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Commission takes responsibility for the future of Europe

CEEP welcomes the Commissions' communication "A Citizens' agenda: delivering results for Europe" which the Commission announced to be a decisive contribution to ending the reflection phase agreed upon by the European Council after the French and Dutch "No" to the European Constitution. A reflection phase that has not been used sufficiently by the Member States and has been lacking future-orientated proposals.

CEEP in particular welcomes the proposals concerning subsidiarity, the principle of solidarity, the promised involvement of the major stakeholders, minimising bureaucracy, as well as a better involvement of the national Parliaments. CEEP will support the Commission in its efforts to pursue vigorously the Lisbon strategy and the completion and good functioning of the internal market.

Rainer PLASSMANN, Secretary General of CEEP, states: "It is good that the Commission has given a first input to the European Council in June. But the Commission seems to be very cautious regarding the major tasks that the Council has to tackle, e.g. to overcome the current stagnancy inside the European Union. I wish that the Commission would be more courageous and go here beyond its role as guardian of the Treaty."

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