

NEWSLETTER - November 2019

INTRODUCTORY WORDS



The next EMPL Committee meetings will take place on 5 and 12 November.

On 5 November, there will be three presentations which will deal with (1) labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions; (2) the state of play of

employment of people on the autism spectrum in Europe; and (3) the definition of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission to Member States. In addition, an opinion on an EGF application will be put to the vote.

On 12 November, the European Commission will present the state of play of the work on the European Social Fund Plus.

From 28-30 October, a delegation of Members of the EMPL Committee visited Croatia and met Members of the Croatian Parliament, social partners and various stakeholders. On 31 October, an EMPL delegation was sent to the International Labour Organization in Geneva.

I would also like to inform you that during the last plenary session, on 22 October, the European Parliament approved an amendment to the Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) to include support for workers who would be affected by the UK's withdrawal from the Union *without* an agreement. On 10 October, the Chamber adopted the resolution on employment and social policies of the euro area.

Thank you for your attention.

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
Chair

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

5 November 2019, 09:00 - 12:30

Room: József Antall (4Q2)

12 November 2019, 15:50 - 18:30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (3C050)

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MEETING AGENDA

Reports

- European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Opinions

- EGF application: BE/Carrefour - Belgium (vote)

Exchanges of views

- Labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions
- Employment of people on the autism spectrum in Europe
- Definition of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission to Member States

VOTES

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: BE/Carrefour - Belgium

Vote on draft opinion in the form of a letter (see [meeting documents](#))



On 5 November, the EMPL Committee will vote on an opinion to the BUDG Committee regarding the [Commission proposal](#) to provide Belgium with €1.6

million from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to help 400 former workers of Carrefour Belgique to find new jobs.

Rapporteur: [Tomáš Zdechovský](#) (EPP)

REPORTS

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

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

On 12 November, representatives of the European Commission will present the state of play of the ongoing work on the [European Social Fund Plus](#). On 2 October, the EMPL Committee took the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations on Parliament's position adopted at first reading on the ESF+ proposal.

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

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

Labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions

Presentation of a study by Milieu Consulting SPRL

The [study](#) "Labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions", to be presented on 5 November, analyses the impact on labour mobility and employment of the 2013 revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive (DIR 2005/36) and related EU initiatives. It analyses trends in mobility and recognition, focussing on the health sector and four country case studies - Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Romania. It reports findings from consultations with stakeholders at EU and national level and highlights best practice.

State of play of employment of people on the autism spectrum in Europe: barriers, good practices and trends

Presentation by Autism Europe

On 5 November, Autism Europe will present the result of their surveys and research over the recent years to EMPL Members. Autism-Europe is an international association whose main objective is to advance the rights of people with autism and to help them improve their quality of life.

Definition of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission to Member States

Presentation by the Commission

On 5 November, representatives of the European Commission will give a presentation on the [amendment](#) to the Delegated Regulation (EU) [No 2015/2195](#), which is the only delegated act foreseen on the European Social Fund (Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013). It concerns the definition of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission to Member States.

RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

- [What if technologies replaced humans in elderly care?](#)
- [The impact of new technologies on the labour market and the social economy](#)
- [Adult learners in a digital world](#)
- [The employment and social situation in Croatia](#)
- [Employment in the cultural and creative sectors](#)
- [A fresh look at the future of work in the EU](#)
- [Employment and Social Affairs: Achievements and Challenges Ahead \(Workshop summary report\)](#)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

The European Vocational Skills Week 2019 took place from 14 and 18 October. It was organised by the European Commission in cooperation with Cedefop. Over 1 400 events in 45 countries reached 2.5 million people. [More](#)

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

The ETF recently published the study “Policy dialogue in vocational education: what role for civil society organisations? A pilot survey in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean”. It investigates the specific role of civil society organisations in the VET policy cycle and governance ecosystem, drawing on the results of an ETF pilot survey carried out in 2018 in a selected group of countries from the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. [More](#)

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

This year’s European Week for Safety and Health at Work took place from 21 to 25 October. EU-OSHA and its partners organised hundreds of awareness-raising [events and activities](#) across Europe. They supported the topic of the current Healthy Workplaces Campaign - managing dangerous substances in the workplace. [More](#)

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

The policy brief “Platform work: Maximising the potential while safeguarding standards?” highlights the main opportunities and challenges of specific types of platform work and illustrates some of the first attempts to address them in the EU. [More](#)

European Labour Authority [\(ELA\)](#)

The European Labour Authority started its activities on 16 October 2019 with an inaugural ceremony and the first meeting of its Management Board. ELA has the following objectives:

- Facilitate access to information and services to citizens and business about their rights and obligations,
- Facilitate cooperation between Member States in the enforcement of Union law within its scope, including by facilitating concerted and joint inspections, as well as by tackling undeclared work,
- Mediate and facilitate solutions in cases of cross-border disputes. [More](#)

USEFUL LINKS

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