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Include minorities! CESI demands for participation in Social Dialogue

In the run-up to the first tripartite social summit, which is to take place in Brussels on 20th March 2003, the General Secretary of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI), Helmut Müllers, renewed the demand of his organization to have a part in the Social Dialogue.

"Today, the Social Dialogue is more than just a discussion round between the European Commission, employers and employees," says General Secretary Helmut Müllers. "It is rather deeply involved in the decision-making process of the EU. Nevertheless, the Social Dialogue suffers from a deficit in legitimacy, as minorities are still excluded in actual fact," emphasizes Müllers. "In a European Union, which is marked by a diversity of languages, cultures and interests, it cannot be that employees are represented by only one organization."

In a resolution recently adopted by the Executive Board the CESI demands, that - with regard to the democratic principle of pluralism - other organizations get a chance for participation, too, instead of cementing the monopolies of certain organizations. Furthermore, the CESI asks the European Parliament as a shelter and guarantor of pluralism in Europe for the support of the CESI in this matter.

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