Basic information

2006/0010(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Employment policy: maintain the guidelines for 2005-2008 in 2006 (Decision 2005/600/EC) **Subject** 4.15.02 Employment: guidelines, actions, Funds	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	KÓSÁNÉ KOVÁCS Magda (PSE)	13/01/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2733	2006-06-01
Agriculture and Fisheries	2745	2006-07-18

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/01/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0032	Summary
16/02/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
24/03/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0086/2006	
04/04/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0119/2006	Summary

04/04/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
04/04/2006	Debate in Parliament		
18/07/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
05/08/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2006/0010(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 128-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/6/33676

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE368.083	07/02/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE368.084	28/02/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0086/2006	24/03/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0119/2006	04/04/2006	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0032	25/01/2006	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2006)2095	11/05/2006	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0746/2006	17/05/2006	

Additional information

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National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2006/0544 OJ L 215 05.08.2006, p. 0026-0027	Summary

Employment policy: maintain the guidelines for 2005-2008 in 2006 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0010(CNS) - 04/04/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Magda **KÓSÁNÉ KOVÁCS** (PES, HU) approving the proposed Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States. It adopted a number of amendments to the recitals under the consultation procedure, underlining the importance of specific guidelines. (Please refer to the summary dated 21/03/2006).

Employment policy: maintain the guidelines for 2005-2008 in 2006 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0010(CNS) - 18/07/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE: to maintain the guidelines for Member State employment policies, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2006/544/EC on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

CONTENT: In March 2006, the Council reiterated the importance of implementing employment policies within the Member States as part of the overall framework for achieving the Lisbon objectives. In light of both the Commission's examination of the National Reform Programmes and the European Council conclusions, focus should therefore be given to the effective and timely implementation of the "Employment Guidelines for 2005-2008". Further, particular attention should be given to the agreed quantitative targets.

This Decision requires the Member States to take account of the Employment Guidelines when programming the use of Community funding and the European Social Fund, in particular. In view of the integrated nature of the guidelines package, Member States should fully implement the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines.

To do so, this Decision states that the guidelines for Member States' employment policies, as set out in Annex to Decision 2005/600/EC, should be maintained for 2006 and should be taken into account by the Member States in their employment policies.

Employment policy: maintain the guidelines for 2005-2008 in 2006 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0010(CNS) - 01/06/2006

The Council reached political agreement on a draft Decision establishing the Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States for 2006.

As proposed by the Commission, the guidelines adopted last yearremain unchanged.

The text as agreed will be submitted to the European Council in June 2006 for endorsement and formally adopted at a forthcoming Council session.

Employment policy: maintain the guidelines for 2005-2008 in 2006 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0010(CNS) - 25/01/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to provide for the maintenance for 2006 and the implementation of guidelines for Member States' employment policies as set out in the annex to Council decision 2005/600/EC.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : the new Lisbon strategy operating from 2005 onwards is based on a new cycle of governance with an integrated package of guidelines remaining in principle valid until 2008. Based on the integrated guidelines, which encompass economic, social and environmental dimensions, Member States have drawn up their national reform programmes, which set out their three year strategy to deliver growth and jobs.

The assessment of the national reform programmes by the Commission is set out in the Annual Progress Report and in the accompanying draft Joint Employment Report, which will be adopted in accordance with the procedure of article 128(1) of the Treaty. The assessment leads to the following overall conclusions as regards national employment policies:

- all programmes attach high importance to attracting and retaining more people in employment, but the chances of ensuring effective delivery would be enhanced if they were based on lifecycle approaches to facilitate swift employment transitions throughout a career;

- the importance of further measures to improve the adaptability of workers and enterprises is frequently neglected. Greater attention should be given to establishing conditions of "flexicurity" and better links between the tax and benefits systems, and to actively involve the social partners;

- although the crucial importance of developing the skills needed in knowledge-based economies is acknowledged, the need of stepping up investment and achieving a real breakthrough should better be reflected in the policy response;

- Member States should demonstrate their commitment to the new Lisbon agenda by ensuring that spending is targeted to support the Lisbon strategy, by promoting public ownership and by involving the social partners in the governance process.

These conclusions confirm the policies and the reform agenda expressed in the current Employment Guidelines. For procedural reasons laid down in article 128(2), their validity for 2006 needs to be confirmed by a Council decision, following consultation of the European Parliament, the Committee of Regions, the Economic and Social Committee and the Employment Committee.

The Commission considers it appropriate, at this stage of the three year governance cycle, not to propose Employment Recommendations, but draws Member States' attention to the priorities and conclusions of the detailed country assessments contained in the Annual Progress Report.