

Nothing Lost

- No powers are taken from any Member State by this Treaty. Everything we can do now for ourselves we can still do after a yes vote, but better.
- Ireland retains its veto on business tax rates.
- All six neutral and non-aligned States, including Ireland remain neutral in accordance with our own traditions.
- Ireland's right to have referendums on EU Treaties in accordance with our Constitution is not changed.
- Foreign Direct Investment into Ireland, the mainstay of our prosperity, is unaffected.
- The right to give state aid to companies and, in particular, to public services is not changed by Lisbon.

To help in the Labour Lisbon Campaign

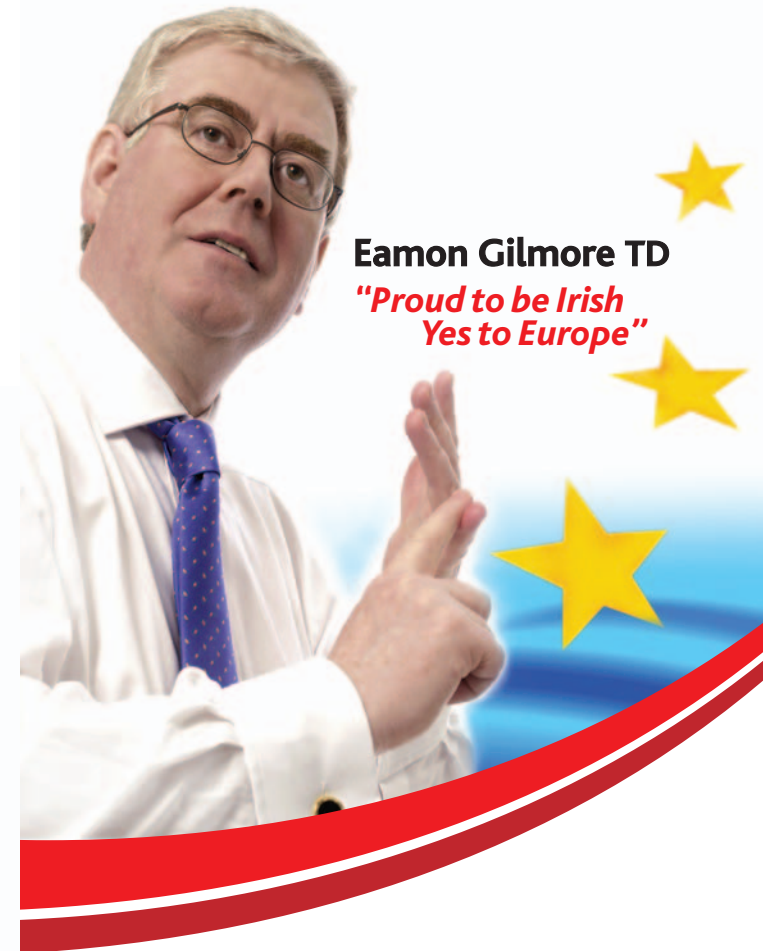
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What We Gain With Lisbon

- The Charter of Fundamental Rights will become legally binding giving you greater protection as an Irish and EU Citizen.
- Europe's laws will be required to be socially proofed to protect citizens. Your public services are also safeguarded.
- Europe will play a major role in the eradication of Global Poverty and will take the lead in making our planet a fairer place for all.
- Tackling Climate Change is put on a legal basis. As a Union of 27 developed countries we can set the pace in addressing global warming.
- A new democratic role for National Parliaments and Regional Authorities in making EU laws. This will give your elected TDs, Senators and Councillors a greater say in the running of the Union.
- The defence of childrens' rights with action against trafficking of people and child labour.
- Guaranteed help from our EU partners in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or terrorist attack in Ireland.
- The Citizen's Initiative gives you a greater say in running Europe. Citizens will also be able to directly influence EU decision making through mandatory consultations with civil society, religious, and humanist organisations.
- More transparent decision-making by Ministers who must act in public, not behind closed doors as at present.
- Faster more efficient response and funding for humanitarian disasters.

AND MUCH MORE



Eamon Gilmore TD
*"Proud to be Irish
Yes to Europe"*

"More than any previous European Treaty, this is the one which advances the rights of citizens in the European Union and which progresses our social agenda in Europe."

Eamon Gilmore
Labour Party Leader


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By Voting YES to the Lisbon Reform Treaty, you support the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The Charter guarantees the following...

Freedom

- Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- Everyone has the right to education and access to vocational and continuing training.
- Everyone has the right to the protection of personal data concerning him or her.

Equality

- Everyone is equal before the law.
- The Union shall respect cultural, religious and linguistic diversity.
- Children shall have the right to such protection and care as is necessary for their well-being.
- Protection for persons with disabilities to their independence, social and occupational integration and participation.

Dignity

- No one shall be condemned to the death penalty, or executed.
- No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.
- The right to the integrity of the person includes a prohibition of the reproductive cloning of human beings.

Solidarity

- Every worker has the right to collective bargaining and action to defend their interests, including strike action.
- The employment of children is prohibited.
- The family shall enjoy legal, economic and social protection.
- Every worker has the right to working conditions which respect his or her health, safety and dignity.

Freedom, Equality, Dignity and Solidarity are just a small selection of the 54 articles in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Quotes

"The Labour Party says yes to the Lisbon Reform Treaty because it will be good for women's rights, and good for European democracy."

Joan Burton TD Labour Party Deputy Leader

"Lisbon's shared European views, which include the values that Labour holds in common with our sister parties in Europe, offer a better prospect of a new and more ethical global order."

Michael D. Higgins President of the Labour Party

"All new EU social legislation and policy will be mainstreamed, strengthening Europe's social market economy."

Joe Costello TD Spokesperson on EU Affairs

"I welcome the inclusion of children's rights in the Treaty of Lisbon. The Treaty is a significant step forward for efforts to protect children and promote their rights in Ireland, across the European Union, and beyond."

Fergus Finlay Chief Executive, Barnardos

"Europe's workers need the Lisbon Reform Treaty as a first step towards addressing the fall-out from some recent European Court decisions."

John Monks General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Representing 60 million workers in Europe

"The Lisbon Treaty if ratified could make substantial changes to how the European Union contributes to ending the risk of poverty faced by 78 million people every day. The impact however of incorporating the Charter of Rights, the new social clause, the Citizen's Initiative and consultation with civil society will depend on political commitment, full implementation and on including people who experience poverty in that process."

Anna Vissers European Anti Poverty Network, Ireland