

## NEWSLETTER – February II, 2022

### INTRODUCTORY WORDS



Dear reader,

The next EMPL Committee meetings will take place on 7 and 10 February.

On 7 February, the Committee will consider the amendments tabled to the draft report on 'European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2022' and will vote on the draft opinion regarding the mobilisation of the EGF to Cataluña automotive.

On 10 February, the EMPL Committee will hold a joint meeting with the ENVI Committee during which Members from both Committees will consider the draft report on 'Establishing a Social Climate Fund'.

**Dragoş Pîslaru**  
Chair

### MEETING DATE AND VENUE

Monday, 7 February 2022, 13.45 – 15.00  
Brussels (remote)  
Room: József Antall (4Q2)

Thursday, 10 February 2022, 14.30 – 15.45  
Brussels (remote)  
Room: Paul-Henri Spaal (3C050)

### MEETING AGENDA

#### Report

- European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2022
- Establishing a Social Climate Fund

#### Opinions

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2021/006 ES/Cataluña Automotive - Spain (vote)

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### VOTES

The EMPL Committee will hold remote votes on 1st of February 2022 on the following files (*see [meeting documents](#)*):

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund – EGF/202x/00x ES/Cataluña automotive - Spain  
Rapporteur: [Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová](#) (Renew)

### CONSIDERATION

#### **European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2022**

##### *Consideration of amendments*

EMPL Members will consider the amendments tabled to the draft report on 'European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2022'. The draft report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination contains concrete statements of central importance for a viable, resilient and sustainable European economy. It highlights that Europe and its markets have undergone a process of development at various levels and this process should continue. In addition, it rejects the World Economic Forum's initiative, the 'Great Reset', to reshape the global economy and society in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rapporteur: [Helmut Geuking](#) (EPP)

#### **Establishing a Social Climate Fund**

##### *Consideration of draft report*

EMPL and ENVI Members will consider the draft report on 'Establishing a Social Climate Fund'. In the draft report on the Commission's proposal for a Social Climate Fund, the Rapporteurs propose to introduce a definition of energy and transport poverty, and to better target, monitor and measure the Fund. The draft report also stresses that support from the Fund must respect the principle of 'do not significant harm' and attaches great importance to the visibility of Union's Funds to final beneficiaries.

Rapporteurs: [David Casa](#) and [Esther de Lange](#) (EMPL and ENVI, EPP)

### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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