

## NEWSLETTER - June II 2020

### INTRODUCTORY WORDS



The next EMPL Committee meeting will take place on 22 and 23 June 2020.

On 22 June, representatives of the International Labour Organization will present the ILO's preliminary assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the world of work as well as the

ILO's global COVID-19 Country Response Repository. In addition, there will be presentations on the ILO Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment and on the related Commission proposal for a Council decision authorising Member States to ratify that Convention.

On 23 June, we will vote on two draft reports and two draft opinions: the Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States; Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services; Establishing the Just Transition Fund; and the Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies. Moreover, there will be an exchange of views with Eurofound on the right to disconnect. Finally, we will consider two draft opinions related to artificial intelligence and robotics and the free movement of services.

During last week's plenary session, Parliament adopted a [resolution](#) on the protection of cross-border and seasonal workers in the context of the COVID-19 crisis. The Chamber also adopted a [resolution](#) outlining Parliament's priorities for the post-2020 EU Disability Strategy.

Thank you for your attention.

**Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová**  
Chair

### MEETING DATE AND VENUE

Monday 22 June 2020, 14.00 – 16.00  
Tuesday 23 June 2020, 9.30 – 11.30  
Brussels (remote meeting)  
Room: József Antall (JAN 4Q2)

### MEETING AGENDA

#### Reports

- Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (*vote*)
- Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (*vote*)
- The right to disconnect

#### Opinions

- Establishing the Just Transition Fund (*vote*)
- Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies (*vote*)
- Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies
- Strengthening the Single Market: the future of free movement of services

#### Exchange of views

- ILO Monitor measuring the impact of COVID on the World of Work
- Global COVID-19 Country Response Repository
- ILO Violence and Harassment Convention 190 and the Commission proposal for a Council decision authorising Member States to ratify that Convention

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## VOTES

On 23 June, the EMPL Committee will vote on the following reports and opinions (see [meeting documents](#)):

- **Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States**  
Rapporteur: [José Gusmão](#) (GUE/NGL)
- **Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services**  
Rapporteur: [Manuel Pizarro](#) (S&D)
- **Establishing the Just Transition Fund**  
Rapporteur: [Mounir Satouri](#) (Greens/EFA)
- **Implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies**  
Rapporteur: [Tomáš Zdechovský](#) (EPP)

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Strengthening the Single Market: the future of free movement of services

*Consideration of draft opinion (see [meeting documents](#))*

On 23 June, the EMPL Committee will consider the draft opinion to the IMCO report on 'Strengthening the Single Market: the future of free movement of services'. In his draft opinion, the rapporteur stresses that the free movement of services must not undermine workers' rights or the principle of subsidiarity. He considers that the use of digital technology can protect mobile workers' rights and calls for the use of digital tools and for providing labour inspectorates with sufficient resources.

Rapporteur: [Marc Botenq](#) (GUE/NGL)

### Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies

*Consideration of draft opinion (see [meeting documents](#))*

On the same day, EMPL Members will discuss the draft opinion to the JURI report on a proposal for a Regulation on the framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence (AI), robotics and related technologies. In her draft opinion, the rapporteur acknowledges the growing presence of AI in everyday and working life. She asks for an ex-ante

assessment of the effects of AI, including the consultation of social partners, before AI is used at the workplace. She also stresses that while AI can improve working conditions and the quality of life, negative consequences, such as illegal workers' surveillance or discrimination through biased algorithms, can also occur.

Rapporteur: [Lina Gálvez Muñoz](#) (S&D)

## EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

### ILO Monitor measuring the impact of COVID on the World of Work

*Presentation*

On 22 June, Steve Kapsos, head of the analysis and data production unit in statistics at the Department of Employment of the International Labour Organization (ILO), will present the 'ILO Monitor measuring the impact of COVID on the World of Work' to EMPL Members. In this Monitor, the ILO assesses the possible impact of COVID-19 on the world of work and proposes a range of policy options to mitigate these effects and facilitate strong and fast recovery.

### Global COVID-19 Country Response Repository

*Presentation*

Also on 22 June, Lieve Verboven, Director of the ILO Office in Brussels, will present the ILO's Global COVID-19 Country Response Repository. It provides an [overview](#) of the measures taken by governments, employers' and workers' organisations and the ILO to combat the spread of the disease and cushion its negative effects on the economy and the labour market.

### ILO Violence and Harassment Convention 190 and the Commission proposal for a Council decision authorising Member States to ratify that Convention

*Presentations by the ILO and the Croatian Presidency*

The [ILO's Convention 190](#) on Violence and Harassment is the first international instrument that sets specific and globally applicable standards to tackle work-related harassment and violence and specifies the measures to be taken by States and other relevant actors.

On 22 January 2020, the European Commission came forward with a [proposal](#) for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the EU, the

Violence and Harassment Convention. The Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

The Violence and Harassment Convention will be presented to EMPL Members on 22 June by Lieve Verboven, Director of the ILO Office in Brussels, and Valentina Beghini, Senior Technical Officer at the Gender, Equality, Diversity & ILOAIDS Branch at the ILO. Subsequently, Ivana Ruzman, Chair of the Council's Social Questions Working Party (Croatian Presidency), will present the state of play in Council regarding the Commission proposal. [More information](#)

### The right to disconnect

#### *Exchange of views*

On 23 June, Barbara Gerstenberger, Head of the Working Life Unit at Eurofound, will present Eurofound's work on the right to disconnect. Her presentation will feed into the preparation of the [EMPL legislative own-initiative report](#) on the right to disconnect.

Rapporteur: [Alex Agius Saliba](#) (S&D)

### RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

- [Briefing](#) on Mitigating the employment and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Platform economy](#) and precarious work: Mitigating risks

### USEFUL LINKS

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

### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

Cedefop launched an [international survey](#) on lifelong guidance in the wake of the coronavirus.

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

Global Career Guidance Survey: [Have your say](#) by 30 June.

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

Read the [report](#) 'Work-related musculoskeletal disorders: from research to practice. What can be learnt?'.

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

Read the [blog post](#) 'COVID-19 unleashed the potential for telework – How are workers coping?'.

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

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