presidency member	Alexandra Dobolyi, Hungary
USA	Presidency member	Stavros Lambrinidis, Greece

4. Political issues

4.1. Presidency resolution to the EU Council on Energy and climate change

The President presented the Presidency resolution to the EU Council on Energy and climate change.

The declaration was agreed by the Presidency. (annex 4)

4.2. Preparation of Leaders' debate on the Future of Europe (Berlin 24 March)

The President reported on the developments related to the Leaders' conference.

5. Global Progressive Forum

The President reported on the new developments in the GPF. He announced his decision to resign as chair of the GPF, and proposed electing Josep Borrell as new President of the GPF.

The Presidency agreed on Josep Borrell as new GPF Chair and invites him to Presidency and Leaders meetings.

The following participated in the debate: Josep Borrell, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Luis Ayala

6. Next meeting : 03 May 2007

7. Any other business



- **Application for membership:** The Secretary General informed on the application for membership of the Republican Party from Cyprus. **The Presidency agreed to deal with all new applications in the autumn** for adoption at the Presidency preceding the PES Council.

- **The Presidency members approved the 2007 Membership fees** for new members:
 - DTP Turkey : € 3.000
 - DS Serbia : € 1.000
 - SDP Bosnia : € 1.000

