

Employment: guidelines for member States' policies for the year 2002

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The Commission considers favourably several of the comments made by the European Parliament on the basis of its proposal. The Commission has included in this amended proposal a number of changes reflecting Parliament's major concerns with the employment guidelines. Modifications are proposed to: - Horizontal objective F on the need to evaluate and report on budget allocations to policy measures. - Guideline 4 on the need to establish appropriate frameworks to enable adults to gain effective access to further vocational training; - Guideline 6 on ensuring that account is taken of regional balance in economic and social development in the context of facilitating the mobility of workers; - Guideline 8 on strengthening the fight against undeclared work; - Guideline 16 on the need to reform tax-benefit structures to prevent any negative impact on women's participation in the labour force and to remove obstacles to women setting up in business or becoming self-employed. - Guideline 17 on ensuring national targets are set to increase the employment rate of women and to achieve gender pay equality in the public and private sectors; - Guideline 18 on ensuring that national targets are set to increase the availability of care services for children and other dependants.