Free movement of workers: integrated European employment market EURES. Report 1998-1999

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The committee adopted the report by José RIBEIRO E CASTRO (UEN, P) on the Commission's EURES activity report 1998-1999. The report underlined the important role of the Eures network as a means of implementing the European employment strategy and said that the Commission should incorporate Eures partners systematically into the strategy. The committee called for more statistical and qualitative information on labour mobility at transnational and cross-border level and on the permanence of the jobs made accessible by means of the Eures network. It also wanted an assessment of the impact of Eures on the European employment strategy. The next report should include a list of the main obstacles to cross-border and transnational mobility in the light of experience with Eures. Eures services should be provided throughout European territory. Job vacancies and the curricula vitae of job seekers should be put directly onto the Eures database. In addition, more attention should be paid to publicising the Eures service. The report suggested that the Eures database should be more widely accessible on the Internet. It called on the Commission to consider whether it might devise standard models for job requests and offers and a basic curriculum vitae, in forms suitable for multilingual machine translation. Finally, it said that, in the next report, the Commission should focus on enlargement.