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On 6 December, Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO) is gathering under the Presidency of Sotiroula Charalambous, Minister for Labour and Social Insurance of Cyprus. The Council will discuss a proposed directive intended to improve implementation and enforcement of the 1996 directive on posting of workers for service provision. The Council will take note of a progress report on the proposal to maintain the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, set up in 2006 for the budgetary period 2007-2013, for the period 2014-2020, whilst extending its scope and introducing a number of other changes. The presidency will brief the Council on the state of play in the negotiations with the European Parliament on the EU programme for social change and innovation, which is part of the draft legislative package framing cohesion policy for 2014-2020. The Council is due to adopt conclusions on combating violence against women and a declaration marking the end of the European year for active ageing and solidarity between generations (2012). The Council will hold an exchange of views on economic governance in the field of employment and social policy within the framework of the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy. Ministers' discussions will be based on a presentation by the Commission of its Annual Growth Survey 2013, including the Joint Employment report, and of the Alert Mechanism report. In this context, the Council will be called upon to endorse the December 2012 update of the Employment Performance Monitor.

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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	SOUNDBITE (in English) Sotiroula Charalambous, Minister for Labour and Social Insurance of Cyprus and President-in-office of the Council: The first will be on orientation debate on the enforcement directive for posting of workers. The Cyprus Presidency had this issue very high on our agenda. The orientation debate will help that Council and of course the Commission, to see the further steps in adapting this directive. The second issue will be the issue of economic governance considering mainly the employment and the social aspects of this. We will hear from my colleagues their first reactions on the annual growth survey and on jointed employment report. Then we will submit for adoption by the Council a declaration on 2012, the year for active ageing and intergenerational solidarity and we will submit also Council's conclusion on the very important issue of violence against women.	00:01:15
00:01:20	László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	00:00:07

00:01:27	Isabel Martinez Lozano, Spanish Secretary of State for Social Policy	00:00:06
00:01:33	Rudolf Hundstorfer, Austrian Federal minister for social affairs and Consumer protection	00:00:09
00:01:42	Zoltán Balog, Hungarian Minister in charge of Social Inclusion	00:00:14
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