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Subject: Reviving social dialogue in firms

It would make sense to foster new forms of social dialogue in firms in order to enhance the provision of information to employees and their involvement in decision-making. In many countries trade unions have lost their legitimacy and social dialogue has been undermined. Some countries, such as Greece, have recently abandoned social dialogue altogether. There are 28 widely differing models of trade union representation in the EU, each one shaped by the culture and recent history of the Member State concerned.

The EU has only shared competence on social issues, and no competence at all in the area of company law. Is the EU not going beyond its legislative powers by seeking to impose a joint approach to the issue of trade union representation?