

Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States in 2011

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The Council agreed on a **general approach** on a decision concerning the employment guidelines of the Member States for 2011.

Given that the employment guidelines for 2010 were only adopted in October 2010, it is proposed to maintain them unchanged for 2011.

However, the Council was unable to adopt the employment guidelines today, since it has to await the adoption by the European Council on 24 March of its conclusions on the basis of the Joint Employment Report, pending also the opinion of the Committee of the Regions. The European Parliament, the Employment Committee and the Economic and Social Committee have already accepted the Commission's proposal to maintain the guidelines unchanged for 2011.