



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion concerning the Commission 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 the labour market {COM(2014) 6 final}.*

*The Commission has taken note of the observations of the Senato della Repubblica regarding the activities which would need to be carried out in order for the proposal to achieve its full effect. The Commission shares the Senato della Repubblica's observations about measures to be taken at national level.*

*For measures at EU level, the Commission agrees that it is important to develop an appropriate framework for apprenticeships and traineeships, in close cooperation between the current actors within the EURES network, potential new actors in the world of work and education providers. The Commission intends to launch a pilot project this year to test the framework before fully incorporating this new element into the EURES network's mandate, bearing in mind different national practices and that EURES has not managed this element before.*

*In reply to the Senato della Repubblica's question relating to Article 16 of the proposal, it should be noted that the aim of this provision is to put in place a common vocabulary which achieves semantic interoperability of specific terms used in national job vacancies and CVs, relating to qualifications, occupations, skills and competences. This multilingual vocabulary would facilitate cross-border matching within the EU without requiring full translations of job vacancies and CVs shared across borders. Member States would have to make available a document showing how the occupations and qualifications identified in their national classification systems relate to those identified in the common classification. This would in turn create interoperability among the different classification systems in place in the Member States through the overarching European one.*

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*The Commission would like to reassure the Senato della Repubblica that it would ensure that appropriate contacts take place between the levels of coordination described in Articles 11 and 34 and that it is fully committed to offering the necessary cross-cutting activities and tools to help the Member States provide services through the EURES network.*

*The current portal is a focal point for information and support available to the entire network and to individual job seekers and employers interested in mobility in the EU. Its functions are being expanded, with more support for mobility events and activities, such as online job days.*

*The European Parliament and the Council have adopted the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') which should ensure funding for the period 2014-2020 for the horizontal support needed by the network in line with Article 6(1)(a) of the proposal, i.e. information and communication activities, a common training programme for EURES staff and the facilitation of networking and mutual learning, in addition to the portal.*

*The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission, which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council at which your government is represented.*

*The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised by the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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Member of the Commission*