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from: The Employment Committee
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I) / Council (EPSCO)
Subject: Implementation of the Youth Guarantee and monitoring framework
- Endorsement of the EMCO's key messages

Delegations will find attached the key messages of the Employment Committee on the Indicator Framework for monitoring the Youth Guarantee, with a view to the Council (EPSCO) session on 11 December 2014.

The Employment Committee's full Indicator Framework for monitoring the Youth Guarantee is found in document 15415/14 ADD1.



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Key messages on the Indicator Framework for Monitoring the Youth Guarantee

The Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee¹ acknowledges the important contribution a thorough and regular monitoring makes for the successful implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. It therefore invites the EU Member States to put in place evidence-based approaches and calls on the Commission to monitor and report regularly on Youth Guarantee schemes, attributing an essential role to EMCO, particularly through its multilateral surveillance. In this context, building upon the work carried out in previous years², an EMCO thematic review on youth and the implementation of the Youth Guarantee took place on 3 December 2014.

On 22 September 2014, the EMCO endorsed the Indicator Framework for Monitoring the Youth Guarantee (*doc. 15415 ADD1*), building on the work of its Indicators' Group.

The EMCO wishes to stress that:

The Framework is an important step forward in the ongoing development of evidence-based Youth Guarantee schemes, underpinned by credible data. It represents a reference instrument for their monitoring within the framework of the European Semester, including for multi-lateral surveillance.

- It is based on macroeconomic, implementation and follow-up levels indicators which, taken together, will aim to provide a holistic view of Youth Guarantee schemes' impact on the labour market situation of young people across Europe.

¹ OJ C, 120/1, of 26.4.2013

² In particular the thematic reviews on 2 December 2013 and 14-15 May 2014.

- The collection of administrative data on the implementation and follow-up levels poses technical and legal challenges. It also requires adequate administrative capacity and financial resources. A strong political commitment is required to overcome existing obstacles and ensure a sound monitoring system, based on the proposed framework.
- A pilot data collection exercise was endorsed by the EMCO Indicators' Group on 16 September and was launched by DG EMPL on 3 October 2014, with the aim to apply in practice the methodology proposed for administrative data collection and to identify obstacles to the provision of necessary data.
- Member States' involvement in the pilot exercise is essential to pave the way to a regular annual data collection, which is due to start in 2015. An evaluation of the pilot will take place early 2015 in the context of the EMCO Indicators' Group, which may lead to some technical revision of the framework.
