

EDITORIAL, by Valeria Ronzitti

Dear reader,

On Wednesday 27 November, in its plenary sitting, the European Parliament expressed its support to the College of Commissioners presided over by Ursula von der Leyen, as well as to the political priorities identified. With 461 votes of support (which is 39 votes more than Jean-Claude Juncker in 2014), the von der Leyen Commission is now set for the new European Commission to start its activities on 1 December..



Building up on the outcomes of the Juncker Commission, the priorities identified by President von der Leyen in her Political Guidelines will support the EU to face the triple transition: decarbonised, global and digital. It is now time to effectively deliver on those promises and ensure that the EU remain a beacon for peace, prosperity and sustainability. This new EU institutional cycle should support bold ambitions for Europe, whilst ensuring the proper articulation between the EU, national, regional and local levels. [Read more.](#)

Final Conference for CEEP Project “Social Services in the EU Cross-Industry Social Dialogue”

Last Thursday 21 November 2019 CEEP held the final dissemination conference for its project **“Social services in European cross-industry social dialogue: towards a strong and deeper involvement”**. Co-funded by the European Commission, this CEEP project was co-organised with the following national social services’ organisations from across Europe: UDES – French association of social enterprises, UNISOC – Belgian national employer organisation for non-profit organisations, and ALAL – Lithuanian association of local authorities. It aimed at providing a better understanding of how social dialogue is organised in social services, focusing on the situation in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta and Romania. [Read more.](#)



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CEEP and the priorities of the European Labour Authority for 2020

Following its official inauguration and launch on 16 October 2019, the European Labour Authority has started its activities. The European Labour Authority management board will meet on 3 December 2020. It is planned for the group to adopt the work programme 2020 and further define the key activities that should be implemented for 2020. [Read more.](#)



Family picture of the official inauguration of the European Labour Authority, with, amongst others, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and the EU Social Partners.

Trilogues on the Drinking Water Directive: State of play and CEEP key messages

In light of the past inter-institutional negotiations, CEEP has continued its efforts in promoting the messages of providers of public services and services of general interest (SGIs) on the recast of the Drinking Water Directive (DWD). [Read more.](#)

European local and regional leaders discuss their role in the EU's institutional setting

At the 9th Subsidiarity Conference that took place in Rome on 22 November, members of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) exchanged views on the role of local and regional level in EU decision- and policy-making. CEEP endorses a stronger voice for local and regional authorities within and towards the EU institutions in line with the subsidiarity principle, but also with the importance of carrying out public services missions in a way reflecting local needs and specificities, as provided for by Protocol 26 TFEU. [Read more.](#)

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