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ITEM 2. Legislative proposal by COM: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhanced cooperation between PES and PES network preparatory measures

COM presented the main elements of the legislative proposal. The current Heads of PES network would be formalised and provided with a mandate to:

1. Develop and implement European wide benchmarking systems among employment services and establish a related mutual learning vehicle
2. Provide mutual assistance, either in the form of peer-to-peer or group activities, through cooperation, exchanges of information, experience and staff between its members including support for the implementation of PES-related country-specific recommendations issued by the Council.
3. Adopt and implement a concept for modernisation and strengthening of PES in key areas.
4. Prepare reports in the employment field, at the request of either the Council, or the Commission or on its own initiative.
5. Contribute to the implementation of policy initiatives in the employment field

The legislative process will start under the LT EU Presidency; both co-legislators Council and Parliament have to agree to the proposal.

In the discussion several heads of PES expressed concerns about a growing need of resources and the expected results, although they support a stronger cooperation of the members of the network. Conflicts between national and EU-indicators should be avoided.

PES network decided to set up a working group that will elaborate a benchmarking methodology including a systematic link to the mutual learning programme and the definition of learning tools. The mandate of the PES WG benchmarking/mutual learning activities was adopted as proposed.

The proposal of the working group will be brought to the attention of the Heads of PES. DE/UK were appointed as chair/co-chair of the working group, NL, AT, BE VDAB, FR, DK, EE, ES and Hungary will become members.

A PES working group "Transition old to new network" was set up; it will until the PES Assistants meeting in October 2013 elaborate a proposal on the 'Rules of Procedure' of the new PES network. SE, AT, PL, HU and BE Le Forem will be represented in this group.

ITEM 3: Extraordinary meeting of Heads of PES in Berlin –Preparation of PES contribution to Round Table on fostering youth employment

The PES network decided to contribute to the "Round Table on fostering youth employment" in Berlin on 3 July 2013 with two papers. A more political cover message of one page and as an annex a detailed Heads of PES concept for the delivery of the Youth Guarantee elaborated by DE, SE, AT and FR. An abstract of this concept will be added. Both papers were adopted in the meeting.

ITEM 6. PES Working Group Europe 2020

The chair of Working Group reported on the progress. A PES self-assessment tool has been developed that allows each PES to assess where it stands with regard to the implementation of the PES Europe 2020 strategy that has been adopted in 2012. It was recommended to discuss the answers given to the self-assessment in a seminar together with the concerned PES staff.

It was decided that all PES complete the self-assessment tool and send it back to the Commission no later than 1 October 2013.

The answers will then be analysed and discussed in the working group; they remain confidential within the PES network. The purpose of the self-assessment tool will be to jointly identify strong and weak points with regard to the implementation of the PES Europe 2020 strategy. The results will then be used to draft a concept for the modernisation and strengthening of PES in key areas that will be used for defining the priorities of the future PES network work programmes.

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The forthcoming LT EU Presidency informed that the next Heads of PES meeting will take place on 9-10 December 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania.
