

2. INDICATIONS OF THE BASIC THEMES TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Workshop A TASKS

The European Union is to tackle new topics and new solidarity. How should it address them?

Matters to be raised (list for guidance only):

- The European social dimension
- Climate protection
- Energy supply and energy interdependence
- Immigration policy
- An integrated European diplomatic service

2. Workshop B RIGHTS

The European Union is to establish new rights. How are these to be understood?

Matters to be raised (list for guidance only):

- Implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Practical effects of the UK's opt-out from the Charter
- Introduction of a right enabling the general public to petition the Commission

3. Workshop C TOOLS

The European Union is to acquire new tools. How should they be used?

Matters to be raised (list for guidance only):

- Nomination of the Commission President and Commissioners
- Virtually universal legislative codecision with a double majority within the Council
- Transparency of the Council's legislative process
- Stability of the European Council Presidency
- Budget procedure

4. Workshop D BORDERS

The European Union wishes to enhance its geo-political role. How should it envisage this new relationship with the rest of the world?

Matters to be raised (list for guidance only):

- Deployment of a European diplomatic staff under a single head
- Criteria for accession to the European Union and integration capacity
- Neighbourhood relations and conflict-prevention policy
- Development policy and support for democratisation processes

5. Workshop E HORIZONS

The European Union is to agree on an institutional compromise in order to break the deadlock in certain areas. How should the future stages of European integration be envisaged?

Matters to be raised (list for guidance only):

- Ways of consulting and informing the people of Europe and enabling them to take decisions
- The structure of European civil society and ways in which it can act
- A new power enabling the European Parliament to amend the treaties
- Simplifying the machinery of Europe's institutions and making its workings more transparent

The Agora will conclude with a special plenary session on Friday, 9 November.