

NEWSLETTER - October II 2020

INTRODUCTORY WORDS



Dear reader,

The next EMPL Committee meeting will take place on 15 October. The Committee will hold votes on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations on “Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES)” and on the draft opinion on “Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility”.

Moreover, EMPL Members will consider the draft reports on “A strong social Europe for Just Transitions” and on the “Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD”. Finally, the draft opinion on shaping digital education policy will be examined.

Let me also inform you that during the last plenary session, Parliament put forward questions for oral answer to the Council and to the Commission on reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and subsequently adopted a resolution on this important topic. The Chamber also held debates on the “Women on boards” Directive and on the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on long-term care facilities.

The next EMPL Committee meeting will take place on 28/29 October.

Thank you for your attention.

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
Chair

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

Thursday, 15 October 2020, 9.00 – 11.00
Brussels (remote meeting), room: Antall 6Q2

MEETING AGENDA

Reports

- A strong social Europe for Just Transitions
- Establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD
- Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) (Vote on the provisional agreement)

Opinions

- Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (vote)
- Shaping digital education policy

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VOTES

The EMPL Committee will hold remote votes on the following files (see [meeting documents](#)):

- **Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES)**

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Manuel Pizarro](#) (S&D)

- **Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility**

Rapporteur: [Dragoş Pişlaru](#) (Renew)

CONSIDERATIONS

A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions

Consideration of draft report (see [meeting documents](#))

The EMPL Committee will discuss a strategic INI report which responds to the Commission Communication of January 2020 on "A Strong Social Europe for Just transitions". In the context of the green and digital transitions, the Co-Rapporteurs discuss the most important challenges for the European labour market in the next ten years and call for key policy and legislative initiatives in the light of the upcoming Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights. Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, will participate in the debate as well as Luca Visentini, Secretary General of the European Trade Union Confederation and Maxime Cerutti, Director of BusinessEurope's Social Affairs Department.

Co-Rapporteurs: [Dennis Radtke](#) (EPP), [Agnes Jongerius](#) (S&D)

Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD

Consideration of draft report (see [meeting documents](#))

EMPL Members will consider the draft report on the Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The draft report is structured along the following three topics: For an inclusive and accessible workplace; For a non-discriminatory workplace; and Further targeted actions and mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities. The Rapporteur calls on the EU institutions and

the Member States to reaffirm their commitment to realising inclusive equality for persons with disabilities, to fully implement the UNCRPD, and to step up their efforts to create an inclusive, accessible and non-discriminatory EU labour market for all.

Rapporteur: [Katrin Langensiepen](#) (Greens/EFA)

Shaping digital education policy

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

In the draft opinion to the CULT INI report on shaping digital education policy, the Rapporteur stresses the need to train teachers in order to improve their digital skills. Member States should guarantee that all educational establishments and all students have access to broadband internet, which is a prerequisite for the process of improving digital skills. Member States should also remove barriers to access to education, with particular emphasis on digital education, in order to improve digital skills. Moreover, the Rapporteur stresses the need to strengthen critical thinking and media use skills in children and young people to enable them to assess and overcome the dangers posed by fake news, cyber-bullying, radicalisation, cyber-security issues and fraud.

Rapporteur: [Anna Zalewska](#) (ECR)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

Read the [publication](#) "Perceptions on adult learning and continuing vocational education and training in Europe".

European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

ETF and UNIDO formalise partnership to promote green skills and sustainable development. Find out [more](#).

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

Find out more about the [European Week for Safety and Health at Work](#), which will take place from 19-23 October.

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

Read the [study](#) "Access to care services: Early childhood education and care, healthcare and long-term care".

European Labour Authority ([ELA](#))

Check out ELA's news [here](#).

RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

- [EP Briefing](#): Fair minimum wages for Europe. State of play and lessons from research.
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