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Introductory words by Marita Ulvskog



The second EMPL Committee meeting this month will take place on 18 October.

We will start the meeting with a voting session on the draft report “Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union”.

Subsequently, the agenda foresees consideration of the draft opinion on “Erasmus: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport”.

Finally, EMPL Members will have a chance to consider amendments to the draft opinions on “European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)” and “Cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions”.

Thank you for your attention.

Marita Ulvskog, First Vice-Chair, Acting Chair

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18.10.2018, 9.15-12.30, PHS (1A002)

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Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union

Adoption of draft report



On 18 October, EMPL Committee will vote on the draft report “Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union”. The Commission proposal replaces the 1991

Written Statement Directive (91/553/EEC) with a new instrument in order to provide transparency of working conditions and lay down a new, specific set of rights for predictability and security of working conditions, particularly for people in non-standard forms of employment. In addition to the 76 amendments included in the draft report, 815 amendments have been tabled by Members, covering most of the Commission proposal.

Rapporteur: Enrique Calvet Chambon (ALDE, ES)

'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport

Consideration of draft opinion



On 18 October, EMPL members will consider a draft opinion on 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. The rapporteur believes that the new Erasmus+ programme

brings about numerous valuable changes and that based on a qualitative implementation, it will have a strong positive impact on the future of Europe. In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur suggests retaining the “+”label, supporting lifelong learning and tripling the budget of the programme. He also thinks that Erasmus + should improve its outreach to people with fewer opportunities and those from socially disadvantaged groups.

Rapporteur: Emilian Pavel (S&D, RO)

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Consideration of amendments

On 18 October, EMPL Committee will consider the amendments tabled to the [European Social Fund Plus](#). In her draft report, the Rapporteur tabled 19 amendments. In addition, Members tabled 749 amendments covering a wide spectrum of topics, among which the so-called “thematic concentration”, such as the requirement for Member States to spend a minimum share of the budget to social inclusion goals and fighting material deprivation.

Rapporteur: Verónica Lope Fontagné (EPP, ES)

Cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions

Consideration of amendments

On 18 October, EMPL members will consider the amendments to the draft opinion on [Cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions](#). Ms McIntyre’s draft opinion includes 16 amendments. In addition, EMPL Members have tabled 459 amendments in total.

Rapporteur: Anthea McIntyre (ECR, UK)

Recent studies and briefing notes

- Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work: Third proposal - [Briefing](#)
- European Social Fund Plus and European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - [Briefing](#)
- Reform of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - [Briefing](#)
- Social protection in the EU: State of play, challenges and options - [Briefing](#)

News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Cedefop has recently published its briefing note titled “Cedefop’s European skills index: new tool for informed policy-making”. The tool can be used to analyse the performance of skills systems, within and across EU Member States. It helps to answer questions on how to progress and improve in order to make the skills system more effective and consequently create more jobs and contribute to inclusive and sustainable growth. Skills development, skills activation and skill matching are the most important aspects of country’s complex skills index.

[More](#)

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

On 8 November 2018, Eurofound will host a webinar: “Making the platform economy work well for workers” that is primarily aimed at platform workers, social partners, EU and national policy makers as well as academics and representatives from civil society. The webinar will give a chance to share experiences and benefits of innovative approaches as well as concerns regarding downsides of this form of employment. It foresees a panel discussion with Irene Mandl, Head of Employment at Eurofound; Andreas Valkiers, Advisor to the Belgian Minister for Health and Social Affairs as well as Thorkild Holmboe Hay, Policy and Communications Advisor with 3F, the largest trade union in Denmark. [More](#)

European Training Foundation (ETF)

The European Training Foundation is organising a conference in Turin on 21 and 22 November 2018, titled “Skills for the future: managing transition”. The main goal of the conference is to explore skills perspectives in developing and transition countries that challenge current global trends. The conference will be an opportunity to share views on how the EU can support this transition and will help to identify ways to develop

forward-looking training and labour policies in participant's countries with the support of the ETF. [More](#)

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

EU-OSHA has recently published a toolkit to mark the 2018-19 campaign Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances. The toolkit offers practical, step-by-step guidelines and real-life examples of communication tools used for running an effective campaign for better safety and health management. It also provides many examples of good practice in campaign activities, from events to social media and advertising. [More](#)

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