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Introductory words by Marita Ulvskog



The EMPL Committee will meet on the 9th and 18th October.

During the first meeting, on 9 October, we will reflect on four draft opinions, namely: "The implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework",

"Establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function", "Minimum level of training of seafarers" and "Establishing the Rights and Values programme"

We will also consider the amendments to the draft report on "European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)" and on "Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work"

Moreover, the agenda foresees the adoption of the draft report on "Employment and social policies of the euro area" and a vote on the amendments tabled to the "Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 – Parliament's position with a view to an agreement"

Thank you for your attention.

Marita Ulvskog, First Vice-Chair, Acting Chair

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MEETING DATES AND VENUES

9.10.2018, 9.00-12.30 JAN (6Q2)

18.10.2018, 9.00-12.30, PHS (1A002)

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The implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework

Consideration of draft opinion

On 9 October, the EMPL members will consider the draft opinion on the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental rights. In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur reaffirms that all legal acts adopted by the EU must fully include and comply with the Charter's social provisions, particularly in economic governance, and must be systematically assessed on compliance. He also stresses that all EU actors should devote equal consideration to social and economic rights as to the other fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter.

Rapporteur: [Eduard Kukan](#) (EPP, SK)

Employment and social policies of the euro area

Adoption of draft report

On 9 October, the EMPL members will vote on the amendments tabled to the draft annual report on Employment and social policies of the euro area as well as on the CULT opinion. In addition to the 159 tabled amendments, several compromise amendments have been drafted and negotiated with the shadow rapporteurs.

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

Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 – Parliament's position with a view to an agreement

Adoption of amendments



On 9 October, the EMPL members will vote on the amendments to the Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 – Parliament's position with a view to an agreement.

Rapporteur: [Brando Benifei](#) (S&D, IT)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections

Retabling of EMPL budgetary amendments to plenary

During the meeting of 9 October, the EMPL Committee will vote on the retabling the EMPL budgetary amendments in view of voting in the October II plenary session.

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

Minimum level of training of seafarers

Consideration of draft opinion

On 9 October, the EMPL Committee will consider the draft opinion on the Commission proposal regarding the training and certification of seafarers. The Commission seeks to amend Directive 2008/106/EC currently in force and repeals Directive 2005/45/EC. In her draft opinion, the rapporteur supports the proposal, while suggesting stricter rules and deadlines for the Member States on certain issues like certificates of proficiency



issued to ratings, shortening the proposed time periods regarding the Member States' cooperation in appeal procedures or regarding the decision on the recognition of a third Country

Rapporteur: [Sofia Ribeiro](#) (EPP, PT)

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

Consideration of amendments

During the meeting of 9 October, the EMPL Committee will consider amendments to the draft report on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund. Members have tabled 190 amendments to this draft report, in addition to the 86 amendments submitted by the rapporteur.

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

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

Consideration of amendments



On 9 October, the EMPL members will consider the amendments tabled to the draft report on Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work. In her draft report, the Rapporteur proposes 25 amendments. In addition, the EMPL Members tabled 73 amendments.

Rapporteur: [Laura Agea](#) (EFDD, IT)

Establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function

Consideration of draft opinion

On 9 October, the EMPL Committee will consider the draft opinion of Mr Calvet Chambon on the Commission Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function. The regulation should help to stabilise eligible public investment in the form of loans and interest rate subsidies, in the Member States hit by large asymmetric shocks. The Rapporteur supports the aim of the proposal with several suggestions highlighting the importance of preservation of public investment, absorbing shocks and preventing contagion to other countries.

Rapporteur: [Enrique Calvet Chambon](#) (ALDE, ES)

Establishing the Rights and Values programme

Consideration of draft opinion

During the meeting of 9 October, the EMPL Committee will also consider the draft opinion on the Commission's proposal that merges two existing funding programmes (the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme and the Europe for Citizens programme) into a new Justice, Rights and Values. The

main objective of the new programme is to protect and promote the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. In her draft opinion, the Rapporteur suggests, among others, renaming the Programme to the "Rights, Equality and Values Programme" that would underline equality and rights as goals, extending the personal scope and highlighting importance of combating online racism and hate-speech.

Rapporteur: [Jean Lambert](#) (Verts/ALE, UK)

Recent studies and briefing notes

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- Employment and Social Development in Europe - Quarterly Review - September 2018 - [Commission report](#)
- Effective outreach to NEETs – Experience from the ground - [Commission report](#)

News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ([Cedefop](#))

Cedefop announced its second policy learning forum (PLF) on apprenticeships that takes place on the 18th and 19th October in Thessaloniki. The forum is an opportunity to generate knowledge, across and within countries, for a clear vision of apprenticeship, its purpose and function in national education and training systems. Reflecting on apprenticeship can accordingly be a good way of building a site of consensus around shared problems. [More](#)

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

Eurofound has recently issued a new publication "Women in management: Underrepresented and overstretched?" focusing on challenges in achieving gender equality at work

and highlighting the need for more concerted effort and long-term strategies to drive change. It illustrates women's participation in the labour force, their concentration in specific jobs and economic sectors as well as their career mobility and management advancement having regard to significant variation in different parts of the EU. [More](#)

European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

ETF published a handbook dedicated to policy makers and social partners on Financing work-based learning as part of vocational education reform. The purpose of this publication is to look at the issues involved in financing work-based learning programmes that are part of formal vocational education and training, like apprenticeships, traineeships, internships, and unpaid work placements. It offers help with making the right decision on the policy options related either to learning in the workplace or learning in the classroom programmes as effective financing is a key way to achieve improvement in quality and accessibility. [More](#)

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

The agency published a "Practical tools and guidance on dangerous substances in workplaces". This info sheet provides a number of useful information on tools and guidance in order to help both employers and workers manage the risks posed by dangerous substances in the workplace. Moreover, it is linked to the EU-OSHA's new resource database, which currently contains more than 700 tools and resources that are available in many languages and is endowed with several filter options for better searching results. [More](#)

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