



Directorate-General for Internal Policies
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
The Chairman

Mr. David Lowe
Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Petitions
RMD 05J002

Subject: EMPL Coordinators' decisions on petitions of 21 July 2009

Dear Mr. Lowe,

I wish to inform you that, at their meeting of 21 July 2009, the Coordinators of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs have adopted the following decisions concerning petitions sent to the EMPL Committee by the PETI Committee:

Petition 1452/2008 by Ms Anne-Charlotte Bailly (German), on behalf of Generation P and associated national organisations, on fair internships and proper access of young people to the European Labour Market

Decision: inform PETI that EMPL may decide to draft an initiative report.

Petition 1579/2008 by Mr. Brian Edmonds (British), on protection of the rights of the employees upon change in company ownership

Decision: write to the Commissioner inviting him to consider a revision of Directive 2001/23/EC, to address some of its shortcomings.

Petition 0023/2009 by Simon Collyer (British), on behalf of Justice Organisation, on fair treatment of unemployed persons

Decision: inform PETI of the initiative reports adopted recently on the matter and that the matter shall be considered in the context of the post-Lisbon strategy.

Petition 154/2009 by Melanie Wagner (German), and Petition 165/2009 Wasilious Katsioulis (Greek) on behalf of the Deutscher Antidiskriminierungsverband, both on a single EU disability card

Decision: inform PETI that EMPL shall continue its work on the matter and could consider including a study on the issue of accessibility across the EU in the context of its 2010 work-programme. EMPL will start by asking the Commission about the information that it has at its disposal on the situation in the different Member States concerning this issue and will question the incoming Commission about this matter.

Petition 1753/2008 by Virginia Teso Lorenzo (Spanish), on German Sickness Insurance (Coordination of Social Security Systems Germany-Spain) and Petition 345/2009 by Michael Kaiser (German), on long-haul drivers working and social conditions

Decisions: inform PETI that EMPL shall take no action.

Petition 1850/2008 by Giovanni Drago (Italian), on the necessity of a directive on active inclusion of people receiving unemployment benefits

Decision: suggest PETI to send an answer to the petitioner informing him that:

1. The EU is not competent to adopt binding legislation on the substance of the Member States' employment policies;
2. By means of EU Employment Guidelines, the EU encourages Member States to adopt active and preventive labour market measures. Such measures could include offering people who receive unemployment benefits the possibility to take up community work, on a voluntary or compulsory basis, as part of personalised action plans.

Petition 1865/2008 by Clara Rosa Moralejo Moralejo (Spanish), bearing 550 signatures, on the new working time directive

Decision:

1. inform PETI that EMPL shall not draft a formal opinion;
2. suggest that PETI explains to the petitioners that their concern is largely based on a misunderstanding and that no political agreement was reached on the revision of the Working Time Directive.

Petition 366/2009 by Uwe Precht (German), on *de minimis* aid

Decision: Inform PETI that the matter raised is not of EU competence.

Yours sincerely,

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