



# *In Loving Memory*

## **SOCIAL EUROPE**

° Maastricht 1992 - † Brussels 2013

*We are sad to announce that our beloved **Social Europe**  
has passed away.*

*The proposed compromise concerning the Enforcement Directive that  
was in fact aimed to improve the 1996 Directive on the posting of workers  
lead directly to the death of our loved one.*

*We invite you to assist at the funeral on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, in front  
of the Justus Lipsius Building, Rue de la Loi 175, Brussels, 8h45.*

*More details on the cause of the demise will be given on the back-side of this obituary.*

***Dear European Family,***

*On 9 December 2013 the European Council of labour Ministers will discuss the enforcement Directive. Initially, this Directive aimed to improve the enforcement of the Posting Directive, which at the moment is being **abused on a massive scale** resulting in the social exploitation of thousands of migrant workers every day.*

*Despite the noble intentions of the Enforcement Directive, the whole process has been high jacked by our politicians to reduce the national labour inspections. In addition to this the Ministers of labour are proposing extremely soft liability measures and no concrete sanctions. Finally, our national Ministers of labour are unable (or unwilling) firstly to resolve the precarious situation of the workers who are **victims of fake posting** and secondly to deal with the urgent problem of bogus self-employed workers.*

*In the light of the upcoming European elections our Ministers are so desperate that they are ready to accept whatever political compromise in order to demonstrate that the “Social Europe” still exists.*

*By doing so, our Labour Ministers are actually demonstrating that they are unable to respond to **the loud voice of millions** for a stronger Social Europe.*

*We demand that our politicians take up their responsibility and respond to the needs of millions of citizens who are losing their faith in the EU, due to **a lack of a social Europe.***

*The European trade unions jointly reject the current enforcement proposal of the Council as it does not fulfill its original goals and merely serves as **political window dressing** for a social Europe.*



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