

# Priorities and objectives of the social agenda

# Aims of the EU Social Policy

- to promote employment
- the improvement of living and working conditions
- to establish an appropriate level of social protection, dialogue with the social partners,
- To develop human resources so as to ensure a high and sustainable employment level, and measures to combat exclusion

# Main Titles of the Social Policy

1. Creating growth and jobs
2. Preserving workers' rights and social protection
3. Equal opportunities
4. Investing in people
5. The right to mobility

# Creating growth and jobs: Lisbon Strategy (LS)

- LS promotes innovation within businesses and investment in people to create a knowledge-based society.
- The focus is on lifelong learning and promoting research and development.
- The strategy also seeks to attract more people into employment, keeping them in work longer as life expectancy rises, improving the adaptability of workers and enterprises, providing better education and skills and adapting social protection systems to the challenges of innovation, globalization and mobility.
- The new approach 'flexicurity' combine mobility in labour markets with social security.

# Equal opportunities

- Equal opportunities for all are a basic principle of EU policy.
- Across the EU, common legislation outlaws discrimination on the basis of gender, racial or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief.
- The EU has specific strategies for combating discrimination and for promoting social inclusion.