



# European Social Dialogue

## European Social Dialogue in the Professional Football Sector Plenary Meeting

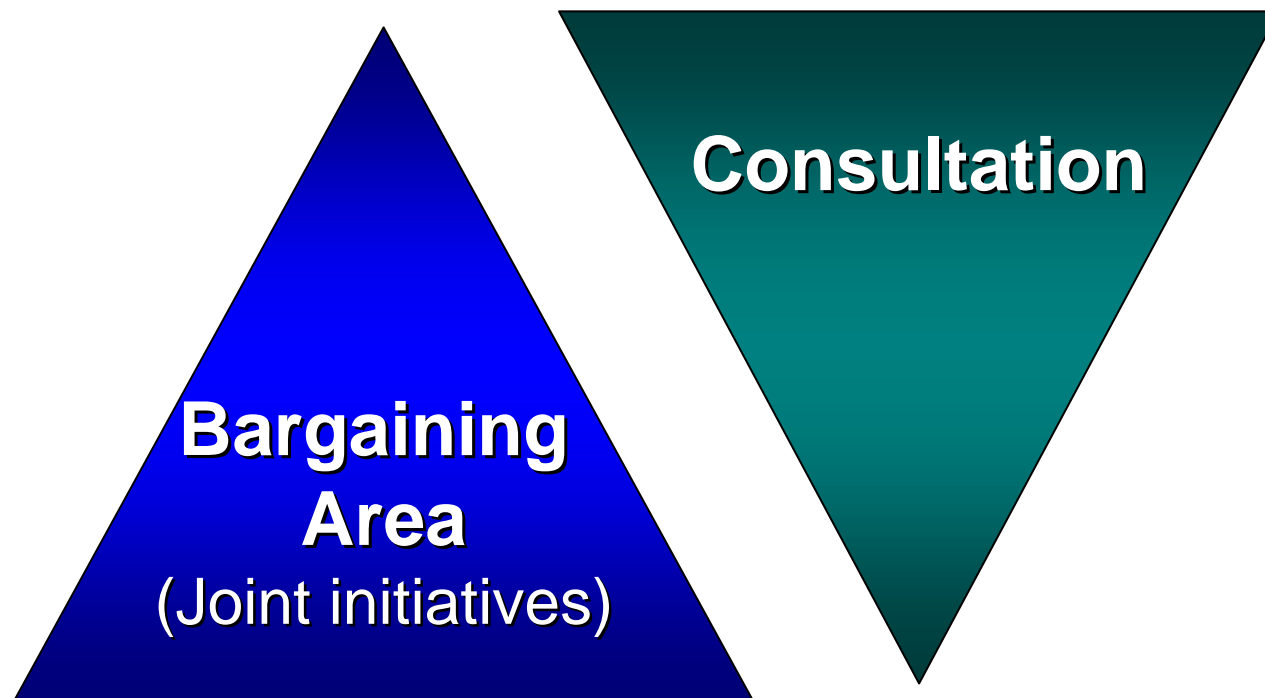
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# Governance Instrument in Employment and Social Affairs



White Paper on Sport 2007: 'addressing common concerns of employers and athletes, including agreements on employment relations and working conditions'



# A Treaty-based instrument



## Article 138 EC Treaty:

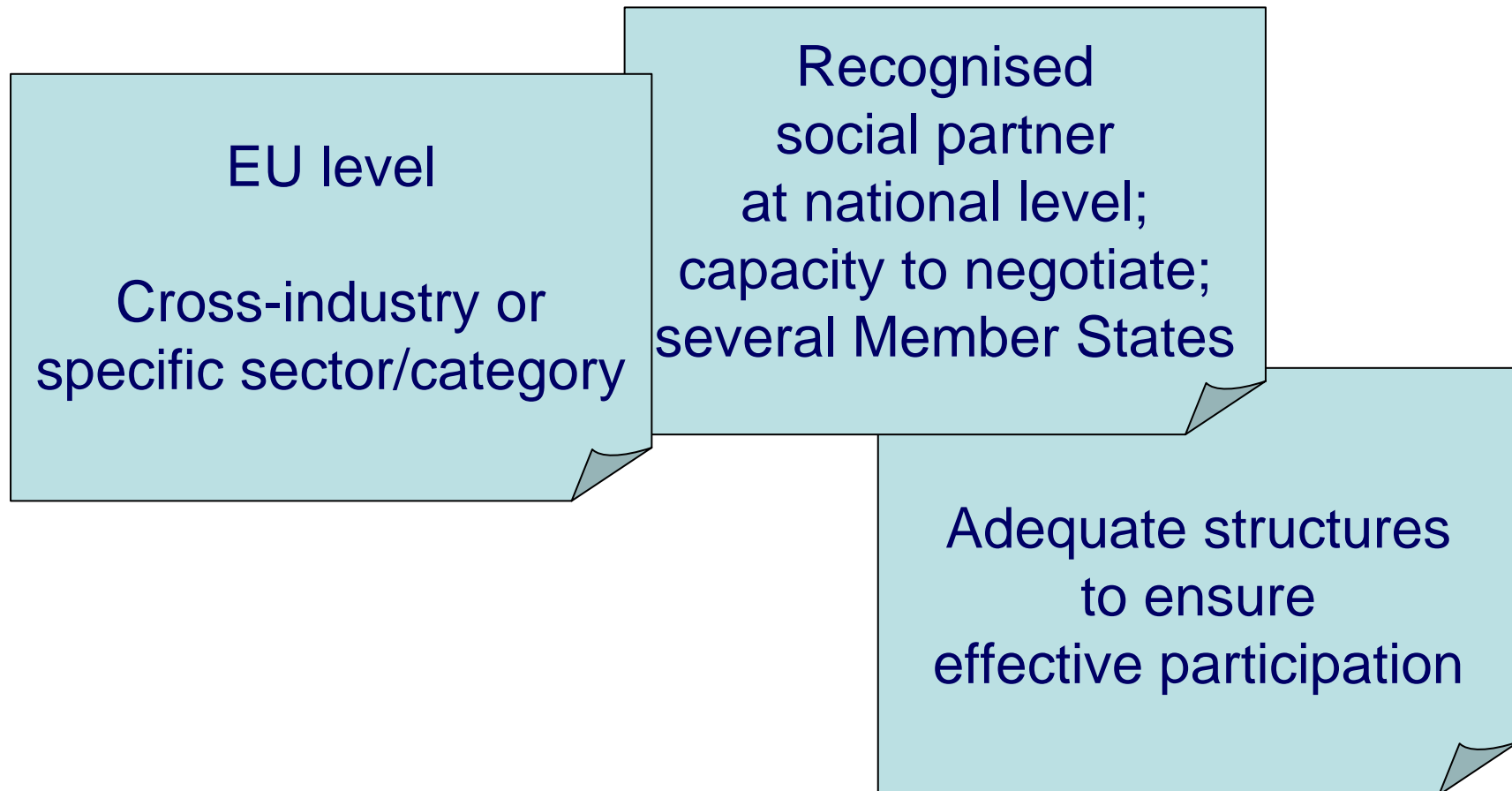
*"The Commission shall have the task of **promoting** the consultation of management and labour at Community level and shall take any relevant measure to facilitate their dialogue by ensuring balanced support for the parties... To this end, before submitting proposals in the social policy field, the Commission shall **consult** management and labour..."*

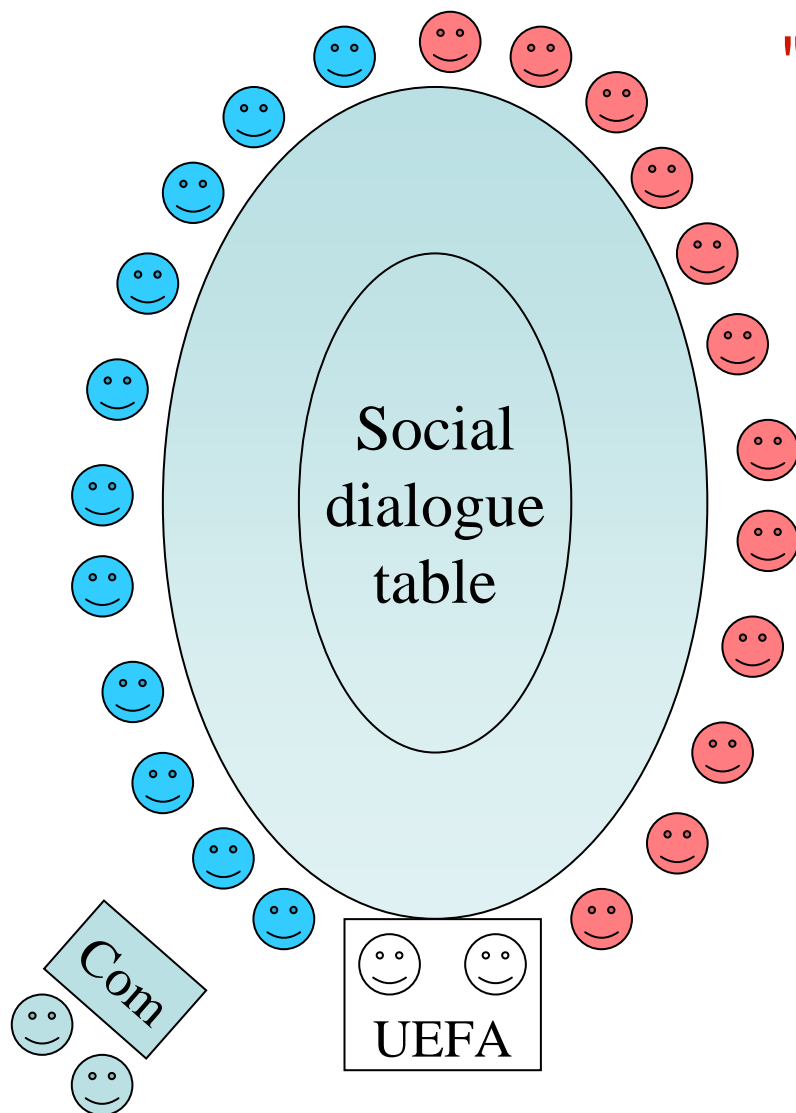
## Article 139 EC Treaty:

*"Should management and labour so desire, the dialogue between them may lead to **contractual relations**, including agreements."*



# Representativeness criteria





## The social partners "Autonomy and responsibility"

- **Decide on the rules of procedure of their dialogue** (Objectives, Preparation, Presidency...)
- **Decide on the level and rhythm of their dialogue** (Number and type of meetings)
- **Decide on the content of their dialogue** (Work programme + agenda of the meetings)
- **Decide on the outcome of their dialogue**

# The European Commission's role



- Neutral chairperson if requested
- Preparing with the European secretariats
- Invitations
- Minutes
- Cooperation with the other relevant services for effective consultations
- Reimbursement of travel cost, rooms, interpretation
- Social Dialogue Budget Heading 04.03.03.01 for social partners' projects



# Commission support for projects



## **04.03.03.01 Social Dialogue and Industrial Relations**

**Calls for proposal: 14 March and 1st September 2008**

## **04.03.03.02 Information and training measures for workers' organisations**

**Call for proposal: 25 April 2008**

- **Conferences, networking, training, development of tools, capacity building, negotiations..**

[http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/social\\_dialogue/grants\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/grants_en.htm)



# Social dialogue texts

