

# The presidency of Cyprus

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The priorities of Cyprus Presidency in the area of employment and social policy (the 2<sup>d</sup> half of 2012 /

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 the obligations of the Presidency of the European Union were handed over from Denmark to Cyprus whose main priorities in the area of employment and social policy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012) are as follows:

- the strengthening of the social cohesion focusing special attention to the issues the children welfare, active participation, the participation of elderly people and the solidarity between generations,
- investments in more and better jobs and the improvement of the skills to fight the unemployment of young people,
- the strengthening of the participation of social partners and society in the implementation of the strategy "Europe 2020" regarding the employment and social inclusion goals, at the same time promoting the exchange of the best practice on the level of Member States and Europe,
- the assessment of the UN Beijing Platform for Action and the development of the indicators on the violence against women. At the same time Cyprus Presidency will pay attention also to the issue regarding the difference of the pay between women and men.

Cyprus Presidency also plans to continue the commenced work on the proposals regarding the posting of personnel in the service area, the protection of employees against the risk caused by the electromagnetic field and the work of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund.

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