

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2019

INTRODUCTORY WORDS



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the EMPL Bulletin, the newsletter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL Committee).

The first EMPL Committee meeting under this new legislative term will take place on 24 July 2019.

The EMPL Committee has 55 members and the same number of substitutes who represent Parliament's seven political groups. Our Committee's work is steered by the Chair, four Vice-Chairs and the coordinators of the political groups, who link the Committee's work with the priorities of their respective political families.

During the ninth legislative term, the EMPL Committee will continue its work on employment and all aspects of social policy including working conditions, social security, social inclusion and social protection. The EMPL Committee is also responsible for policies related to the free movement of workers and pensioners as well as for workers' rights, health and safety measures at the workplace and the European Social Fund. We also deal with vocational training policy, including professional qualifications, social dialogue and all forms of discrimination at the workplace and in the labour market except those based on sex.

Our Committee will also continue to closely cooperate with the European Commission, the Council and other relevant institutions and stakeholders as well as with the five EMPL-related agencies: Cedefop, Eurofound, EU-OSHA, ETF and the newly created ELA.

Thank you for your attention and interest in the EMPL Committee's work.

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
Chair

MEETING AGENDA

Reports

- Establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households (vote on corrigendum)

Exchange of views

- Timo Harakka, Minister of Employment of Finland, and Aino-Kaisa Pekonen, Minister of Social Affairs and Health of Finland

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

24 July 2019, 09:00 - 12:30
Room: József Antall (2Q2)

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NEW EMPL BUREAU

Chair: Ms Lucia ĎURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ

1st Vice-Chair: Ms Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ

2nd Vice-Chair: Ms Sandra PEREIRA

3rd Vice-Chair: Mr Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ

4th Vice-Chair: Ms Katrin LANGENSIEPEN

VOTES

Establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households

Vote on corrigendum ([see meeting documents](#))

The EMPL Committee will adopt a linguistic corrigendum to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 16 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples.



EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

Priorities of the Finnish Presidency in the area of employment and social affairs

Presentation of the Council Presidency programme

Timo Harakka, Finnish Minister of Employment, and Aino-Kaisa Pekonen, Finnish Minister of Social Affairs and Health, will present the [programme](#) of [Finland's Presidency](#) of the Council of the EU to EMPL Members. In particular, they will focus on the priorities in the area of employment and social affairs. Finland will be the first presidency to integrate the new priorities of the [Strategic Agenda 2019-2024](#) into the Council's work.

RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

- [Economic impacts of artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#)
- [EU and ILO - Shaping the future of work](#)
- [Employment barriers in border regions](#)
- [Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2019](#)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

Cedefop's briefing note "Artificial or human intelligence?" shows that automation and artificial intelligence do not necessarily destroy, but rather transform jobs. It argues that people, businesses and labour markets will have to adapt and acquire new skills, enabling them to cooperate with machines. [More](#)

European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

The ETF paper "The future of work and skills in ETF partner countries" collects and analyses existing information and data on the skills demands of the future in ETF partner countries. It also explores responses for better managing the transition towards an inclusive future for the benefit of individuals and societies. [More](#)

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

The article "OSH and the Future of Work: benefits and risks of artificial intelligence tools in workplaces" discusses the potential implications of using digital developments, like artificial intelligence and 'big data', for OSH at the workplace. [More](#)

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

The report "Living and working in Europe 2015-2018" brings together Eurofound's work on the living and working conditions of Europeans over 2015-2018. [More](#)

USEFUL LINKS

- [2019 meeting dates](#)
- [EMPL Committee website](#)
- [Meeting documents](#)