

II Convention of the European Students

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By analyzing the constitution treaty draft by Giscard D'Estaing we didn't read what we have been expecting to find for several months. We noticed that the preliminary constitution is quite far from our main proposals discussed in Paris, as we stressed on different issues.

The basic idea of our amendments was that the group of people guarded by the E.U. is not made up of workers but also of citizens. In other words it was the question of "socle social" thought up by Jaques Delors, a concept that recognizes a subjective right to social protection for the members of the whole community.

Basically a minimum standard of social protection should be tied to the concept of European citizenship. The rights and guarantees in social matters deriving from European citizenship should be protected by the jurisdictional system of the community.

In the constitution the new social policy is quite far from our original idea. The powers of the European Union have not been increased in such fields, as we can find just policies on working environment, workers protection, working conditions, etc...

In our opinion is not enough.

What about the improvements on healthcare, childcare, housing, education and minimum social income?