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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: 3053rd meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS)  
Date: Monday 6 (9.00) and Tuesday 7 (10.00) December 2010

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**MEETING ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2010 (9.00)**

1. Adoption of the agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

2. Approval of the list of "A" items  
17170/10 PTS A 107

## EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/85/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding
- Progress report
  - Policy debate
- 13983/08 SOC 575 SAN 217 CODEC 1285 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)
- 16509/10 SOC 772 SAN 255 CODEC 1296  
+ REV 1 (hu)  
+ COR 1  
+ COR 2 (pl)
- 16510/10 SOC 773 SAN 256 CODEC 1297  
+ COR 1 (hu)
4. Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation
- Progress report
- 11531/08 SOC 411 JAI 368 MI 246 (x)  
16355/10 SOC 760 JAI 964 MI 455  
+ REV 1 (hu)  
+ COR 1 (mt)
5. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012)
- General approach
- 13216/10 SOC 509 SAN 166 CODEC 787  
16511/10 SOC 774 SAN 257 CODEC 1298  
+ REV 1 (hu)  
+ REV 2 (lv)  
+ COR 1

**Non-legislative activities**

**(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure for items 6 to 12)**

6. Approval of the list of "A" items  
17171/10 PTS A 108
  
7. Employment policies in the framework of the Europe 2020 strategy and the European semester
  - Exchange of views on:
    - (a) Commission Communication on the flagship initiative "An agenda for new skills and jobs: A European contribution towards full employment"
      - Presentation by the Commission  
17066/10 SOC 807 EDUC 223 COMPET 403 MI 504 ECOFIN 787  
+ REV 1 (en, fr, de)
  
      - Presentation of Presidency conclusions on the flagship initiatives "Youth on the move" and "New skills and jobs"  
16993/10 SOC 803 ECOFIN 779 EDUC 221
  
    - (b) Employment policy for a competitive low-carbon economy
      - Opinion of the Employment Committee on "The employment dimension of tackling environmental challenges"  
= Approval of the Employment Committee's opinion  
16514/10 SOC 777 ENV 786 ECOFIN 743 EDUC 206  
+ REV 1 (fr)
  
      - Employment policies for a competitive, low-carbon, resource-efficient and green economy  
= Adoption of Council conclusions  
16992/10 SOC 802 ENV 810 ECOFIN 778 EDUC 220  
+ COR 1  
+ REV 1 COR 1 (fr)
  
    - (c) Impact of an ageing workforce and population on employment policies
      - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16506/10 SOC 770 ECOFIN 739  
+ REV 1 (lv)

- (d) European semester
  - (i) Joint Assessment Framework and the Employment Performance Monitor
    - Approval of the joint opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee  
16984/10 SOC 800 ECOFIN 776 EDUC 218
  - (ii) "Light" examination by country on the basis of draft national reform programmes: conclusions on action to take
    - Approval of the opinion of the Employment Committee  
16985/10 SOC 801 ECOFIN 777 EDUC 219

## 8. Equality between women and men

- (a) Supporting the implementation of the European Commission's Strategy for equality between women and men 2010 – 2015
  - Adoption of Council conclusions  
13767/10 SOC 549  
16880/10 SOC 791
    - + REV 1 (hu)
    - + COR 1 (lv)
    - + COR 2 (mt)
- (b) Strengthening the commitment and stepping up action to close the gender pay gap, and review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action
  - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16881/10 SOC 792
    - + ADD 1
    - + COR 1

## 9. Social protection and social inclusion

- (a) Social dimension in the context of the Europe 2020 Strategy
  - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16512/10 SOC 775
- (b) Social impact of the economic crisis and of policy responses: Updated joint assessment by the Social Protection Committee and the European Commission (2010 update)
  - Presentation by the Chairman of the Committee  
16905/10 SOC 793 ECOFIN 786 ADD 1

10. The future of pensions systems
  - Policy debate  
17082/10 SOC 808 ECOFIN 791
  - (a) Second joint report by the Social Protection Committee and the Economic Policy Committee
    - Presentation on pensions  
15886/10 ECOFIN 684 SOC 732 ADD 3  
+ ADD 3 REV 1 (es)
  - (b) Adequate, safe and sustainable pensions for all European citizens
    - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16513/10 SOC 776 ECOFIN 742  
+ REV 1 (lv)
11. The European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion: Working together to fight poverty in 2010 ... and after
  - Adoption of the declaration by the Council  
16435/10 SOC 767  
+ REV 1 (pt)
12. Social services of general interest
  - (a) Second biennial report on social services of general interest
    - Presentation by the Commission
  - (b) A voluntary European Quality Framework for Social Services
    - Presentation of the Social Protection Committee document  
16319/10 SOC 759 COMPET 365 MI 454 CONSOM 105  
+ REV 1 (es)  
+ COR 1 (mt)
  - (c) Social Services of General Interest: at the heart of the European Social Model
    - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16515/10 SOC 778  
+ REV 1 (lv)

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010 (10.00)**

### **HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

13. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers (\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 114 TFEU)
- Political agreement  
16555/10 DENLEG 139 AGRI 485 CODEC 1306  
+ COR 1

#### **Non-legislative activities**

**(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure for items 14 to 18)**

14. Follow-up to Council conclusions on "Lessons to be learned from the A/H1N1 pandemic – Health security in the European Union" as regards the development of a mechanism for joint procurement of vaccines and antiviral medication
- Exchange of views  
16862/10 SAN 271
15. Joint report by the Commission and the Economic Policy Committee on healthcare systems in Europe
- Exchange of views  
16940/10 ECOFIN 768 SAN 274  
+ ADD 1  
17056/10 SAN 276 ECOFIN 785
16. Investing in Europe's health workforce of tomorrow: scope for innovation and collaboration
- Adoption of Council conclusions  
16558/10 SAN 259 SOC 782

17. Innovation and Solidarity in Pharmaceuticals
  - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16586/1/10 MI 467 SAN 263 COMPET 374 RECH 384 ECO 100 ENT 180  
IND 156 REV 1
18. Innovative approaches for chronic diseases in public health and healthcare systems
  - Adoption of Council conclusions  
16559/10 SAN 260

## **Other business**

### Employment and social policy

19. (a) External dimension of employment policies
  - (i) External dimension of EU Employment and Social Policies
    - Presidency conclusions  
16652/10 SOC 783 MED 122 ILO 3 ECOFIN 749
  - (ii) Second Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean – Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Employment and Labour
    - Information from the Presidency  
17042/10 SOC 805 MED 124 ILO 4
  - (iii) Third Conference of ASEM Employment Ministers
    - Information from the Presidency of the Conference
- (b) Legal immigration
  - Information from the Presidency  
16929/10 SOC 796 MIGR 132
    - (i) Proposal for a Council Directive on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State
    - (ii) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment
    - (iii) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer

- (c) Conclusions of the fifth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion: the future of cohesion policy
  - Presentation by the Commission
- (d) Summit for Equality
  - Information from the Presidency about the conclusions of the Summit  
17206/10 SOC 812
- (e) Policy on people with disabilities
  - (i) European Disability Strategy 2010-2020: A Renewed Commitment to a Barrier-Free Europe
    - Information from the Commission  
16489/10 SOC 794 COHOM 252
  - (ii) State of play on implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol
    - Presentation by the Presidency
- (f) 2010 report on citizenship of the Union
  - Presentation by the Commission
- (g) Conferences organised by the Presidency
  - Information from the Presidency  
17207/10 SOC 813

#### Health and consumer affairs

- (h) Interinstitutional files:
  - Information from the Commission  
17324/10 MI 518 SAN 290 ECO 109 ENT 202 CODEC 1432
- (i) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products for human use subject to medical prescription, Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency  
Interinstitutional file: 2008/0255 (COD)
- (ii) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription, Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use  
Interinstitutional file: 2008/0256 (COD)



- (i) European partnership initiative on healthy and active ageing
    - Information from the Commission  
17309/10 SAN 289 SOC 823
  - (j) "Legal Highs"
    - Information from the Polish delegation  
17260/10 SAN 285 SOC 819
  - (k) Information on the conferences organised by the Presidency
    - Information from the Presidency  
17137/10 SAN 279 SOC 809
    - (i) Health security: lessons learned from the A(H1N1) pandemic in 2009 – better management of future health threats (1-2 July 2010)
    - (ii) Investing in the health professionals of tomorrow in Europe: innovation and collaboration (9-10 September 2010)
    - (iii) Innovation and solidarity in the pharmaceutical sector (23-24 September 2010)
    - (iv) Innovative approaches for chronic illnesses in public health and healthcare systems (20 October 2010)
    - (v) Reducing health inequalities from a regional perspective. What works, what doesn't? (8-9 November 2010)
    - (vi) The challenge of dementia in Europe (25-26 November 2010)
    - (vii) Conferences on a Community framework for the environment and health
    - (viii) High-level conference on the assessment of EU nutrition policy (8-9 December 2010)
  - (l) Information on international events organised by the Belgian Presidency
    - Information from the Presidency  
17264/10 SAN 286 SOC 820
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- (m) Work programme of the forthcoming Presidency
    - Information from the Hungarian delegation

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(\*) Item on which a vote may be taken.

(x) Document not available in the meeting room.