Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	GHILARDOTTI Fiorella (PSE)	21/06/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/04/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2000)0196	Summary
07/11/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
07/11/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0341/2000	
29/11/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/11/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0530/2000	Summary
30/11/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0341/2000 OJ C 228 13.08.2001, p. 0005	07/11/2000	
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Other institutions and bodies

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CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0187/2000 OJ C 022 24.01.2001, p. 0013	20/09/2000	
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1215/2000 OJ C 014 16.01.2001, p. 0063	19/10/2000	

Employment policy: European strategy for developing at local level

2000/2275(COS) - 30/11/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament has adopted the report by Mrs Fiorella GHILARDOTTI (PES, I). The Parliament welcomes the Commission's intention to upgrade local employment initiatives as part of the EU's strategy to combat unemployment. Member States are urged to promote such initiatives and encourage local business and voluntary organisations. It is hoped that some 55,000 jobs will be created. (Refer to previous document). (Procedure without report).

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2000/2275(COS) - 07/04/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present a communication from the Commission which has the aim of stimulating a wider debate on the issue of strengthening the local dimension of the European Employment Strategy. CONTENT : there is a growing awareness of the opportunities that exist at local level for developing employment. This has led most Member States to trigger institutional and administrative decentralisation processes in their employment policies, so bringing decision-making levers closer to the local communities and their needs. In the same way, it has led the European Union to support a variety of experimental work, building on the concept of the "Local Development and Initiatives" (or LDEIs) and to experiment with methodologies and

instruments for supporting local employment development, such as the Territorial Employment Pacts, and the "3rd System" and the "Local Social Capital" pilot action. The European Employment Strategy has so far relied essentially on efforts at national, and to a lesser extent, regional levels. However, the emphasis on local issues has been strengthened in the Guidelines for 2000, and, reflecting the same concerns, the local development of employment is now a horizontal priority in the new ESF Regulation, as well as being reflected in other strands of the Community's structural policies. The question thus arises as to how, and how far, the European Employment Strategy should integrate these movements towards greater respect for and autonomy at the local level, and in what way could it support them. Furthermore, the purpose of this communication is: - to summarise developments which have led Member States and the EU to turn increasingly to the local level for job growth; - to consider how the various players at the local level - including local authorities, businesses, etc - but also those at higher levels whose actions influence what can be done locally - state and regions, even the EU itself in the areas where it has competence - can help job creation/job maintenance at local level; - and finally, to raise a number of questions for debate over the 6 month period from April to October 2000. This communication is addressed at the Union's institutions; and the Commission looks forward with interest to receiving their opinions. In addition, the Commission will organise a wider-scale consultation with the players concerned, structures through a series of conferences. It should be stressed that this paper in no way implies that the Commission will be launching a new seperate programme on local development; financing from the EU level is already available in all areas covered in this document through Structural Funds and EAGGF-Guarantee in the field of rural development policy. In conclusion, there is an increasing interest in action at local level to stimulate employment, and secondly,the existence of a number of factors which can help local action to play its full part in increasing the Employment Rate in Europe, and providing stable, good quality jobs. The wide range of authorities and bodies mentioned here (national, regional and local governments; enterprises; thirdsystem/social economy organisations; the social partners; and devolved public institutions such as the public employment services) demonstrates both the need for co-ordination in such activities and the fact that integrated approaches are essential within each country, each region, each locality. All players, at all levels, have responsibilities and must contribute.