

June 2009, European Parliament elections

EUROCADRES, the Council of European Professional and Managerial Staff, calls upon

- professionals and managers to use their vote and to urge other workers and citizens to vote for a more political and social European Union
- candidates to commit themselves to draw more attention to the priorities of Professional and Managerial Staff in building a better Europe

The recession is creating unemployment amongst Professional and Managerial Staff too, particularly young graduates starting professional, and new tasks for them as well.

It is the European model of social cohesion and protection, to strive for more competitiveness, but not at all the protectionism, which it could fatally undermine the Union of citizens.

National measures alone are not enough to face up to the economic and social crisis and unemployment.

More coordinated investments at European Union level, coupled with fiscal policies, are necessary.

We hope that the new Parliament will face up to the crisis and use it as an occasion for modernising and strengthening the European economic structures.

The interests of Professional and Managerial Staff coincide with the priorities for the whole European economy and society and for revising the goals of the Lisbon strategy:

- The highest qualifications with more investments for education, training and lifelong learning, in research and innovation.
- More European investments means not only more money, but also more coming from the EU budget; in any case, expenses need to be coordinated at EU level for harmonizing the various realities in these fields.
- In the present EU budget the percentage for these investments is around 10%; it should be doubled.
- To remove the obstacles against the European mobility of professionals, for instance by realizing and implementing a European system of professional qualifications recognition.

The Lisbon treaty and respect for the Charter of fundamental rights will create a more democratic Union and give more power to the European Parliament.

We ask the candidates to show a greater commitment to boosting the effectiveness of the European social dialogue outcomes in the European directives, and to renewing the working time directive with a minimum level able to create more equal conditions in the EU states and to promote quality of working life, a sound reconciliation of working and life time and more gender equality.

We hope that the candidates are aware of the importance of Professional and Managerial Staff and their European Model of Responsible Management

- in leading new systems in companies' governance and work organizations;
- towards a new social deal based on sustainable development with more green-collar jobs, more health services and social cohesion.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlo Parietti', written in a cursive style.

Carlo Parietti,
president