

## NEWSLETTER - October I 2019

### INTRODUCTORY WORDS



The EMPL Committee has a very busy agenda at the beginning of October.

The hearing of the Commissioner-designate for Jobs, Nicolas Schmit, took place on 1 October. The joint EMPL-FEMM hearing of Helena Dalli, Commissioner-designate for Equality, will be held on 2 October. The joint EMPL-ECON hearing of the Executive Vice-President-designate for an Economy that Works for People, Valdis Dombrovskis, is scheduled for 8 October.

In addition, to the hearings, the EMPL Committee will hold regular committee meetings on 2 and 7 October. On 2 October, there will be a vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations on Parliament's position adopted at first reading on the proposal for the European Social Fund Plus. There will also be votes on the draft reports on 'Amending the Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund' and on the 'Employment and social policies of the euro area'. Finally, the European Court of Auditors' Special Report on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, published in April 2019, will be presented.

On 7 October, the EMPL Committee will hold a hearing with the candidates to be appointed by the European Parliament as independent experts to the Management Boards of four agencies.

Thank you for your attention.

**Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová**  
Chair

### MEETING AGENDA

#### Reports

- European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)
- Amending the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020)
- Employment and social policies of the euro area

#### Exchange of views

- European Court of Auditors Special Report on the FEAD - Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived

#### Hearings

- Hearing of candidates to be designated as experts to the Management Boards of Cedefop, Eurofound, EU-OSHA and ELA

### MEETING DATE AND VENUE

2 October 2019, 10:00 - 12:30,  
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (3C050)

7 October 2019, and 15:30 - 17:30  
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (3C050)

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### VOTE

#### European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

*Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations (see [meeting documents](#))*

On 2 October, the EMPL Committee will vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations on Parliament's position adopted at first reading on the proposal on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). If the outcome of the vote is positive, trilogue negotiations can start.

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

#### Amending the Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

*Vote on draft report (see [meeting documents](#))*

On 2 October, the draft report on the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) will be put to the vote. The aim of the proposal is to enable the EGF to support workers made redundant as a result of the likely economic disruptions caused by a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU without a withdrawal agreement. In her draft report, the Rapporteur proposes to take over the Commission proposal without amendments.

Rapporteur: [Vilija Blinkevičiūtė](#) (S&D)

#### Employment and social policies of the euro area

*Vote on draft report (see [meeting documents](#))*



The draft report on employment and social policies of the Euro area will be put to the vote on 2 October. The draft report states that while the economic conditions in the EU are currently favourable

and overall employment is steadily growing, there is still a need for improvement in terms of youth unemployment, labour market segmentation and inequalities, in-work poverty and productivity.

Rapporteur: [Yana Toom](#) (Renew)

### HEARING

#### Designation of experts to the Management Boards of Cedefop, Eurofound, EU-OSHA and ELA

The revised Founding Regulations of Cedefop, Eurofound and EU-OSHA, which entered into force on 20 February 2019, and the Founding Regulation of the recently created European Labour Authority (ELA), stipulate that the European Parliament can appoint one independent expert to the Management Boards of each of these Agencies. During the EMPL meeting on 7 October, EMPL Members will hold an exchange of views with shortlisted candidates and adopt a list of persons eligible to be appointed members of the respective Management Boards. The final decision on the appointment is taken by the Conference of Presidents.

### EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

#### European Court of Auditors Special Report on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)

*Presentation of a study*

On 2 October, representatives of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) will present the [Special report](#) "FEAD - Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived: valuable support but its contribution to reducing poverty is not yet established" to the EMPL Committee. The FEAD provides €3.8 billion of EU funding for the programme period 2014-2020 and is implemented at national level through operational programmes. It offers both material assistance and social inclusion measures, in addition to food aid.

### RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

- [Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Nicolas Schmit – Jobs](#)
- [Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Helena Dalli – Equality](#)
- [Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Valdis Dombrovskis – Vice-President: An Economy that works for people](#)
- [Regulating working conditions - EU employment law outlook and challenges](#)
- [Health and safety in the workplace of the future](#)
- [Fighting Child Poverty - The Child Guarantee](#)

### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

Independent career development experts from across Europe, representatives from the European Commission and the European Training Foundation met on 19 and 20 September in Rome to debate how people will be supported in their careers in the post-2020 period. [More](#)

#### European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

On 21-22 November 2019, the ETF is organising and hosting the event 'Skills for the Future: Managing Transition', which will be attended by representatives from business, economics, training providers and public bodies coming from 50 countries. The event will contribute to the discussion on the future of skills and work from a new geographical perspective: the one of transition and developing countries in the EU neighbourhood. [More](#)

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

EU-OSHA celebrates linguistic diversity on the European Day of Languages. Multilingualism is a fundamental part of EU-OSHA's efforts to promote safe and healthy workplaces across Europe. Through its publication programme and [award-winning websites](#), EU-OSHA delivers essential information in 25 languages to its global audience. [More](#)

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

Eurofound in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) organised a joint seminar on economic and social convergence. [More](#)

### USEFUL LINKS

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