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[“New Party, New Vision”](#) by Poul Nyrup Rasmussen

European Socialist Council in Vienna, 24-25 June 2005

At the PES Council in Vienna over 130 voting delegates representing 33 Socialist and Social Democratic Parties from 28 countries agreed [Priorities for the EU for 2006](#) and a [new role for the PES](#) in European politics. In addition the 20 Party Leaders present resolved to take [3 initiatives](#) for the PES to lead Europe out of crisis.

UK takes over EU Presidency

In a keynote [speech](#) to the European Parliament (on 23 June), Prime Minister Tony Blair explained his Government’s vision for this crucial period. The Presidency has set itself three [priorities](#): economic reform and social justice, security and stability and Europe’s role in the world. It will also take forward the issues of the EU’s future financing and CAP reform in the context of a wider debate on the future of Europe. The PES is working closely with the Labour Party and Government during its [Presidency](#).

Socialist Governments show way to full employment

[Socialist Governments](#) in Spain and Portugal are investing in growth - and providing a vital lesson that to create jobs Europe needs investment alongside economic reform.

The PES warmly welcomes new party leaders

The PES wishes the best of luck to 3 new party leaders who were recently appointed: [Helle Thoring-Schmidt](#) (SD, Denmark), [Eero Heinäluoma](#) (SDP, Finland) and [Wojciech Olejniczak](#) (SLD, Poland).

Congratulations to our friends in Bulgaria and Galicia

[Socialist victory in Bulgaria](#) where the Socialists, led by 39 year old [Sergei Stanishev](#), emerged as the largest party. For the first time in history the Socialist party (PSG) formed [government in Galicia](#).

The PES gets itself a brand new look

On 24 June 2005, the PES launched its [new visual identity](#) as well as its new [website](#). PES website aims at providing its visitors with latest news and interactive means of communication. The French version of the site will be launched in September.

Coming up

The **Global Progressive Forum** will organise a [two-day event](#) in **Milan on 9 and 10 September**.

PES meets US democrats in New York on 12 September. The key priorities are the creation of a UN Human Rights Council, protect doctrine (which will be considered in the framework of the UN reform package) and decent work. [Read more on trans-Atlantic dialogue...](#)

PES and SAMAK (The Joint Committee of the Nordic Social Democratic Labour Movement) will organize a seminar on **public services in Tallinn on 13 September**. The topics covered are the role of the public sector in fostering economic growth, securing public institutions for citizens, and how to finance a modern public sector in an internationalised economy. [Read more on the Baltic Sea region...](#)

The **PES** wishes all the best to its sister parties in the **forthcoming elections in Poland**. The parliamentary election will take place on 25 September and the presidential one on 9 October (if need be, a second round will be organised on 21 October).