

# Revising the statutes of three decentralised EU agencies: EU-OSHA, Cedefop and Eurofound

The European Commission has proposed a revision of the founding regulations of three decentralised agencies (Cedefop, Eurofound and EU-OSHA) in order to update their objectives and tasks, and to define more precisely their roles in supporting the EU institutions and bodies, the Member States, and the social partners, as well as those involved in shaping and implementing policies at European and national levels in their respective policy areas. The agreed texts of the proposals, reached after extensive interinstitutional negotiations, now need to be confirmed in votes expected to take place during the December plenary session.

## European Commission proposals

On 23 August 2016, the European Commission adopted three proposals on the revision of the regulations of three European Union agencies: the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ([Cedefop](#)), the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions ([Eurofound](#)) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work ([EU-OSHA](#)). The proposed revisions aimed to outline more explicitly the role, objectives and tasks of each agency in supporting the EU institutions and bodies, Member States and social partners in determining policies and in endorsing social dialogue, as well as to adapt them to broader social and economic developments. The proposed revisions were also aimed at aligning appointment procedures, management structure and terminology with the provisions set out in the [Common Approach](#) on decentralised agencies.

## European Parliament position

On 12 July 2017, the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) adopted its reports on the three proposals ([Cedefop](#), [Eurofound](#) and [EU-OSHA](#)). The reports outlined that overlapping of tasks, mandates, or activities among the agencies and with the European Commission should be avoided. In addition to two representatives of the Commission, the agencies' Management Boards should include two independent experts representing the European Parliament. The prime role of these boards should be the strategic governance of the agencies' work, and the adoption of the agencies' annual programming documents. Brussels liaison offices should be maintained in order to enhance cooperation with the EU institutions.

After extensive interinstitutional (trilogue) negotiations, among other issues on the composition and powers of the Management Boards, the EMPL committee approved the provisional agreements on 20 November 2018. According to the agreed texts, the new regulations will introduce a new governance structure for each agency. The Management Boards will be responsible for the adoption of the agencies' annual budgets and the approval of strategic priorities and will have appointing authority powers. The European Parliament will nominate one independent expert without voting rights to each Management Board. The new regulations will also introduce provisions on anti-fraud measures and conflict of interest policies. The first-reading plenary votes on the three agreed texts are scheduled for the December plenary session.

First-reading reports: [2016/0254\(COD\)](#), [2016/0256\(COD\)](#), [2016/0257\(COD\)](#); Committee responsible: EMPL; Rapporteurs: Cedefop: Anne Sander (EPP, France), Eurofound: Enrique Calvet Chambon (ALDE, Spain), EU-OSHA: Czesław Hoc (ECR, Poland).

