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“Not green enough, not social enough”

The S&D's six priorities for a new model for the development of the European economy are:

- A deal for sustainability with 10 million jobs in the green economy by 2020
- Full employment in quality jobs, with decent working conditions and social integration for men and woman
- Fighting poverty, inequality and insecurity
- The development of a knowledge economy with high productivity
- Solidarity between people and regions in Europe
- Making globalisation work in a way that is efficient and profitable for everyone

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The Internal Market Scoreboard examines how quickly and how well each of the Member States transposes Single Market directives into national legislation. It also highlights the number of ongoing infringement proceedings against Member States. S&D Group considers the Internal Market scoreboard as a key instrument to improve the implementation of the single market legislation. We also consider that better cooperation between the Commission, the Member states, the European parliament and national parliaments for the transpositions is essential for better implementation.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Anna Hedh

This annual report on consumer protection is the European Parliament contribution to the Consumer scoreboard. The report supports the Commission's effort to provide more quality data on the five indicators: complaints, prices, satisfaction, switching and safety. It welcomes also the 5 priority action areas identified by the Commission in its communication: more effective enforcement cooperation mechanisms, more transparency and visibility of the market surveillance, better knowledge sharing on the consumer rules, better market monitoring and more cooperation with third countries.

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The Council has to take a common position on structural and pre-accession funding policy, reflecting the European political commitment to fully use the opportunities of these funds to promote Roma inclusion and to ensure that the Common Basic Principles on Roma Inclusion are fully taken into account in any revisions of operational programmes and source allocation procedures?



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## THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY AND THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

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S&D Group is a key defender of the Obama Administration's call for a nuclear free world. We believe that also the EU should contribute to this effort. Therefore, we welcome the initiative taken by the German government and encourage other Member States with US nuclear weapons on their soil to make similar commitments.



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S&D Group underlines that respect for international humanitarian law and international human rights law by all parties and under any circumstances. The Group calls on the European Union and its member states to monitor closely the follow-up investigations to the Goldstone Report on all sides as well as the implementation of the Report's recommendations.



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After the seventh round of talks – and given the European Parliament's new Lisbon Treaty powers – our Group stresses the Commission's legal obligation to give Parliament full and immediate information at every stage of the negotiations. The Group also points out that Parliament must give its assent to the agreement.



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The S&D Group succeeded in including in the Report a majority of its views. The respect for the principles of the UN Charter and multilateral cooperation, gender equality, the concepts of Human Security and Responsibility to Protect were promoted by the Group as guiding principles of the EU's external action. Addressing the implications of the Lisbon Treaty, the S&D advocated successfully an increased parliamentary scrutiny of the CFSP, with regard to its budget, its activities and its human resources and the need for a communication strategy on the CFSP. On a more specific note, issues of great concern for our Group, namely the Western Balkans, Ukraine, the Black Sea Cooperation, the South Caucasus, have been addressed with a view to enhance EU presence and also the European perspectives for some of the countries in the above mentioned areas.

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