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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on SOLVIT
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Rapporteur: Martin Kastler

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to continue to improve the effective work of the SOLVIT network on the informal, swift resolution of cross-border disputes related to the internal market using procedures which are as accessible as possible for members of the public;
2. Encourages the efforts made towards the clarification and broadening of the competencies to include all 'structural cases' which are at variance with EU law and the principles of the internal market;
3. Calls for a special focus on all cross-border labour law issues, paying particular attention to pensions;
4. Welcomes all measures to improve quality control, to establish uniform minimum requirements for the SOLVIT centres, and to improve links with other EU advisory networks;
5. Calls for a stepping-up of SOLVIT public relations work that is in touch with the people in order to significantly raise awareness of the SOLVIT centres by 2020 at the latest;
6. Proposes that the network of SOLVIT centres be gradually developed in order, in particular, to give the European regions the opportunity to establish regional and recognised centres ('SolvitRegio') covering their own administrative competencies as this can help to raise awareness of the services offered and bring these closer to citizens;
7. Particularly welcomes the protection of personal data demonstrated by the SOLVIT centres and calls for this protection to be continually increased in line with demands;