


ADDRESSING SOCIAL COHESION AND EFFECTS OF MIGRANTS' INTEGRATION IN EUROPE AND ASIA

The changing role of trade unions in Europe


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“I want Europe to achieve a social AAA”

Jean-Claude Juncker – President of the European Commission
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- Social Dialog and Trade Unions are essential to achieve a social AAA.
 - Decent living and working conditions are at the heart of social Europe.
 - Sustainable and decent living and working conditions need to be at least on a equal footing over more competition and market rules.
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The EU is struggling with many challenges:

- High unemployment
 - Large job destruction
 - Precarious employment
 - Rise of structural unemployment
 - NEET expanded – young people not in education, employment and training
 - Poverty and social exclusion
 - Rise in in-work poverty
 - Population ageing
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Unemployment reaching 26 million and nearly 25% EU citizens at risk of poverty.

While workers' representation were more needed than ever, social dialogue and the rights of trade unions have been dismantled.



How tackle the new labour market challenges?

The role of trade unions – Priorities



#1
Ensuring Trade
Union
Pluralism

What?

Why?

What?

Why?

#2
Fighting
discrimination
In the workplace

#3
Protecting Services of
General Interest

What?

Why?

What?

Why?

#4
Fighting tax fraud and
Evasion with resources
and political will

#5
Securing a genuine
Social dimension

What?

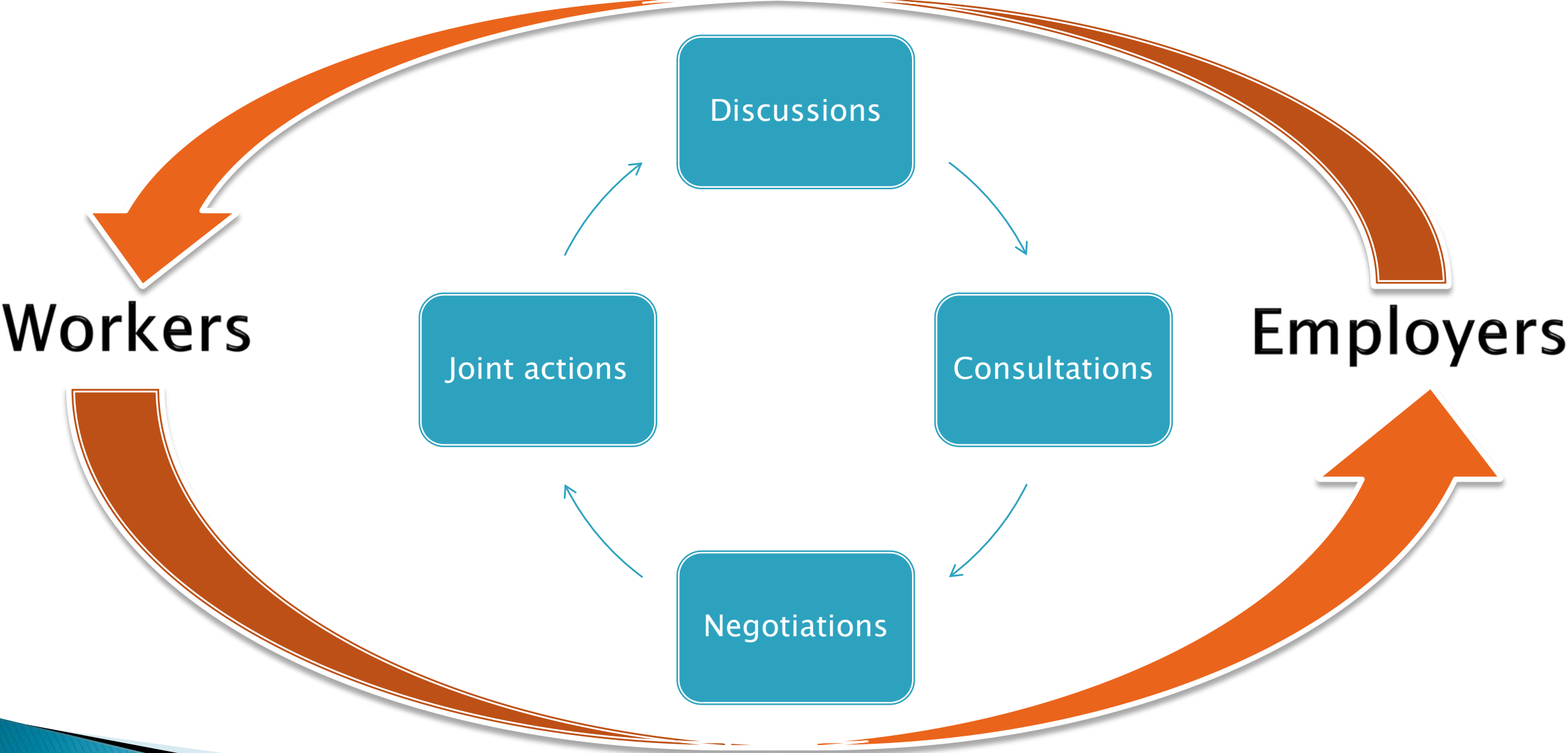
Why?

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#6
Full and effective
Information and
consultation

SOCIAL DIALOGUE



Reinforced involvement of the social partners on a European level, in view of the increased significance of the social policy measures of the European Union



TREATY OF LISBON

Entered into force on 1 December 2009 and is the latest of the Treaties which, to date, have amended the Treaties on the basis of which the communities and the European Union were founded.

FADO (“destiny”, “fate”)

Fado – Lisbon song – was inscribed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List on 27 November 2011.

It's our destiny to achieve altogether social AAA.

...if we want to survive.

Thank you

