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## Introductory words by Marita Ulvskog



The next EMPL meeting will take place on 25 April 2018.

First of all, I am particularly pleased that the provisional agreement resulting from inter-institutional negotiations and concerning 'Posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services' will now be put to vote.

In the course of the meeting, Members will also consider the draft opinion to the ECON report on 'Pan-European Personal Pension Products' (PEPP), as well as the draft opinion on '2019 Budget - Trialogue mandate'.

Subsequently, the agenda also foresees a number of other votes: the draft opinions on the posting of drivers, on driving times and breaks in the transport sector, as well as on the 'Mobilisation of the European Globalization Adjustment Fund, following an application from Belgium' will all be voted upon during the meeting.

Finally, a number of presentations are scheduled. The European Court of Auditors will present its Special Report on free movement of workers, while DG EMPL will introduce its evaluation of the agencies under the remit of the EMPL Committee. A study concerning the 'Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden' will also be presented.

Thank you for your attention.

Marita Ulvskog, First Vice-Chair, Acting Chair

## POINTS ON THE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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[Amending Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation \(EU\) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs \(vote\)](#)

### Exchange of views

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## MEETING DATES AND VENUES

25.4.2018, 09.00-12.30 and 14.30-18.30, PHS (1A002)

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## Posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

### Vote on provisional agreement resulting from inter-institutional negotiations

On 25 April, EMPL Committee will vote on the provisional agreement resulting from inter-institutional negotiations and concerning 'Posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services'.

**Co-rapporteurs:** [Elisabeth Morin-Chartier](#) (EPP, FR), [Agnes Jongerius](#) (S&D, NE)

## Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)

### Consideration of draft opinion

On 25 April, EMPL Members will consider the [draft opinion](#) to the ECON report on Pan-European Personal Pension Products (PEPP). In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur highlights the importance of limiting the costs for consumers when switching providers or exploiting portability services. The Rapporteur also proposes to introduce mechanisms that compensate for inflation in the default investment option, and calls for the provision of clear information to subscribers.

**Rapporteur:** [Heinz K. Becker](#) (EPP, DE)

## 2019 budget - Trilogue mandate

### Consideration of draft opinion

On 25 April, Members will consider the [draft opinion](#) "2019 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue". Daniele Viotti, general Rapporteur for the 2019 EU budget, will participate in this debate, and EMPL Members will have the opportunity to present their priorities for the negotiations of next year's budget.

**Rapporteur:** [Marita Ulvskog](#) (S&D, SE)

## Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden

### Presentation of a study

On 25 April the study 'Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden' will be presented. The study focuses on refugee integration policies in the main *destination* countries, and it follows a similar study - concerning the policies of the most important countries of *arrival*, i.e. Greece, Hungary and Italy -, which was presented during the March EMPL meeting.

## Evaluation of the agencies under the remit of the EMPL committee

### Presentation of a study

On 25 April, DG EMPL will present a study on the evaluation of the agencies under the remit of the EMPL committee. The work - produced by external contractors - aims to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of such four agencies, as well as other dimensions.

## Report "Free Movement of Workers – the fundamental freedom ensured but better targeting of EU funds would aid worker mobility" Presentation of a Special Report by the European Court of Auditors

On 25 April, the Court of Auditors' Special Report "Free Movement of Workers – the fundamental freedom ensured but better targeting of EU funds would aid worker mobility" will be presented. The work aims to assess how the Commission ensures the freedom of movement of workers, as well as the effectiveness of EU action on labour mobility. It draws on visits to the five Member States with either the largest inflows of non-national workers or the largest outflows to other countries, namely Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom.

## Votes on draft opinions

During its meeting on 25 April, the EMPL Committee will vote on the following opinions:

### Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Belgium – EGF/2017/010 BE/Caterpillar

**Rapporteur:** [Marita Ulvskog](#) (S&D, SE)

Lead Committee: BUDG

### Enforcement requirements and specific rules for posting drivers in the road transport sector

**Rapporteur:** [Martina Dlabajová](#) (ALDE, CZ)

Lead Committee: TRAN

### Amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs

**Rapporteur:** [Georges Bach](#) (PPE, LU)

Lead Committee: TRAN

## Recent studies and briefing notes

- Should we fear artificial intelligence? - [EPRS in-depth analysis](#)
- Exploring best practices in combating violence against women: Sweden - [EPRS in-depth analysis](#)
- The Fight Against Poverty, Social Exclusion and Discrimination - [Fact Sheets on the European Union](#)
- Pan-European Personal Pension Product - [EPRS in-depth analysis](#)

## News from the Agencies

### European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Cedefop has recently updated its VET Statistical Overviews, which collects and brings together key data about vocational education and training, adult learning and skills. The tool is designed to support policy-makers in understanding and assessing VET developments in each country, with a view to the achievement of the objectives set in the Europe 2020 strategy. [More](#)

### European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

In the course of April, Eurofound has tackled two of the most discussed topics in today's public debate. In a report issued at the beginning of the month, indeed, it has examined the impact of new technologies on production processes and work, while in a further study it has delved into the analysis of minimum wages across Europe. In addition, the fourth European Quality of Life Survey microdata were made available, which provide unique insight into the quality of life of European citizens. [More](#)

### European Training Foundation (ETF)

ETF organized a 3-day workshop on the standards for the New Ukrainian School from 24 to 27 April in Kyiv (Ukraine). The

event aimed at supporting the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science in designing new education standards for Ukrainian schools. Particular attention has been devoted to the integration of entrepreneurship and digital key competencies, on the basis of the 'European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework' and of the 'European Digital Competence Framework'. [More](#)

### European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

On 24 April, EU-OSHA launched in Brussels the 2018-19 Campaign Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances. The project will stretch over the next two years, and it aims to increase understanding and raise awareness about the risks that dangerous substances pose to workers. In view of the launch of the campaign, during the month of April EU-OSHA has also updated the section of its website that provides information on dangerous substances in the workplace, enriching it with explanations, principles and practical tips. [More](#)

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