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**Employment guidelines 2003:
CESI proposes further streamlining of economic,
employment and social policy**

In an opinion on the employment guidelines 2003 **the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI) demands that the process of streamlining must not stop and moreover proposes that in future social policy should be explicitly included, too.** “There is a strong interconnection between economic, employment and social policy”, says **General Secretary Helmut Müllers**. “Since one of the main goals of the guidelines package is to foster social inclusion, social policy should become a third pillar of the streamlining process.”

One thing the CESI misses in the current employment package is the aspect of the upcoming **EU enlargement**. With not even one year left until the accession of ten new states to the EU and the well-known problems in the economy and in the labour market in most of these countries the CESI regrets that the Commission did not even mention the perspectives of EU enlargement for the EU-15. According to the CESI it is therefore essential that next year’s employment package already contains specific recommendations for the enlarged EU.

The Commission’s **focus on medium-term measures** is supported by the CESI, since it prevents the EU member states from hectic actionism and enables them to act more thoroughly.

The CESI also supports the Commission’s goals of taking into account **gender-mainstreaming** in all its priorities and of focusing on **qualification and education**, as they are **key elements** in order to reach the ambitious goals set out at the Lisbon European Council.

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