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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(**Employment, Social Policy**, Health and Consumer Affairs)¹
16 July 2024

¹ Attended by the respective chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as concerns the items under “non-legislative activities” and “any other business”.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 11975/24 + **COR 1 (es, fi, hr, lt, pt, ro, sk)**.

Non-legislative activities

2. **European Semester 2024: Labour and skills shortages in the EU** 11630/24 + COR 1 *Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on labour and skills shortages in the EU, on the basis of a Presidency steering note as set out in the document above.

a) **Contribution on the employment and social policies aspects of the country-specific recommendations: Recommendations on the economic, social, employment, structural and budgetary policies of each Member State** 11632/1/24 REV 1 *Approval* 11095/24 11720/24

The Council approved the contribution on the employment and social policies aspects of the country specific recommendations on the economic, social, employment, structural and budgetary policies of each Member State, as set out in the country documents listed in document 11720/24.

b) **Assessment of the country-specific recommendations for 2024 and implementation of the country-specific recommendations for 2023: Opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee** 11633/24 *Endorsement* + ADD 1-3

The Council endorsed the Opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee on the assessment of the country-specific recommendations for 2024 and implementation of the country-specific recommendations for 2023 as set out in the document above.

3. Social inclusion of persons with disabilities at the EU and national level: supporting labour market (re)integration
Policy debate

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The Council held a policy debate on the Social inclusion of persons with disabilities at the EU and national level: supporting labour market (re)integration, on the basis of a Presidency steering note as set out in the document above.

Any other business

4. Ensuring rapid pension protection for persons who have exercised their freedom of movement within the EU
Information from Czechia, supported by Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia

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The Council took note of the information provided by Czechia, supported by Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia on Ensuring rapid pension protection for persons who have exercised their freedom of movement within the EU. Croatia, Luxemburg and Portugal expressed orally their support to this initiative.

 Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
