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CEEP PROUD OF 30 YEARS OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL DIALOGUE

At the eve of the 30th anniversary of 'Val Duchesse', CEEP wants to commemorate the event, proud to have been one of the "founding members" of the social dialogue at European level.

We strongly believe that the Social Dialogue has contributed to building and protecting the European Social Model. "Social Dialogue is a part of the solution to the challenges faced by Europe," explained Valeria Ronzitti, CEEP General Secretary. "That is why we are committed to strengthening it, both at the bipartite (between employers' and trade unions) and at the tripartite level (between European institutions and employers' and workers' representatives)."

"The European Social Partners, as well as the national Social Partners, should now be more involved in the European Semester, which is now of capital importance for the design of the future of our Social Market Economy", explained Ms Ronzitti.

From a Social Dialogue representing employers and workers from 10 Member States in 1985 to the Social Dialogue with representatives of 28 countries, the European Social Partners are a part of the evolution of the European Union.

The Social Partners have proved their ability to respond to evolving national Social Partners needs while finding the common denominator between 28 very diverse industrial relation systems. "CEEP is committed to pursuing that evolving path, sure that the European Social Partners will be able to demonstrate once again how essential they are for the progress of the European project" concluded Ms Ronzitti.

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