

NEWSLETTER – October II, 2021

INTRODUCTORY WORDS



Dear reader,

The next EMPL Committee meeting will take place on 25-26 October.

On 25 October, there will be presentations of the study 'Fighting poverty and social exclusion', of Romodrom, an association

working in the field of social inclusion, Roma minority integration and homelessness, and of the Commission 'SURE: One Year On'.

On 26 October, the Committee will hear a presentation on the study 'Ageing policies: Access to services in different Member States' and hold an exchange views on digital tools for social security coordination. There will also be a debate on gender equality and the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the framework of the European Gender Equality Week. Moreover, Members will consider the draft report on the 'EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020' and adopt a draft opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund as well as the question for oral answer and the motion for a resolution on the introduction of a European Social Security Pass.

I would also like to draw your attention to the last plenary session, during which the Chamber adopted the reports on protecting workers from asbestos and on the employment and social policies of the euro area 2021.

Let me also inform you that an EMPL Committee delegation to Slovakia will take place from 3 to 5 November to visit ESF+ projects and Roma settlements seeking to promote the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups.

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
Chair

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

Monday, 25 October 2021: 13.45 – 16.15
Tuesday, 26 October 2021: 9.00 – 12.00 & 13.45 – 16.15
Brussels (remote)
Room: József Antall (4Q2)

MEETING AGENDA

Reports

- A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020

Opinions

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2021/001 ES/País Vasco metal - Spain (vote)

Motion for a resolution and question for oral answer

- Introduction of a European Social Security Pass (vote)

Exchange of views

- Romodrom key achievements in the field of social inclusion, Roma minority integration and homelessness
- Digital tools for social security coordination
- Gender equality and the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (with EIGE)

Presentations

- Fighting poverty and social exclusion
- SURE One Year On
- Ageing policies: Access to services in different Member States

VOTES

The EMPL Committee will hold remote votes on 26 October 2021 on the following files (*see meeting documents*):

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - País Vasco metal - Spain**
- **Introduction of a European Social Security Pass**
Co-rapporteurs: [Jeroen Lenaers](#) (EPP), [Marianne Vind](#) (S&D), [Dragoş Pîslaru](#) (Renew), [Elena Lizzì](#) (ID), [Mounir Satouri](#) (Greens / EFA), [Elżbieta Rafalska](#) (ECR)

CONSIDERATIONS

A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020

Consideration of draft report (see meeting documents)



The EMPL Committee will consider the draft report on 'A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020 (including a better protection of workers from exposure to harmful substances, stress at work and repetitive motion injuries)'. The report

welcomes the Commission's strategic framework for 2021-2027, in particular, its Vision Zero approach to work-related deaths. It calls on the Commission to propose a legislative framework for telework, for the right to disconnect, and a directive to combat musculoskeletal diseases.

Rapporteur: [Marianne Vind](#) (S&D)

PRESENTATIONS

European instrument for Temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE): One Year On

Presentation by the Commission

SURE is the Commission's instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency. It supports short-time work schemes and similar measures to help Member States protect workers against the risk of unemployment and loss of income. In 2020, SURE supported between 25 and 30 million people and between 1.5 and 2.5 million companies, across 18 Member States. The European Commission will present the results of its [report](#), 'SURE: One Year On', on the implementation of the instrument.

Fighting poverty and social exclusion (including through minimum income schemes)

Presentation of a study



Despite positive developments in recent years, almost 91.4 million EU citizens were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2019. This [study](#) makes a critical assessment of

the main relevant concepts, i.e. relative and absolute poverty, income inequality, social exclusion, vulnerability. It focuses on the various indicators of poverty and social exclusion in the Member States before and after the pandemic. It also presents national and EU policies addressing poverty and social exclusion, and a comparative overview of the key features of national minimum income schemes.

Ageing policies: Access to services in different Member States

Presentation of a study



Parliament's research service will present the study 'Active ageing policies and access to services for the ageing population in the EU Member States'. The [study](#)

discusses the challenges in achieving active ageing policy goals in economic activity, social participation, health and well-being, long-term care, and supportive environments including housing, transportation, and securing financial independence. It also evaluates the impact of Covid-19 on the accessibility, affordability and quality of services.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Romodrom key achievements in the field of social inclusion, Roma minority integration and homelessness

Exchange of views

Romodrom is a not-for-profit association working in the field of social inclusion, Roma integration and homelessness in the Czech Republic. It promotes the rights and integration of Roma people at risk of social exclusion, providing services such as social rehabilitation, support to families with children, debt counselling, and employment support, as well as assistance with housing, childcare and education. The EMPL Committee will hold an exchange of views with Marie Gailovà, Romodrom Founder and Statutory Representative.

Digital tools for social security coordination

Exchange of views

The EMPL Committee will hold an exchange of views on "Digital tools for social security coordination" with representatives of the European Commission and the European Social Insurance Platform. The aim of this exchange of views is to look at various digital systems related to the mobility of workers and to examine their specific aim, interaction, complementarity and state of affairs.

Gender equality and the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Exchange of views



In the framework of the [European Gender Equality Week](#), taking place from 25-28 October, the EMPL Committee will exchange views with Dr. Lina Salanauskaitė from the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on gender equality and the socio-economic

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She will present the [EIGE research note](#) on the topic, which provides a detailed picture of the short-term and long-term gender equality challenges faced by the EU as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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

Watch a summary of Executive Vice-President Schinas' and Commissioner Schmit's visit to Cedefop [here](#).

European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

Check out ETF's report on innovative active labour market policies during the Covid-19 crisis [here](#).

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

Read the EU-OSHA report 'Platform work: what are the occupational safety and health risks and how do we tackle them?' [here](#).

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

Check out Eurofound's report 'Working time in 2019-2020' [here](#).

European Labour Authority ([ELA](#))

Learn more about ELA's nationwide inspections in Romania [here](#).

RECENT STUDIES AND BRIEFINGS

[EP at a Glance](#): Protecting workers from asbestos

[EP at a Glance](#): Parliament's reading of the 2022 EU budget

[EP Study](#): Reporting obligations regarding gender equality and equal pay.

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