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"PES Council, Warsaw 02-03.12.2010"

PES DEBATE ON PROGRESSIVE SOCIETIES

Summary of decisions of the 2010 PES Warsaw Council

N.B.: All documents can be found through the hyperlinks below.

1 – Confirmation of voting rights

Out of 135 potential mandates, 125 were considered valid: SDLP Northern Ireland (2 votes) and LSDSP Latvia (2 votes) were not present, and DS Italy (6 votes) renounced to its votes, PD Italy being present as a guest.

2 – Resolutions and policy papers

- Resolution 1, [Building a fair Europe by and for the people](#), was unanimously adopted.
- Resolution 2, [A democratic and transparent process for designating the PES candidate for the European Commission Presidency](#), as well as the annexed composition of the Working Group "Candidate 2014" were unanimously adopted.
- Policy paper 1, [A European Employment and Social Progress Pact for fair growth](#), was unanimously adopted.

The following amendments were voted upon by the Council (Annex 1):

Amendment 1 was adopted.
Amendment 2 was rejected.
Amendment 3 was rejected.
Amendment 4 was adopted.
Amendments 5, 6 and 7 were rejected.
Amendments 8 and 9 were withdrawn.

- Policy Paper 2, [Making Green Growth become a reality](#), was unanimously adopted.

The following amendments were voted upon by the Council (Annex 2):

Amendment 1 was rejected.
Amendment 2 was adopted.
Amendments 3 and 3bis were adopted.
Amendment 4 was withdrawn.

Policy Paper 1: “European Employment and Social Progress Pact for fair growth”

Amendments presented to the Council

N°	Member party	Page	Line	Amendment
1	PS Belgium	3	129-130	“The precise national policy mix should be decided according to criteria of effectiveness and fairness and to national specificities, notably levels of debt and deficit and the scope of its problems. [deleted] ”

N°	Member party	Page	Line	Amendment
2	SAP Sweden	8	365	“In order to tackle the problem of working poor and to contribute to rising demand, a European pact for minimum wages should be introduced, stipulating that EU Member States [deleted] can be needed in some EU Member States to [inserted] ensure that all workers and employees receive a wage above the poverty threshold, either through collective bargaining or by law, while ensuring compatibility with, and respect for, national traditions and praxis and the autonomy of social partners.”

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3	SAP Sweden	10	440	“To ensure that also those who are excluded from the labour market can afford a decent living, a European framework directive on minimum income schemes should be adopted, stipulating [deleted] in those countries where needed, proposing [inserted] that such schemes be established in all Member States and defining minimum criteria on adequacy and accessibility.”

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4	PS Belgium	10	455-457	“These schemes should be partly financed by the employer, and should operate by ensuring a job, and [inserted] re-training or a socially useful activity [deleted] to each unemployed person.”

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5	PvdA Netherlands	11	490-492	<p>“Instead of enforcing an increase in the retirement age, which is a trend in some EU member states and in the European Commission’s pension green paper, working conditions must be improved and incentives to work longer should be given to those who want and can.” [deleted]</p> <p><i>“An increase in the retirement age, which is a trend in some EU member states and in the European Commission’s pension green paper, can only be enforced when working conditions have been improved and incentives to work longer are given.”</i> [inserted]</p>
6	PvdA Netherlands	11	492-494	<p>“The retirement age should be increasingly flexibilised, depending on the sector, on the overall employment situation for elderly people, severity of working conditions and on the number of years worked.” [deleted]</p>
7	PvdA Netherlands	11	496-497	<p>“Following the success in some Member States, more emphasize should be put on the voluntary extension of the retirement age, including increased pension payments, rather than enforcing obligatory retirement age extensions. [deleted]”</p>

N°	Member party	Page	Line	Amendment
8	SAP Sweden	15	689	<p>“To avoid another crisis, which would have an even more severe impact, extremely harmful financial activities such as naked short selling should be banned, [deleted] stricter rules for the activities of hedge-funds and private equity must be introduced and full transparency, adequate supervision and consumer protection on the financial market must be ensured.”</p>

N°	Member party	Page	Line	Amendment
9	PSOE Spain	15	727	<p><i>“A Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base and the introduction of a more homogenous VAT rate across Member States should be seen as means for a more efficient and equitable taxation. Finally, increasing capital taxes and income taxes for those with very high incomes would bring new revenues and could improve fairness in society.”</i> [inserted]</p>

Policy Paper 2: “Making Green Growth become a reality”

Amendments presented to the Council

N°	Member party	Page	Line	Amendment
1	PvdA Netherlands, Labour UK, SPD Germany	Concerning every mentioning of “European Carbon Tax” in the policy paper		<u>Delete</u> in the entire document the words “European Carbon Tax” and <u>replace</u> it by “ carbon taxes ”.

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2	Spa Belgium	9	468	“This can be achieved by pricing all externalities, such as emissions, road construction and maintenance as well as health costs into the system. The best tool to reach this aim is the introduction of a European carbon tax, which could be supplemented by a Eurovignette for all vehicles or [deleted] other measures, including for instance [inserted] toll zones in cities. To quickly reduce transport emissions, obligatory emission reduction targets should be gradually tightened and incentives for consumers to purchase environmentally friendly cars should be introduced.”

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3	PSOE Spain	4	200	“For us, as the Party of European Socialists, it is essential that a just transition is ensured in the transformation of the European energy sector, sustained by a binding European Charter on the Rights of Energy Consumers. [inserted] Energy prices must remain affordable, especially for low-income groups.”

3 bis	PSOE Spain	13	Annex; Chapter 1 Access to markets	<p>“- support the construction of cross-border smart super grids, for example the North Sea Ring, the Baltic Energy Ring and a Mediterranean energy ring, e.g. by allocating funds from the Trans-European Networks programme</p> <p>- it should be obligatory for utilities and energy producers to inform consumers about their energy mix</p> <p>- support the endorsement of a binding European Charter on the Rights of Energy Consumers [inserted]”</p>
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4	Labour UK	11	574	<p>“The energy, which powers our economy and society, will have to be generated from renewable resources, such as wind, sun, the oceans, the earth’s heat and biomass. Traditional coal, oil and gas power stations need to be replaced by renewable energy power parks and decentralised clean energy production. [deleted] as well as through fossil fuels with carbon capture and storage technology [inserted]. Energy grids need to be upgraded and energy storage facilities introduced.”</p>