

## **FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE LISBON TREATY: TIMELINE**

- 2002:** The Convention on the Future of Europe sets itself the task of drafting a constitution for the European Union
- 2003:** The Convention President presents the final text of the draft of the Constitution to the European Council
- 2004:** The Constitution is signed by the member states in Rome
- 2005:** Negative votes on the Constitution in France (May) and in the Netherlands (June)
- 2007:** The European Council decides that a Lisbon Treaty will be negotiated, instead of the Constitution
- The text of the Lisbon Treaty is agreed
- The Lisbon Treaty is signed by the 27 member states
- 2008:** The Irish 'no' to the Lisbon Treaty
- 2009:** The Irish 'yes' to the Lisbon Treaty
- The Lisbon Treaty enters into force