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UNICE MISSION

UNICE represents more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs, UNICE's members are 38 central industrial and employers' federations from 32 countries.

UNICE actively promotes and represents business interests in Europe. It advocates a favourable and competitive business environment to foster sustainable economic growth.

UNICE has been active in European integration since 1958. UNICE is also an active partner in the European Social Dialogue provided for in the Treaty on European Union since 1993.



UNICE STRUCTURE



PERMANENT DELEGATES FROM MEMBERS

UNICE PRIORITIES

These priorities are discussed in UNICE policy committees and working groups.



UNICE message 2004-2009



BOOST INNOVATION

Framework conditions in Europe, be they financial or regulatory, do not sufficiently support private investment in research and the transformation of research into marketable products.



AN ENVIRONMENT POLICY GEARED TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The challenge of sustainable development can only be met if eco-efficient innovations are developed to transform production, transport and consumption patterns. Environmental measures should have the highest cost efficiency.



UNLEASH THE INTERNAL MARKET OF 25+

The Internal Market of 25 EU members is the cornerstone of Europe's prosperity. The immense potential of the Internal Market of 25+ must be realised fully by integrating the new member states as quickly as possible, as well as facilitating business activities in countries that are candidates for future enlargements.



FOSTER INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Trade liberalisation creates tremendous opportunities but requires clear rules to ensure a level playing-field between domestic and foreign companies. EU trade policy should be geared to: (1) ambitious results in the WTO Doha Development Agenda negotiations as soon as possible; (2) elimination of trade and investment barriers through bilateral and regional negotiations; (3) active defence of European business interests when rules and commitments are not respected.



IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE LABOUR MARKET

Employment is the best way to ensure cohesion. The European social policy agenda's first priority is the creation of new jobs and integration of more people in labour markets. The enlarged Europe must concentrate on encouraging necessary labour market reforms.



RELEASE ENTREPRENEURIAL ENERGY

A raft of measures is needed to foster Europe's entrepreneurial spirit and support growth of SMEs, such as integrating entrepreneurship education in school curricula, reducing the overall tax burdens borne by companies, improving access to finance and ridding Europe's entrepreneurs of unnecessary administrative burdens.

UNICE ACTION

UNICE IS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, ECONOMIC CIRCLES AND TRADE UNIONS. IT ENDEAVOURS TO INFLUENCE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN A GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY TOGETHER WITH HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS.

FURTHERMORE, UNICE IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DECISIONS THROUGH CONSULTATION AND DIALOGUE WITH BODIES SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ECB, WTO, EPO AND OTHERS.

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