
**EU SOCIAL SUMMIT OFFERS PROSPECT TO MOVE FROM PRINCIPLES TO ACTION',
PRESIDENCY SAYS**

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Portugal's Secretary of State for European affairs, Ana Paula Zacarias, assured Lusa on Tuesday that there is a prospect of moving from principles to action at the planned Social Summit of the European Union to be held next month in Porto, which is to be a centrepiece of the country's six-month presidency of the Council of the EU.

The summit, which is scheduled to take place on 7 and 8 May, is inspired by the European Commission's action plan for the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, and is to involve not only political agents but also representatives of EU civil society.

We already have the commitment of the European institutions, Zacarias said. What we want to find is the commitment of member states, but even more: our ambition is that also companies and also trade unions and civil society commit themselves to these goals.

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