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# } Policy Network

Policy Network is an international think tank launched in December 2000 with the support of Tony Schröder, Giuliano Amato and Goran Persson following the Progressive Governance Summits in Florence and Berlin. In July 2003, Policy Network organise the London Progressive Governance brought together 12 world leaders, and over 600 progressive politicians, thinkers and strategists. I Policy Network built on this success by organising the Budapest Progressive Governance Summit Hungarian Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany. In July 2005, Policy Network co-organised with the South Africa and the Presidency of South Africa, the first Regional African Progressive Governance Summit on 11th 2006, in Hammanskraal, South Africa.

## A Progressive Network

*Policy Network*'s objective is the promotion and cross fertilisation of progressive policy ideas amone modernisers. Acting as the secretariat to the Progressive Governance Network, *Policy Network* fa between politicians, policy makers and experts across Europe and from democratic countries arouproviding a forum that promotes debate and shares ideas, *Policy Network* strengthens the hand of modernise permanent renewal.

### } Our Common Challenge

Progressive governments and parties in Europe are facing similar problems and looking democratic responses. There are increasingly rising fears for security – economic, political and with the contradictions of combining the traditional welfare state with employment policies, rapid and technology, and pressing global issues. All of which should be tackled in common, as p fundamental democratic renewal.

In the past, progressives used to work independently to resolve these problems. Today, 1 consensus that we must engage with progressives from other countries, and to situate Euror responses within a broader international framework of progressive thinking, rooted in our social defined to the second seco

# } Activities

*Policy Network* is animated through a series of regular events, particularly the annual Spring Commonthly Progressive Governance Conferences and Summits. In addition to these, we organise groups and one-day conferences that focus on particular policy problems. The outcome discussions are published in the three annual issues of *Policy Network's* journal *Progressive Poli* individual pamphlets that are distributed throughout the network, placed on our website and us discussions at *Policy Network* events.

Our interests in the past few years have centred on: Economic Reform, Public Services, De Community and Inequality as well as Global Governance. During 2005 and 2006, we have energies on the renewal of the European Social Model. Our programme on the European launched during the UK Presidency of the European Union and has investigated the principal me the various models for welfare states in Europe can be adapted to meet the challenges of the 2 working papers were commissioned for the project and six presented for discussion at a private 10 Downing Street prior to the European Summit at Hampton Court. Since then and follow organised at the end of November 2005, the debate has widened in a series of discussions collaboration with other European centre-left think tanks in Italy, the Netherlands, France, Hunga and Finland in the second half of 2005 and 2006. Similar discussions also took place around the U

Vallage eva Evuque co losteroet acuo co losteroet have been published in a policy particle Hampton Court Agenda: a Social Model for Europe, Network in March 2006. A further social, Sobal Europe - Social Europe, will be published by Poli of this year.

In the second half of 2006, we will continue our work on the European Social Model, and begin prext Progressive Governance Conference to be held in 2007.

#### } Global Partnership

Since its inception in 2000, *Policy Network* has strived to contribute to the new policy agenda for only in Europe, but also across the world. These meetings have been held in the UK and a partnership with a variety of national think tanks such as the *Fondazione Italianieuropei*, th *Stichting*, the <u>Global Progressive Forum</u>, the *Fundacion Alternativas*, A Gauche en Europe, 1 *Stiftung*, the <u>EPC</u>, the Progressive Policy Institute, and the Centre for American Progress.

We have always prided ourselves on being the first in the field of policy innovation, an achiever greatly aided by the strength of the network of international partners we have built up.

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