Framework agreement on parental leave concluded by UNICE, CEEP and the ETUC

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The Commission’s first proposal for a directive on parental leave was presented in 1983. The Council had on several occasions tried to reach an agreement but it had not succeeded as unanimity was required. In 1993, following the last failure due to the United Kingdom ’s veto, the Commission decided to launch an initiative on the basis of the Social Protocol.