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CEEP Activity Report 2019

In the margins of the statutory meetings last week, CEEP has released its Activity report for 2019 which you can consult [online here](#).

SOCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD

CEEP at the European Commission hearing on the Pillar of Social Rights

On 8 June 2020, Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People, and Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, organised a hearing with the EU Social Partners on the upcoming Action Plan on the EU Pillar of Social Rights. CEEP delegation at this hearing included members from SALAR, BICA, VKA, USH, EFEE and HOSPEEM. During the meeting, Valeria Ronzitti, CEEP General Secretary, recalled that the Pillar of Social Rights should not be about new EU legislation, but more about fostering national ownership and implementation of its principles via the European Semester, as well as the need to fully translate in full the principles on access to services in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and for policy coherence with the future national recovery plans to be drafted by Member States in the context of the new Recovery and Resilience Facility.

The CEEP Social Affairs Board will discuss the outcome of this hearing and will exchange on the future contributions of CEEP to the implementation of the Pillar of social rights.

Meeting with Commission VP Schinas and Commissioner Schmit on the Skills Agenda

On Thursday 11 June, CEEP and the EU cross-industry social partners exchanged views with Margiris Schinas, European Commission Vice-President for Promoting the European Way of Life, and Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, on the upcoming Skills Agenda. Scheduled to be

presented on 8 July, this package will be instrumental in the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which has put education, training and life-long learning as its first principle.

Valeria Ronzitti, CEEP General Secretary, and Daniel Wisniewski, EFEE General Secretary, represented CEEP, putting the focus on the role of the skills agenda and the VET reform in implementing the priorities of the European Commission, such as the EU Green Deal, fostering digitalisation, promoting democracy, an economy that works for people, social dialogue and calling for smart investment for the education sector.

SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

CEEP response to the New Renovation Wave roadmap consultation

On 8 June, CEEP Energy Task Force finalised and submitted [its response to the consultation “A Renovation Wave initiative for public and private buildings”](#). As part of the EU Green Deal, the Commission announced its intention to present its initiative on the renovation wave by the end of 2020. The intention is to boost investments and new financing strategies for the building sector to increase the energy efficiency in buildings in Europe.

CEEP sees it as an important message to keep the climate and energy policies at the centre of the recovery plan. When achieving the climate goals to reach carbon-neutrality by 2050 and rebuild the economy after the shock of the corona crisis, the building and housing sector must play a greater role. The initiative seems therefore like a great opportunity to make the case for countercyclical investment in the context of a dawning recession across Europe.

CEEP highlighted the following dimensions, which are all intertwined call for a comprehensive approach to renovation:

- Fairness: Improving the renovation efforts for social and public housing
- Sustainability: Promote recycling and circular economy schemes
- Decarbonization: Include sustainable heating/cooling technologies and decentralised renewable energy production
- Finance: Support diverse means of finance schemes and add multiple implementing partners

The European Commission has also now published its [public consultation on the Renovation Wave](#) until 9 July, to which the Energy Task Force will also reply to.

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

European Commission launches its public consultation on the "New Competition Tool"

The [consultation on the "new competition tool"](#) has recently been launched by the European Commission. The initiative is one of the measures aimed at making sure that competition policy and rules are fit for the modern economy. It addresses gaps in the current EU rules identified by the Commission's enforcement experience of competition in digital and other markets as well as the worldwide reflection process about the need for changes to the current competition law to allow for enforcement action preserving the competitiveness of markets.

The deadline for feedback for the roadmap is 30 June 2020 and 8 September 2020 for the consultation. Regarding the roadmap, we invite you to give feedback by **18 June**. For the consultation we would be glad to receive initial feedback by **3 July**. Please send your questions and feedback to katinka.kraus@ceep.eu.

PROJECTS & EVENTS

EU Social and Economic Partners Coordination Meeting on Economic migration

On 11 June, CEEP attended, together with the EU economic and social partners, an online coordination meeting to set up a strategic approach to cooperation with the European Commission on economic migration. Following the last meeting on the [renewal of the Partnership for Integration](#), EU economic and social partners are exchanging to set up a parallel track to the established and ongoing cooperation on refugee integration. The goal is to set up a working group on economic migration to improve structurally the EU policy intervention in the field of economic migration, focusing on the EU added value to support an improved access to third country economic migrants across EU Member States, whilst respecting national prerogatives.

LABOUR INT 2: mapping of ICT tools for refugees and TCNs' labour market integration

The [Expert Group on Skills and Migration](#), coordinated in cooperation with the International and European Forum on Migration Research (FIERI), an independent research institute on migration, mobility and integration, is currently preparing a mapping of ICT tools for refugees and Third Country Nationals' labour market integration. This questionnaire, whose preparation was co-financed by the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), can be completed [online](#). The deadline to answer is Monday 15 June 2020.

Should you have any questions or if you wish to receive any information regarding CEEP activities in the field of migration, do not hesitate to contact CEEP Project Manager, [Carlotta Astori](#).

NT4EU workshop “How ICT skills can improve migrants and refugees’ labour integration – Changing lives through coding”

On 10 June 2020, CEEP attended the first EU-level virtual workshop organised in the frame of the [DIESIS NT4EU project](#), to explore the training schemes that have been implemented by the project partners. The workshop was the opportunity to get first-hand stories of both trainers and participants, and gave possibility to exchange with institutional actors about the added-value that such ICT skills can have in migrant and refugee’s labour integration, the EU policy and programme framework and what tools are the EU institutions developing to promote this.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Next Meetings:

- 16 June: Social Affairs Board (13:30-17:00, online meeting)
- 25 June: Social Protection Task Force (10:00-12:00, online meeting)
- 25 June: Water Task Force (10:00-13:00, online meeting)
- 25 June: Environment Task Force (14:00-17:00, online meeting)