

Open letter to Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President,
on the meeting of the European Council, 27-28 June 2013

Dear President Van Rompuy,

We would like first of all to thank you for having consulted the European Economic and Social Committee on the question of the *Social Dimension of Economic and Monetary Union* and we are pleased to note that the European Council has put this topic on the draft agenda of its forthcoming meeting.

We would like to encourage and urge the Council not only to raise this issue to the highest priority level but also to inform citizens by developing appropriate communication tools.

It is clear to us that we have an obligation, as representatives of civil society within the European institutions, to relay to you the grave concerns of citizens, the state of confusion in which they find themselves and all the risks that this implies for the European project.

It is imperative that citizens hear another voice emanating from 'Brussels', other than messages which indicate that the Union has no real concern for the welfare of its people and no other prospects than the contraction of the economy towards ever-greater misery.

All the Member States of our Union, without exception, have a real interest in seeing that our citizens can get back to believing in our common strength. We will always stand by your side to help you conceive, as we have done in our opinion¹, ways to save Europe, clearly giving EMU a genuine social dimension.

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¹ Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the theme «For a social dimension of the Economic Union and European monetary» (exploratory opinion), adopted May 22, 2013 and transmitted by letter DA-SOC/2013/D/3260 of June 3, 2013, not yet published in the official journal.