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Introductory words by Marita Ulvskog



The first EMPL Committee meeting this month took place on 6 September 2018 and was devoted to the draft report of Maria Arena on the Commission's proposal for a new regulation on the post-2020 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund.

The next EMPL Committee meeting is scheduled for 24 September and will start with consideration of the draft opinion on the Common provisions regulation.

Later on, we plan to discuss the draft opinions on "Establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme" and on "Cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions".

The agenda foresees holding a number of votes, among which on the draft report on "The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed" and on the draft opinion on "Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law". During the meeting, the Members will also consider the amendments to the draft report on "Employment and social policies of the euro area".

Thank you for your attention.

Marita Ulvskog, First Vice-Chair, Acting Chair

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MEETING DATES AND VENUES

6.9.2018, 10.30-12.30 - JAN 4Q2

24.9.2018, 15.00-18.30 - PHS 3C050

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The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Consideration of draft report

On 6 September, EMPL Committee considered the draft report on the proposal for a revised regulation of “European Globalisation Adjustment Fund” In her report, the Rapporteur suggests that besides covering globalisation the Fund should have a wider mission and scope to support socio-economic transformations in the sectors and regions particularly affected. Consequently, according to the Rapporteur, the Fund should be renamed into the European Transition Support Fund with significant effort put on its communication

Rapporteur: [Maria Arena](#) (S&D, BE)

The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed

Adoption of draft report

On 24 September, EMPL members will vote on the draft report on “The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed” The report addresses the potential benefits of employee financial participation in terms of wages, employment, productivity and decreasing inequality. It calls on the Commission and Member States to encourage EFP schemes for companies that are interested.

Rapporteur: [Renate Weber](#) (ALDE, RO)

Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument

Consideration of draft opinion

On 24 September, EMPL Committee will consider the draft opinion of Ms Jongerius tabling 53 amendments introducing a new “social inclusion” goal. In her opinion the Rapporteur aims to strengthen the role of the Social Scoreboard, increase share of the ESF+ within the cohesion policy budget and propose ensuring the social earmarking also at the Member State level In addition, the Rapporteur has increased both the pre-financing and co-financing rates. The deadline for the amendments is set up for 28 September 2018 at noon.

Rapporteur: [Agnes Jongerius](#) (S&D, NL)

Establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme

Consideration of draft opinion

On 24 September, EMPL members will discuss a draft opinion of Ms Clune on the proposal for a regulation establishing the European Solidarity Corps under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2021-2027. The predominant purpose is to provide opportunities for young people to engage in solidarity activities, including volunteering, traineeships and jobs. The Rapporteur has tabled 12 amendments focusing on the occupational strand and highlighting the importance of easy accessibility of

traineeships and jobs.

Rapporteur: [Deirdre Clune](#) (PPE, IE)

Cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions

Consideration of draft opinion

On 24 September, the EMPL meeting will consider a draft opinion on the proposal for a directive amending Directive (EU) 2017/1132 as regards cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions. The objectives of the Commission’s proposal are: providing specific and comprehensive procedures for cross-border conversions, divisions and mergers in order to foster cross-border mobility in the EU and, at the same time, offering company stakeholders an adequate protection to safeguard the fairness of the Single Market. Ms McIntyre’s draft opinion includes 16 amendments insisting on reasonable and proportionate protection for company stakeholders although not acting as a deterrent preventing the honest entrepreneur from expanding their business across borders.

Rapporteur: [Anthea McIntyre](#) (ECR, UK)

Employment and social policies of the euro area

Consideration of amendments

On 24 September, EMPL members will hold an exchange of views on the 159 amendments, tabled to the draft report on “Employment and social policies of the euro area”. They touch upon topics like, involuntary part-time work, precariousness, fight against poverty, ageism in labour markets, access to social protection, pension systems, care services and adequacy of skills.

Rapporteur: [Krzysztof Hetman](#) (EPP, PL)

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Adoption of draft opinion in letter form

On 24 September, EMPL members will vote on the draft letter on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) The draft letter concerns the application EGF/2018/001 NL/Financial Service Activities - The Netherlands, which the Commission presented to the EGF Working Group on 28 August.

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

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and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States**Adoption of a letter**

On 24 September, EMPL Committee will vote on the draft letter addressed to the leading Committee REGL.. Voting in Plenary is scheduled for 22 October.

Rapporteur: [Deirdre Clune](#) (PPE, IE)

Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law**Adoption of draft opinion**

On 24 September, EMPL Committee will vote on the draft opinion on the "Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law". In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur has tabled 14 amendments, stressing the importance of extending protection and of safeguarding the anonymity of whistleblowers as well as a guarantee for a free and independent advice and legal support for reporting persons and intermediaries.

EMPL Members tabled 189 amendments. The Rapporteur proposed 17 compromise amendments.

Rapporteur: [Neoklis Sylikiotis](#) (GUE/NGL, CY)

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Recent studies and briefing notes

-) European Solidarity Corps - [Briefing](#)
-) The added value of European cohesion policy - [Briefing](#)
-) Skills development: The potential of the European Fund for Strategic Investments - [Study](#)
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News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

On 27 September 2018 in Brussels Cedefop will release the European skills index (ESI), tool that measures the comparative performance of EU countries' individual skills system. The index covers three key areas: skills development, skills activation and skills matching. During the event in Brussels the participants can take part in the discussion on the results of the 2018 release. This will also be a good opportunity to see the rankings of countries and the examples of how this tool can be used to explore their skills system and to identify the areas where there is still room for improvement. [More](#)

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

Eurofound has recently published its report on burnout in the workplace drawn up on research by Eurofound's Network of Correspondents. The report analyses the burnout experienced by workers in the EU and considers when it is viewed as a medical and when as an occupational disease. It examines the work determinants associated with burnout and its effects including psychosocial and physical work factors, work

intensity and work organisation. The report reviews national strategies and policies, the involvement of the social partners and current preventive actions. [More](#)

European Training Foundation (ETF)

The agency presents its new publication titled "ETF - Engaging the Future" with a preface by the high Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini. The publication is an overview of the past year's activities of the European Training Foundation showing its work in the partner countries and organisations by promoting employability and improving people's skills. [More](#)

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

The EU-OSHA has contributed to the 2018-2019 Healthy Workplaces Campaign by publishing two info-sheets on legislation and substitution regarding management of dangerous substances. The info sheet "Legislative framework on dangerous substances in workplaces" provides an overview of the legislative framework on dangerous substances in workplaces in the European Union with particular regard to three European directives: OSH Framework Directive, Chemical Agents Directive (CAD) and the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (CMC). The second info-sheet "Substitution of dangerous substances in the workplace" is a set of information on how to reduce the risks associated with working with certain dangerous substances. [More](#)

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