Labour Force Survey (LFS): aligning the Regulation with the TFEU (Commission delegated and implementing powers); financing provision

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The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted the report by Tatjana ŽDANOKA (Greens /EFA, LV) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community.

The committee recommended that the position of the European Parliament adopted in first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Members recalled that objectives of the Union which are to effectively combat discrimination, to assist in ensuring compliance with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as well as pursuing the aim of full employment and social progress. In this context, they stressed the **need to have comparable, reliable and objective statistics on the situation of employed persons, unemployed persons and persons outside the labour market**, while respecting statistical confidentiality, privacy and protection of personal data.

The amended text provided that a further set of variables to supplement the information ("the ‘ad hoc module") may be added. Members proposed that the Union may award grants, without a call for proposals, to the national statistical institutes and other national authorities referred to as designated beneficiaries in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, for the implementation of the ad hoc modules as referred to under the provisions of Article X of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation.

Members proposed that the power to adopt delegated acts shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of **five years** (renewable) from the date of entry into force of the Regulation.

The delay to make an objection to a delegated act has been extended from two to **three months**.