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**JOBS**  
**not dole**  
**FROM EUROPE**

***THE***  
***WORKERS***  
***PARTY***



## The jobs crisis - the EC must help

Irish unemployment and emigration are among the highest in the European Community. Living standards here are just half the level of the wealthier regions of the Community and just 67% of the EC average.

Vast amounts of money paid

to Ireland under the Common Agricultural Policy and the Regional Funds have failed to tackle the unemployment scandal in this country. The money was not spent to benefit the majority of the population or as part of a planned job creation drive.

## Job creation - the task at hand

Every year, for the next 10 years, 35,000 extra jobs are required in Ireland — just to reduce unemployment to its 1980 level of 100,000. Yet even in the 'boom' years of 1987—1990 only a few thousand jobs were created each year. Present forecasts are for no extra jobs either this year

or next year.

Clearly a radical change in approach and policy is required. Central to any new strategy must be a guarantee that EC policies and funding will be specifically geared to generate sustainable employment in peripheral regions like Ireland.

## Next week's summit Put jobs on the agenda

Next weekend (December 7th and 8th) the Irish government has a golden opportunity to change this situation when EC Heads of Government meet in Maastricht, Holland. The meeting will attempt to finalise plans

for further development of the European Community.

One of the main items on their agenda will be how to assist poorer regions — like Ireland — to achieve equality with the rest of the EC.

## The Irish Government On the wrong track!

Simply demanding more cash handouts from Brussels will not tackle the unemployment crisis, especially if it is spent wastefully or without the specific aim of creating jobs. The government is currently receiving £600 million a year in Structural

Funds, but where are the jobs?

Last week, in a meeting with EC Commission President, Jacques Delors, Taoiseach Charles Haughey pleaded for more money from Brussels, but said nothing about devising a new plan for job creation.

# An EC jobs plan The top priority

The  
Workers'  
Party call  
for new  
policies at  
EC level to:

- transfer investment and job creation to poorer, outlying regions like Ireland through a Common Industrial Policy.
- discourage the present trend of further development at the wealthier centre of the EC, which promotes emigration from regions like Ireland.
- promote export oriented, high technology and innovation industry in the regions in a planned way.
- increase the Structural Funds to at least double their present levels, to allow Ireland 'leapfrog' to parity with wealthier regions of the EC.
- enforce the provisions of the EC 'Social Charter' to protect the rights of part-time and other vulnerable workers in the new Single Market.
- include these provisions in any new EC Treaty to ensure there can be no backpeddling on job creation afterwards.

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## *Make Job Creation the Issue*

For more information on the Workers' Party's policies on Job Creation, write to General Secretary, The Workers' Party, 30 Gardiner Place, Dublin 1, or contact your local Workers' Party representative.

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