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### EU adopts new measures to simplify management of funds to help regions tackle the crisis

The EU has on 24 June 2010 adopted new measures aimed at simplifying management rules for the structural and cohesion funds.

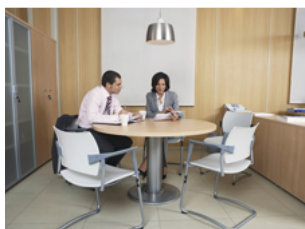
The changes should help to facilitate access to the funds and accelerate flows of investment at a time when public budgets are under pressure.



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### Non-legislative Initiatives for Companies to Promote Gender Equality at the Workplace



On May 5 2010 the results of a European study - commissioned by DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities - investigating initiatives such as prizes, awards, labels, charters, rankings etc. targeted at promoting gender equality in businesses and organisations were presented.

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### European Year helps reveal who is most at risk of poverty

The 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (EY2010) is supporting the work of the EU and its Member States to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by vulnerable groups in society.



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## Response to economic crisis, implementation of new institutions and 2020 Strategy: Evaluation of Spanish EU Presidency



changes introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon.

This six-month period has seen an immediate response to the economic and financial crisis; the design and approval of a strategy for growth and employment, including reforms with indicators, commitments and obligations capable of changing the economic growth model by the 2020 horizon, and the implementation of institutional

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## Belgium's turn to take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

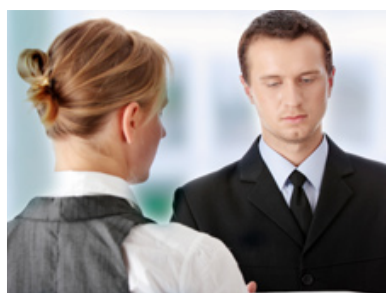
From 1st July to 31st December 2010, it is Belgium's turn to take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU). This is a real challenge, especially as we now need to take into account the many changes set in place by the Lisbon Treaty since it came into force on 1st December 2009.



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## Women and men in decision-making: highlights (second quarter 2010)



A quarterly update of the political domain of the European Commission's database on women and men in decision-making has just been completed.

Data were collected between 26<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and cover the results of national and regional elections that have taken place since early March 2010 and any recent changes in the composition of governments.

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## Self-employed workers to gain maternity and pension benefits under new EU law

Self-employed workers and their partners will enjoy better social protection – including the right to maternity leave for the first time – under new legislation endorsed by EU governments on June 7, 2010.

The Directive on self-employed workers and assisting spouses repeals and replaces an earlier law and improves the social protection rights of millions of women in the labour market, boosting female entrepreneurship. At present, women



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- Regulation (EU) No 539/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2010 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund as regards simplification of certain requirements and as regards certain provisions relating to financial management.
- Monthly Monitoring Report - June 2010. European Commission.
- A series of short papers on regional research and indicators produced by the Directorate-General for Regional Policy.
- Council conclusions on the Strategic Report of 2010 by the Commission on the Implementation of the Cohesion Policy Programmes. Luxembourg, 14 June 2010.
- Programme of the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council.

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- Restructuring, well-being at work and financial participation.
- Organisation of exchange of good practices on gender equality.