Basic information

2006/0271(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Employment policy: guidelines for 2007 (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	ANDERSSON Jan (PSE)	13/12/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2792	2007-03-27
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2813	2007-07-10
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2803	2007-05-30

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	ŠPIDLA Vladimír

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2006)0815	Summary

12/12/2006	Legislative proposal published		
17/01/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/01/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
25/01/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0008/2007	
14/02/2007	Debate in Parliament		
15/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0048/2007	Summary
15/02/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/07/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/07/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/07/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/6/44035

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE382.509	18/12/2006	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0048/2007	15/02/2007	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0815	12/12/2006	Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0608/2007	25/04/2007	

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Decision 2007/0491 OJ L 183 13.07.2007, p. 0025	Summary

Employment policy: guidelines for 2007 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0271(CNS) - 10/07/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to maintain for 2007 the guidelines for Member States' employment policies as set out in the Annex to Council Decision 2005/600/EC.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2007/491/EC on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

BACKGROUND: the revised Lisbon strategy, which was set out in 2005, is based on a new cycle of governance that includes an integrated package of guidelines. Based on the integrated guidelines (encompassing economic, social and environmental dimensions) the Member States have drawn up National Reform Programmes (NRPs), which set out a three year national strategy to deliver growth and jobs.

The Employment Guidelines and the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines need to be fully reviewed every three years only, while in the intermediate years – until 2008, their updating should remain limited to ensure a degree of stability.

CONTENT: the purpose of this Council Decision is to maintain, for 2007, the guidelines for Member States' employment policies as set out in Annex to Council Decision 2005/600/EC.These guidelines should be taken into account by the Member States when setting their employment policies.

The Commission's Annual Progress Report and in the Joint Employment Report, specify that Member States must continue with their efforts to:

- attract more people to, and retain more people in, employment, to increase the supply of labour and to modernise social protection systems;

- improve the adaptability of workers and enterprises; and

- increase investment in human capital through better education and skills.

Employment policy: guidelines for 2007 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0271(CNS) - 15/02/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Jan **ANDERSSON** (PES, SE) approving the proposed Council Decision on guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States. It adopted one amendment calling for Parliament to be given the necessary time, "and in any event no less than five months", to fulfil its consultative role during the full revision of the Employment Guidelines scheduled for 2008.

Employment policy: guidelines for 2007 (Decision 2005/600/EC)

2006/0271(CNS) - 12/12/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to maintain for 2007 the guidelines for Member States' employment policies as set out in the Annex to Council Decision 2005/600/EC.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTEXT: the new Lisbon strategy operating from 2005 onwards is based on a new cycle of governance with an integrated package of guidelines remaining 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 confirms that employment is increasing and unemployment is falling. However, productivity growth and quality of jobs remain below Europe's needs. The responsiveness of European labour markets to the challenges of globalisation and ageing remain critical issues. Furthermore the analysis of the NRPs indicates the following key issues on each of the three European Employment Strategy priorities:

1. attracting and retaining more people in employment sees most policy implementation. More attention has been paid to an integrated lifecycle approach to work but policies for young people, women and older workers are still mostly treated separately;

2. the implementation reports show the weakest policy implementation in the area of improving the adaptability of workers and enterprises. A more comprehensive approach is necessary, better combining flexibility and security. An integrated flexicurity approach is receiving attention but a range of policy pathways needs to be developed to further flexicurity in all Member States;

3. there is quite some focus on structural reforms of education and training systems and their link with the labour market. However, coherent and comprehensive strategies still need to be set up in many Member States. Training initiatives still tend to be focussed predominantly on young people and participation in lifelong learning by those over 45 remains worrying low.

CONTENT : 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 2007 needs to be confirmed by a Council decision, following consultation of the European Parliament, the Committee of Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Employment Committee.

This is the objective of the proposal.