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Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Employment and Social Affairs	 MITROFANOVS Miroslavs	08/03/2019
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs3706		08/07/2019
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	THYSSEN Marianne	

Key events			
27/02/2019	Legislative proposal published	COM(2019)0151	Summary
14/03/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2019	Vote in committee		
20/03/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0177/2019	Summary
04/04/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
04/04/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0337/2019	Summary
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Technical information	
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Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2019)0151	27/02/2019	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE636.394	13/03/2019	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0177/2019	20/03/2019	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0337/2019	04/04/2019	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1578/2019	19/06/2019	ESC	
Final act					
Decision 2019/1181 OJ L 185 11.07.2019, p. 0044					

Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

PURPOSE: to adopt guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

PROPOSED ACT: Council decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the guidelines were first adopted together in 2010, underpinning the Europe 2020 strategy. In 2018 they were aligned with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed in November 2017 by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, with a view to drive reforms at national level and to serve as a compass for a renewed process of convergence across Europe.

Along with the broad economic policy guidelines, the employment guidelines are presented as a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Part II of the Integrated Guidelines) and provide the legal basis for country-specific recommendations. They are to guide policy implementation in the Member States and in the Union, reflecting the interdependence between the Member State

While the validity of the broad economic policy guidelines is not limited to any specific period, the employment guidelines need to be drawn up each year.

The Commission considers that the employment guidelines adopted in 2018 should remain stable to ensure a focus on their implementation. In the light of an assessment of the developments of the labour markets and the social situation since the adoption of the employment guidelines in 2018, no update is necessary. The reasons for their adoption in 2018 remain valid; therefore those guidelines should be maintained.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to maintain for 2019 the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, set out in the Annex to [Decision \(EU\) 2018/1215](#). These guidelines should be taken into account by Member States in their employment policies and reform programmes.

The Integrated Guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States. Member States should make full use of the European Social Fund and other Union funds when implementing the employment guidelines.

Although the addressees of the Integrated Guidelines are the Member States and the Union, the guidelines should be implemented in partnership with all national, regional and local authorities, closely involving parliaments, as well as the social partners and representatives of civil society.

The Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee should monitor how the relevant policies are implemented in light of the employment guidelines. Policy dialogue between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission should be maintained, in particular as regards the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted the report by Miroslavs MITROFANOVS (Greens/EFA, LV) on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the Commission's proposal.

As a reminder, the Commission proposes to maintain for 2019 the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, set out in the Annex to [Decision \(EU\) 2018/1215](#). These guidelines should be taken into account by Member States in their employment policies and reform programmes.

Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

The European Parliament adopted by 454 votes to 125, with 30 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States.

Parliament approved the Commission's proposal.