

Procedure file

Basic information				
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Employment: Member States' policies for 1999 and implementation of the guidelines for 2000. 3rd joint report				
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Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs		15/02/2000
			PPE-DE COCILOVO Luigi	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs		08/09/2000
			PSE KATIFORIS Giorgos	
	ITRE	Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	FEMM	Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities		20/06/2000
		PSE GHILARDOTTI Fiorella		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meeting	Date
	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs2313			27/11/2000
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN		2297	17/10/2000
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Key events			
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12/10/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
12/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0295/2000	
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23/10/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

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Technical information

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Employment: Member States' policies for 1999 and implementation of the guidelines for 2000. 3rd joint report

PURPOSE : to present the Joint Employment Report 2000. **CONTENT :** this report is the third prepared in accordance with Article 128 of the Treaty of Amsterdam. It presents a comparative assessment of how the Member States have implemented the Employment Policy Guidelines of 1999 and how they have transposed the revised Guidelines for the year 2000 in their National Action Plans for Employment. It provides both an overall analysis across the four pillars of the European Employment Strategy and then goes on to give a detailed analysis by Member States of their policies. Special attention is paid to the way in which recommendations adopted by the Council on 14 February have been addressed. Firstly, with regard to the European employment situation, this report highlights that the situation in the EU has steadily improved over the last couple of years, reflecting the positive overall economic climate as well as progress in reforming the labour markets. On the other hand, labour shortages and skills gaps are emerging. Most Member States have benefited from the improved economic conditions in 1999 and increased their employment rates. Some Member States already exceed the benchmarks set by the Lisbon Summit for the EU in 2010, in terms of the overall employment rate (Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK) or the female employment rate (Denmark, Sweden, Finland, the Netherlands and the UK). As regards the assessment of Member States' employment policies in 1999, it is true to say that structural reforms of the labour markets are making progress amidst growing optimism. It is clear that Member States are reforming their labour markets in a much more favourable macroeconomic climate. This should encourage further strengthening of policy efforts. However, an overall impact of the European Employment Strategy on the improving employment situation is still difficult to identify. However, a beneficial impact can be detected for specific groups or sectors in the case of certain new policies. While a lot has been achieved, there is an uneven implementation of the four pillars, at least from what the Member States report. This is particularly true for the adaptability pillar, and - to a lesser extent - for the entrepreneurship pillar. Thus, a fully fledged policy mix is not yet adequately developed in the Member States. The role of the Public Employment Services should be strengthened as it is now recognised as being a key institution to implement the Employment Guidelines. The Member States are also recognising the importance of local level action for the overall success of the Employment Strategy. However, much more needs to be done in the area of devolution, establishment of an enabling environment, encouraging partnership among the local actors and developing comprehensive local employment strategies. In addition, the European Social Fund has been given a key role as an instrument to underpin the European Employment Strategy. The role of the other Structural Funds, beyond the ESF, in the support for the Strategy is not sufficiently explicit, and referred to by only a few countries. Finally, in 2000 and 2001, Member States will not only be reforming their labour markets amidst continued favourable economic prospects, but also within the new policy context created by the conclusions of the extraordinary European Council of Lisbon in March 2000. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Luigi COCILOVO (EPP-ED, I) amending, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision on Guidelines for Member States' employment policies for the year 2001. The committee wanted to ensure that the Council took account of Parliament's opinion on the employment Guidelines for 2001, as expressed in its resolution on the Joint Employment Report 2000

adopted in committee that same day (see COS002239). As the power of decision had been delegated to the committee, formal adoption of the report would be announced at the October II 2000 part-session in Strasbourg.?

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The European Parliament has adopted the report by Mr Luigi COCILOVO (EPP/ED, I). The Parliament broadly supports the general approach of the Commission proposal for the employment guidelines and approves the target of full employment as a priority goal for Europe's economic, employment and social policy strategy. Overall, the Parliament has adopted the recommendations laid down by the committee responsible (please refer to the decision of the committee responsible for a guideline of what was adopted).?