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Introductory words by Marita Ulvskog



The next EMPL meeting will take place on 22 and 23 January 2018.

On 22 January, the Committee will consider the amendments tabled to the draft report on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work. Moreover, EMPL Members will consider a question

for oral answer and motion for resolution on the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships. We will also discuss the draft opinion on the Interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making and hold an exchange of views with the candidates nominated for appointment as European Parliament experts to the Governing Board of the European Training Foundation. The related vote will be held in the morning of 23 January, when we will also hold a joint vote with the CULT Committee on the provisional agreement resulting from the interinstitutional negotiations on Europass.

The agenda of 23 January also foresees an exchange of views on the EMPL-related priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency with Mr Biser Petkov, Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy. Subsequently, we will hold an exchange of views on the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, and the European Commission will present its legislative proposal on work-life balance for parents and carers. In addition, the agenda foresees the adoption of amendments regarding the next MFF as well as votes on, and considerations of, several opinions.

I would also like to inform you that the EMPL Committee held an extraordinary meeting on 11 January 2018, during which the draft opinion on the European Solidarity Corps was adopted. During the last plenary session, the Chamber adopted the EMPL report on 'The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States'.

Thank you for your attention.

Marita Ulvskog, First Vice-Chair, Acting Chair

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[The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020](#) (vote)
[Discharge 2016](#) (vote on 6 opinions)
[Gender equality in the media sector](#) (vote)
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Exchange of views

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[Work-life balance for parents and carers](#)

MEETING DATES AND VENUES:

22.1.2018, 15.00-18.30, PHS (3C050)
23.1.2018, 9.00-12.30 and 14.30-18.30, PHS (3C050)

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Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work

Consideration of amendments



On 22 January, the EMPL Committee will consider the amendments to the [draft report](#) on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work. In his draft report, the Rapporteur proposes 22 amendments to the Commission proposal. In addition, EMPL Members have tabled [97](#) amendments.

Rapporteur: [Claude Rolin](#) (EPP, BE)

Better services for skills and qualifications (Europass)

Vote on provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

On 23 January, the EMPL and CULT Committees will hold a joint vote on the provisional agreement reached between the Council and Parliament on 13 December 2017 on a new Europass framework.

Co-rapporteurs: [Thomas Mann](#) (EPP, DE) and [Svetoslav Hristov Malinov](#) (EPP, BG)

Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

Exchange of views

On 23 January, the EMPL Committee will hold a first exchange of views on the Commission [proposal](#) for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

Rapporteur: [Tatjana Ždanoka](#) (Greens/EFA, LV)

European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

Consideration of oral question and motion for resolution

On 22 January, the EMPL Committee will consider a question for oral answer and motion for resolution on the [European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships](#), which aims to provide a coherent framework for apprenticeships based on a common understanding of what defines quality and effectiveness.

Interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making

Consideration of draft opinion

On the same day, EMPL Members will also consider the [draft opinion](#) to the joint AFCO-JURI report on the interpretation and implementation of the interinstitutional agreement on better law-making.

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

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

Consideration of draft opinion



On 23 January, the EMPL Committee will consider the [draft opinion](#) on the proposal for a directive as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector. The rapporteur seeks to simplify the rules regarding posting in the road transport sector and to reduce administrative burden for companies and drivers. She also proposes excluding transit and international transport from the scope of the Posting of Workers Directive.

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

Minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods

Consideration of draft opinion

On 23 January, the Committee will consider the [draft opinion](#) on the proposal for a regulation on minimum requirements on 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. The rapporteur proposes to maintain the rules on driving and rest times as laid down in the current regulation. He also suggests to enlarge the scope of the regulation to the carriage of goods by light commercial vehicles under 3,5 tonnes operating outside a radius of 100 kilometres from the base of the undertaking to improve road safety and working conditions.

Rapporteur: [Georges Bach](#) (EPP, LU)

Amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009

Consideration of draft opinion

On the same day, the EMPL Committee will also consider the [draft opinion](#) on the proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator, and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 on common rules for access to the international road haulage market. The rapporteur agrees with the basic objectives of the Commission proposal but believes that approving some of the proposed measures would impede its practical implementation in the road transport sector, since it may result in excessive administrative barriers for undertakings, especially for SMEs, which, ultimately, would hinder the smooth functioning of the internal market.

Rapporteur: [Verónica Lope Fontagné](#) (EPP, ES)

EP experts on the Governing Board of the European Training Foundation

Exchange of views and vote

On 22 January, the EMPL Committee will engage in an exchange of views with the three candidates nominated for the appointment as independent European Parliament experts on the Governing Board of the [European Training Foundation](#). While two of the nominees, Ms Edit Bauer and Mr Jean-Francois Mézières, already sit on the Governing Board, Mr Alejandro Cercas is a new candidate. The vote on the appointment of the three experts will take place at the EMPL meeting on 23 January.

Biser Petkov, Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy

Exchange of views



On 23 January, EMPL Members will hold an exchange of views with Biser Petkov, Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy, on the [priorities](#) of the

Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU. The Presidency's four key areas are: future of Europe and young people, digital economy, Western Balkans and security and stability. The exchange of views will focus on the priorities related to the responsibilities of the EMPL Committee.

Work-life balance for parents and carers

Commission presentation



On 23 January, representatives of the European Commission will present the [proposal](#) for a Directive on work-life balance for parents and carers to EMPL Members.

The proposal aims to address the under-representation of women in employment and support the progression of their careers through improved conditions of reconciling working and private duties.

Rapporteur: [David Casa](#) (EPP, MT)

Votes on draft opinions

During its meeting on 22/23 January, the EMPL Committee will vote on the following opinions:

The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020

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

Lead Committee: BUDG

Discharge 2016

- General budget of the EU - European Commission
- ETF
- EU Agencies: performance, financial management and control
- Eurofound
- Cedefop
- EU-OSHA

Rapporteur: [Claude Rolin](#) (EPP, BE)

Lead Committee: CONT

Gender equality in the media sector

Rapporteur: [Lynn Boylan](#) (GUE/NGL, IE)

Lead Committee: FEMM

Recent studies and briefing notes

- A European Statute for Social and Solidarity-Based Enterprise - [Study](#)
- The Social Protection of Workers in the Platform Economy - [Study](#) and [Briefing](#)
- Mapping the Cost of Non-Europe, 2014-19 - Fourth Edition - [Study](#)
- How to further strengthen the European Semester? - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Pauvreté, genre et cycle de vie: Figures de la pauvreté dans l'Union européenne - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Key features of 2018 Draft Budgetary Plans - [Briefing](#)
- Road transport: Driving times, breaks, rest periods, tachographs and posting of drivers - [Briefing](#)
- Proportionality test for new national regulations for professions - [Briefing](#)
- Coordination of Social Security Systems in Europe - [Briefing](#)
- Les travailleurs pauvres au sein de l'Union européenne - [Briefing](#)
- How to further strengthen the European Semester? - [At a glance publication](#)
- Tunisia: Progress achieved and prospects for the social dimension - [At a glance publication](#)
- Implementation of the Social Pillar - [At a glance publication](#)
- Road Transport: Enforcement And Special Provisions For Posted Workers - [EPSR Podcast](#)
- Women's Entrepreneurship - [Commission and OECD policy brief](#)
- Assistive technologies for people with disabilities - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Assistive technologies for people with disabilities. Part I: Regulatory, health and demographic aspects - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Assistive technologies for people with disabilities. Part II: Current and emerging technologies - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Assistive technologies for people with disabilities. Part III: Perspectives, needs and opportunities - [In-Depth Analysis](#)
- Assistive technologies for people with disabilities. Part IV: Legal and socio-ethical perspectives - [In-Depth Analysis](#)

News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Cedefop participated in the second European Vocational Skills Week from 20-24 November 2017 and contributed with various events related to topics such as learning forums on apprenticeships, career guidance and the impact of the national qualifications frameworks. [More](#)

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

In its report 'Long-term unemployed youth: Characteristics and policy responses', Eurofound identified the factors that increase the risk of young people to be in a situation of long-term unemployment. It also studied the effects of long-term unemployment on the well-being of young persons. Lack of education and work experience are factors causing youth unemployment, and unemployment affects the youth's life satisfaction and leads to the risk of social exclusion. [More](#)

European Training Foundation (ETF)

From 11-15 December 2017, the ETF hosted a five-day workshop on non-formal and informal learning in Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), with the aim of contributing to the capacity to carry out a reliable and valid assessment within the validation of non-formal and informal learning (VNFIL). With support from the EU to the 'Build up Skills project', FYROM has obtained good practices of

VNFIL in the sectors of construction and electrical engineering, but a national approach still needs to be established with the National Qualifications Framework. [More](#)

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

On 21-22 November 2017, EU-OSHA held its Healthy Workplaces Summit in Bilbao, Spain, to mark the end of the two-year campaign 'Healthy Workplaces for All Ages' and exchange good practice on sustainable working. The summit was attended by more than 350 participants, including the network of national focal points, campaign and media partners as well as policy-makers and social partners. They discussed innovative ideas to bring about occupational safety and health for an ageing workforce. [More](#)

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