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Delegations will find annexed the Work Programme of the Ad Hoc Group of the Employment Committee for 2010.

The Employment Committee



EMCO Ad Hoc Group work programme 2010

Main EMCO activities and priorities for 2010

Employment Committee will execute its advisory role to EPSCO through the preparation of opinions – as foreseen by the Council decision establishing the Committee – and discussions papers. The agenda of EMCO will be articulated with the work of the EPSCO Council and be primarily in line with the Council Presidencies and the COM work programmes.

It has been proposed that in 2010 EMCO focuses its activities around the following themes:

- The Lisbon Strategy 2009/10 and the European Employment Strategy within EU 2020
- Recovery measures and exit strategies
- New skills for new jobs (NSNJ)
- Employment and climate change
- Make transitions pay
- Quality of work
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Where relevant, the Ad-Hoc Group will prepare inputs for EMCO on these issues.

The Ad Hoc Group preparatory role

The Ad Hoc Group will continue to provide analytical work to underpin EMCO policy debates. In 2009 it was arranged through:

- Analytical work¹ – building up knowledge and fact-based argumentation and providing analytical grounds for further policy debates (to be fed with input from the Commission services and EMCO Support Team, external experts, as well as existing experience collected from Member States);
- Thematic reviews² – collecting information from Members through questionnaires (max 1-2 pages); presentations of national experiences if identified by the Group as best practice; based on the replies and the discussions, the Ad Hoc Group will transmit its conclusions to EMCO in autumn 2010 (to be included in the 2010 Cambridge Review);
- Drafting sessions³ – preparation of discussion papers /opinions based on a specific EMCO mandate.

Five Ad Hoc Group meetings have been envisaged for the 2010 (one 2-day meeting in June). The agendas of these meetings will be drafted depending on the outcome of previous discussions and on any specific mandates decided by EMCO during the year. The information on likely allocation of topics between 2010 meetings, the nature of discussion and expected inputs for it is presented in the timetable below.

It is also foreseen that a joint Ad Hoc / Indicators Group task force will be constituted to take forward the work carried out by the Ad Hoc Group to date in respect of the employment dimension of tackling climate change.

¹ See: *The employment dimension of tackling climate change – overview of the state-of-play in Member States by the Ad Hoc Group* (EMCO/40/091009/EN).

² See: contribution to Employment Summit: *Overview on Member States' systems of temporary unemployment/reduced working time* (EMCO/15/260309/EN), or *Ad Hoc Group report on the 2009 thematic review [part 1. 'skills upgrading and skills matching']* - contribution to 2009 Cambridge Review of the National Reforms Programmes (ADHOC/08/040309/EN)

³ See: analytical paper on bringing more people into the labour market (ADHOC/18/2010109/EN).

2010 Ad Hoc Group provisional agenda

13 January	
themes	inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NSNJ (analytical work) ➤ EU 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / analytical input from the Commission / presentations: external expert, MS / follow up to the consultation paper
8 February [p.m. TF on climate]	
themes	inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NSNJ (analytical work) ➤ 2010 thematic review on 'policies to support youth' (contribution to 2010 Cambridge Review) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / Contribution to the Presidency Conference on NSNJ [<i>to be transmitted to EMCO on 17/18 February</i>] / analytical input from the Commission / country fiches / statistical background by Indicators Group
6 May	
Themes	inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NSNJ (drafting) ➤ 2010 thematic review ➤ employment and crisis (discussion paper /opinion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / discussion on EMCO opinion on NSNJ [<i>to be transmitted to EMCO on 19 May</i>] / (draft) report based on thematic review hold earlier that year / analytical input from the Commission /presentations: external expert, MS
17/18 June	
themes	inputs
<p><i>1st day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ employment and crisis (discussion paper /opinion) ➤ migration (analytical work) <p><i>2nd day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2010 thematic review on 'quality of work' (contribution to 2010 Cambridge Review) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / (draft) EMCO paper for informal EPSCO in July [<i>to be transmitted to EMCO on 30 June</i>] (tbc) / analytical input from the Commission /presentations: external expert, MS / analytical input from the Commission / country fiches / statistical background by Indicators Group

30 September [<i>p.m. TF on climate</i>]	
themes	inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2010 thematic review ➤ green economy and employment – exchange of practices (analytical work) ➤ make transitions pay (drafting) 	<p>/ (draft) reports based on 2 thematic reviews hold earlier that year [<i>to be transmitted to EMCO on 5/6 October</i>]</p> <p>/ analytical input from the Commission</p> <p>/presentations: external expert, MS</p> <p>/ discussion on EMCO opinion on make transitions pay [<i>to be transmitted to EMCO on 5/6 October</i>]</p>
27 October [<i>joint meeting with Indicators Group</i>]	
themes	inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ green economy and employment 	<p>/ (draft) report by the Task Force</p>
