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A stronger Europe for a better world

- **A Union of solidarity between equals**
- **A moment for action**
- **Operational basis:**
 - **18 month Programme**
 - **Close cooperation with Germany and Slovenia**
 - **Close cooperation with the EP and COM**



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Working as a “Trio”: Germany, Portugal and Slovenia

A common programme

Regular contact

Agreement on priorities and objectives

Planning calendars and meetings

Exchanging diplomats in capitals



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An 18 month Programme: January 2007-July 2008

- Continuity, stability and coherence
- Better planning
- More effectiveness
- Coordination of EU strategies with the upcoming "Trio" (France, Sweden and Czech Republic)



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- . 1992 – 12 Member States**
 - . 2000 - 15 Member States**
 - . 2007 - 27 Member States**
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- different perspectives**
 - a more complex agenda**
 - a new kind of challenges**

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FOUR PILLARS OF THE PRESIDENCY

1. Future of Europe
2. The Lisbon Strategy
3. An area of freedom, security and justice
4. The external role of Europe



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The reform of the Treaties

The mandate is clear:

- a Treaty amending the existing Treaties
 - **enhancing the efficiency and the democratic legitimacy**
 - **giving coherence to the Union's external action**



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The reform of the Treaties

The mandate is precise:

- It provides the exclusive basis framework of the IGC;
- the timetable for completing the task is defined.



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The reform of the Treaties

- **23rd July – Inter Governamental Conference**
- **A change in nature**
- **Preservation of institucional balance**
- **The Charter of Fundamental Rights**
- **Single legal personality**



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The reform of the Treaties

- **The need for political will:**

- all participants will have to demonstrate the same political will during the IGC;

- **Moving forward is the only political route that will be open for us.**



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An agenda to modernize economy and society

Prepare a new cycle of the Lisbon Strategy

- economic growth
- social policies
- environment
- energy
- water
- European Maritime Policy
- employment



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Europe: an area of freedom, security and justice

- asylum and immigration policy
- fight against terrorism and organized crime
- enlargement of the Schengen Area (SISone4all)



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An area of Freedom, Security and Justice

- **Global approach to migrations:**
 - **Migration and development;**
 - **Legal migration;**
 - **Illegal migration.**

- **Southern Maritime Border.**



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The role of Europe in the world

- ISSUES ON THE GLOBAL AGENDA

- Kosovo**
- Iran**
- Darfur**
- Middle East**
- China, India, Russia**
- U S A**



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The role of Europe in the world

Three high priorities

- ◇ **Mediterranean region**
- ◇ **Brazil**
- ◇ **Africa**



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BRAZIL

- The first EU-Brazil Summit (Lisbon, 4 July)
- Strategic partnership reflecting the international influence of both sides.



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A FRESH APPROACH TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

- **Strategic relevance**
- **Broad dialogue**
- **Several EUROMED meetings**
Foreign Affairs / Migrations / Trade / ECOFIN / Energy



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AFRICA

- Develop a joint strategy**
- II EU-Africa Summit (8/9 December, Lisbon)**



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