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COUNCIL amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation
between Public Employment Services (PES)
- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

Delegations will find attached the mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament on the Proposal for a Decision amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES), as agreed by the Permanent Representatives' Committee at its meeting on 27 November 2019¹.

¹ Changes to the Commission proposal are **bold underlined**. Deletions are marked **[...]**.

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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between
Public Employment Services (PES)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 149 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions³,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision No 573/2014/EU of the European Parliament and the Council⁴ establishes the European Network of Public Employment Services ('the Network') from 17 June 2014 until 31 December 2020.

² OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].

³ OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].

⁴ [Decision No 573/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services \(PES\) \(OJ L 159, 28.5.2014, p. 32\).](#)

- (2) The Network aims at reinforcing Public Employment Services (PES) capacity, effectiveness and efficiency through providing a platform for comparing their performance at European level, identifying good practices and establishing a mutual learning system. It also aims at giving the PES more opportunities to help develop innovative, evidence-based policies in line with relevant Union policy initiatives.
- (3) The Network has been key in encouraging further cooperation between the Member States within the areas of PES responsibility as well as contributing to the modernisation and strengthening of the PES. An evaluation of the state of implementation of Decision No 573/2014/EU⁵ shows that the Network has had a positive impact and identifies lessons learned on the basis of the different activities and experiences.
- (4) In order to capitalise on the results achieved so far and further foster cooperation between PES, the period of establishment of the Network should be prolonged until 31 December 2027.
- (5) The continuation of the Network should support the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which includes the provision of active support to employment among its principles. It should also contribute to sustainable development goal 8 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by contributing to inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.
- (6) The Network should continue to organise cooperation and contacts with other labour market stakeholders to promote synergies between them, including in particular cooperation with Union Agencies in the area of employment, social policy, education and training, to ensure a consistent policy framework.
- (7) Union financial support for the Network should be made available in accordance with the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027.

⁵ Commission Staff Working Document SWD(2019)1350

- (8) Decision No 573/2014/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) In order to ensure a seamless continuation of the activities of the Network, this Decision should apply from 1 January 2021.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision No 573/2014/EU is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 1, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

"A Union-wide network of Public Employment Services (PES) ('the Network') is hereby established for the period until 31 December 2027."

- (2) In Article 3, introductory wording is replaced by the following:

"The aim of this Decision is to encourage cooperation between Member States through the Network in the field of employment, within the areas of PES responsibility, in order to contribute to the implementation of the Union's employment policies. This will also help implementing **the principles in** the European Pillar of Social Rights and **pursue the achievement of** the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, thereby supporting:"

- (3) In Article 4, point (c) of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"(c) contribute to modernising and strengthening PES in key areas**[...] identified in** the Union's employment policies, **having in mind** the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals, **as well as challenges related to digitalisation, changing world of work, prevention of unemployment and employability of jobseekers;**"

- (3)(a) In Article 4, point (g) of paragraph 1 is proposed to be amended as following:**

"(g) promote and share best practices on the identification of NEETs and on the development of initiatives to ensure those young people gain the skills necessary to enter and remain in the labour market **and on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market.**"

- (4) Article 5 is replaced by the following:

"Cooperation

The Network shall develop cooperation with relevant labour market stakeholders including other providers of employment services, and where appropriate, EU Agencies in the area of employment, social policy and education and training, social partners, organisations representing unemployed persons or vulnerable groups, NGOs working in the field of employment, and regional and local authorities, by involving them in relevant activities and meetings of the Network and by exchanging information and data with them."

- (4)(a) In Article 6, paragraph 5 is proposed to be amended as following:**

"5. The Board shall be assisted by a Secretariat provided by and based within the Commission. The Secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs, shall prepare the Board meetings, the annual work programme and the annual report of the Network. The Secretariat shall closely cooperate with the EMCO Secretariat, **coordinate initiatives and step up cooperation between the Network and EMCO.**"

- (5) Article 7 is replaced by the following:

"Financial support

The global resources for the implementation of this Decision shall be made available in accordance with the next Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 as appropriate, the annual appropriations of which shall be authorised by the European Parliament and by the Council within the limits of the financial framework."

- (6) in Article 9, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"The delegation of power referred to in Article 8 shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2027.

(7) Article 10 is replaced by the following:

"Review

By September 2026, the Commission shall submit an evaluation on the application of this Decision to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions."

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2021.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament

For the Council

The President

The President
