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Il est temps de changer la directive



# Services for the people

## **THE DRAFT SERVICES DIRECTIVE: EUROPE NEEDS QUALITY SERVICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE**


### **An internal market for services?**

Yes, but only with:

- » fair competition and a level playing field for companies
- » fair working conditions and equal treatment for workers

## **ETUC urges the EP plenary session to make fundamental changes to the Services Directive. It particularly calls for:**

- » stronger and unambiguous wording of the Directive, guaranteeing that it will not interfere in any way with labour law, collective bargaining or industrial relations in the Member States, and explicitly referring to respect for fundamental rights such as the right to carry out industrial actions;
- » services to be regulated by the laws of the country where they are carried out or provided. The *country-of-origin* principle should not be applied until upward harmonisation has been achieved;

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- » the host country's right to impose supervisory measures for all services provided on its territory;
  - » exclusion from the Directive of all *services of general interest*, economic or non-economic, and certain *sensitive sectors* such as temporary work agencies and private security services. These must be dealt with under separate Community instruments.

For ETUC, competition is not an end in itself. It is only useful if it improves the quality of life of Europe's citizens. That is why the Member States must be able to maintain a high level of protection for their workers, consumers and the environment.

It is high time for the European Parliament to adopt fundamental changes to the draft Directive, to show Europe's citizens that the internal market exists to serve the people!





**Together we can change the Services Directive  
and protect the European social model.  
We want a Directive that respects labour law,  
collective agreements and economic and  
non-economic services of general interest (SGI).**

*For quality services in Europe!*

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