

Dear Madam President,

Pursuant to Rule 127.2 of the Rules of Procedure, I herewith submit the final document adopted at the sitting of 7 August 2014 of the Committee on Public and Private Sector Employment of Italy's Chamber of Deputies in response to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Network of Employment Services, Workers' Access to Mobility Services and the Further Integration of Labour Markets (COM (2014)6 final). Please also find attached the opinion on the same issued by the Committee on European Policies at its meeting of 31 July 2014.

Yours faithfully,

(Cesare Damiano)

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President of the Chamber of Deputies

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Network of Employment Services, Workers' Access to Mobility Services and the Further Integration of Labour Markets (COM (2014)6 final)

APPROVED FINAL DOCUMENT

The Committee on Public and Private Sector Employment Committee of Italy's Chamber of Deputies,

having examined, pursuant to Rule 127.1 of the Rules of Procedure, a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European network of employment services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets (COM (2014)6 final);

concurring on the need to improve the access of workers within the European Union to mobility services by, first of all, reforming the European network of employment services (EURES);

convinced of the necessity of further progress towards the realisation of an integrated single market through the promotion of more equitable labour mobility that would help balance the labour markets of Member States, provide jobs and foster economic growth pursuant to the employment objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy for Inclusive Growth;

having evaluated the Government's report prepared in accordance with article 6.4 of Law 234 of 24 December 2012 and submitted to Parliament on 19 February 2014, in which it is observed that the proposal generally conforms to the national interest and that some of its aspects are already in force in our country;

noting that in respect of the provisions set out in Article 23 of the proposed regulation referring to access both to details about the social security rights of workers intending to move within the territory of the European Union and to information about labour laws, the foregoing Report mentions that Italy's Ministry of Labour and Social Policy has already prepared a guide that is available on the website of the European Commission;

further considering that in its Planning Paper for 2014, the Italian Government already addresses the issue of labour mobility, calls for measures to favour the effective use of national and European instruments for the validation and certification of skills, looks forward to the improved preparation, implementation and follow-up of activities to facilitate mobility, and propounds the wider dissemination and use of these measures, greater inclusion of the disadvantaged and the extension of labour mobility also to include non-English-speaking countries;

taking cognisance of the Government's undertaking to continue with the process of adopting the proposal for a regulation during the Italian Presidency of the European Union;

considering the contents of a government bill that delegates legislative powers both for the reform of social welfare, labour services and active employment policies, and for the reorganisation of labour relations, maternity support and the reconciliation of the life-work balance, and noting that the bill in question is now under examination by the other House of Parliament (Bill No. 1428);

noting, in particular, that article 2 of the said Bill delegates to the Government ample powers regarding labour services and active pro-employment policies, and that it envisages, among other things, the establishment of a National Employment Agency controlled by Central Government, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, which shall have administrative tasks in the field of employment services;

taking cognisance also of the knowledge acquired in the course of the fact-finding work conducted as part of the process of examining the proposal, of other relevant findings discovered in the course of the analogous examination activities of the Labour Committee of the Italian Senate and of the points raised by those who were invited to contribute to hearings held by the same Senate Committee;

bearing in mind the results of the fact-finding investigation into ways of dealing with the employment emergency, with particular regard to youth unemployment, conducted by the Chamber's Employment Committee and the points made in the final document of the investigation approved on 16 October 2013;

considering the opinion issued on 31 July 2014 by the Committee on EU Policies, which, along with this final document, shall be sent to the European institutions as part of the political dialogue,

is favourable to the proposal, and calls on the Government:

to commit itself, in its capacity as holder of the EU Presidency, to the rapid completion of the process of approval of the proposal, bearing in mind that the full operability of the EURES network is complementary to the realisation of the Italian Government's "Youth Guarantee" programme;

to consider the possibility of preparing a White Paper on employment services in the European Union, also with a view to encouraging Member States to carry out desirable reforms in this area;

to stress the necessity of identifying sound criteria to ensure public and certified employment services coordinate effectively with industries and businesses operating locally so as to capitalise on workers' skills and match labour demand with supply;

to expedite the creation of an appropriate, open and transparent classification of skills, competences, qualifications and occupations in keeping with the provisions of article 16 of the proposed regulation;

to promote the exchange of good practices between Member States, especially in the field of innovation, also with a view to fostering the development of industrial sectors locally;

to support the effective coordination of all policies directly or indirectly favouring the achievement of the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy;

to consider the implications of the reform of the European network of employment services as propounded in the proposal under examination within the framework of a general reorganisation to rationalise the sector and increase the effectiveness of intermediation activities for matching supply and demand;

to ensure that the resources allocated to public employment services are adequate to cover the activities connected with the national-level implementation of the reform of the EURES network;

to identify measures to ensure consistency of quality in national employment services by verifying that the competent authorities are uniformly delivering essential levels of performance throughout the entire national territory;

to take into account the findings that will emerge from parliamentary consideration of the government bill, now under debate in the Senate (Bill No. 1428), which grants powers of legislation regarding the reform of social welfare, labour services, active employment policies, the reorganisation of labour relations, maternity support and the reconciliation of the life-work balance;

to see to it that the upgrading of the information and technology systems resulting from the reform of the EURES network is made without duplications and overlaps in the relevant systems, structures and databases;

to identify instruments to raise awareness among workers of the services offered by the EURES network;

and, with specific reference to the text of the proposal for a regulation:

- to express its strong support for the specification of article 2(c) of the proposal that, for the purposes of the EURES network, defines a "job vacancy" as referring to any offer of employment, including apprenticeships and traineeships considered as work training, since apprenticeships are fundamental tools for the transition from education to the labour market;

- to specify with greater clarity the role and composition of the EURES Coordination Group and Committee referred to respectively in articles 11 and 34 of the proposal to avoid overlaps and duplication;

- to clarify, including by means of an amendment to article 14.1 of the proposal, the principle of reciprocity in the exchange of information regarding labour supply and demand so that it may be spelled out quite clearly that Member States can acquire information from the EURES network.