



Membership

The 8th PES Congress decided with a qualified majority of 93.03% to ratify the following Presidency decisions regarding membership.

1. New applications

Full member party

- **SMER – sociálna democracia (SMER – socialdemocracy), Slovakia¹**
Granted provisional membership by the Presidency on 14th February 2008

Full member organisation

- **Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)**
Granted provisional membership by the Presidency on 16th October 2008

Associate member party

- **Partia Socialiste e Shqipërisë (Socialist Party – PSS), Albania**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009
- **Demokratska Partija Socijalista Crne Gore (Democratic Party of Socialists – DPS), Montenegro**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009
- **Socijaldemokratska Partija Crne Gore (Social Democratic Party – SDP), Montenegro**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009

Observer member party

- **Cumhuriyetçi Türk Partisi (Republican Turkish Party - CTP)²**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009

2. Change of status

From Observer party to Associate member

- **Demokratska stranka (Democratic Party), Serbia**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009
- **Socijaldemokratska partija Bosne i Hercegovine (Social-democratic Party – SDP), Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009
- **Samfylkingin (Socialdemocratic Alliance), Iceland**
Agreed by the Presidency on 19th November 2009

3. Change of name

- **Partito Socialista Italiano - (Italian Socialist Party) PSI Italy** replaces **Socialisti Democratici Italiani, Italy**
As indicated to the PES Secretariat on 2 December 2009
- **Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist & Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D)** replaces **Socialist group on the European Parliament (PSE)**
As decided on the Constitutive meeting of the S&D group on 23rd June 2009

1. SMER Slovakia

The Presidency decided the following statement on 14 February 2009 by qualified majority (82.47% votes in favour). :

“- The Presidency decides today to lift the suspension of SMER. SMER regains its provisional membership which will need to be confirmed by the next Congress in autumn 2009;

- The Presidency will remain vigilant and act as a monitoring body as it does for all PES member parties. It is clear that in case SMER breaches PES principles as expressed in our statutes the Presidency can, at any time, review its position.”

Voted Against: Spa Belgium, PS Belgium, PS France, MSZP Hungary

2. CTP Cyprus

The PES Presidency agreed on 19 November 2009 to give CTP Cyprus Observer status by qualified majority. The PES makes clear that the only state entity PES recognizes is the Republic of Cyprus. The CTP will be able to apply for a full member status when the Cyprus problem is resolved with a politically agreed solution within the parameters of UN Resolutions.

Voted Against: EDEK Cyprus