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For Approval – European partnership/alliance for integration, offering opportunities for refugees to integrate into the European labour market

Correspondence sent to Chair, Vice-Chairs, members of CEEP’s Social Affairs Board (28/7/2017):

I am glad to hereby send you the text for a European partnership for integration, offering opportunities for refugees to integrate into the European labour market [here](#). This text is the result of a long standing work of the economic and social partners (CEEP, ETUC, BusinessEurope, UEAPME and Eurochambres) with the European Commission, namely Commissioner Avramopoulos, Commissioner Thyssen and the services of DG home in particular.

The text aims at stating our mutual commitment to the integration of migrant and refugees into the labour market

It is very much inspired by the joint statement of the economic and social partners of March 2016 [here](#) but has the added value that the Commission if we find an agreement on the text would sign it, taking therefore a clear institutional commitment on the issue.

As you all know CEEP is very much engaged into the process of integrating migrants and refugees into the labour market particularly through its political involvement in Brussels but also at the National level with important members such as SALAR in the labour INT project

Therefore please see this text as a continuation of this engagement and we count on your endorsement.

We need to give our feedback to the European Commission by the 8 of September should we not receive comments by then we will consider the text approved.

Kind regards,

On behalf of Valeria Ronzitti,

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CEEP News – July 2017

EDITORIAL, by Valeria Ronzitti

Dear reader,

On 28 June, CEEP held the third edition of the Public Services Summit, which featured the participation of, among others, Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Vice-President for Social Dialogue and the Euro, Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament and Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director of the European Fund for Strategic Investment. The following day, the General Assembly approved our key messages to feed the reflection on the Future of Europe.

This newsletter will primarily be focused on this contribution, which is a package composed by 5 CEEP opinions:

- CEEP Opinion to the Commission White Paper;
- CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on Future of Social Europe;
- CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on Future of EMU;
- CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on Globalisation;
- CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on Future of EU Finances.

Read more... [here](#)

CEEP Opinion on the European Commission White Paper on the Future of Europe CEEP believes that the Future of the EU should rely on a combination of 3 of the scenarios brought up by the European Commission: “Carrying on”, “Doing less more efficiently” and “Doing much more together”, depending on the policy field addressed.

SGIs have a key role to play in the endeavour to improve the performance of public administrations and enterprises, so as to equip them to better cope with the consequences of the economic and financial crises and the challenges of the changing socio-economic models. To ensure proper SGIs and to safeguard EU competitiveness in the future, we call to:

1. Bring the Acquis Communautaire for Services of General Interest to life: Acquis+;
2. Put SGIs at the heart of sustainable growth;
3. Foster social and territorial cohesion;
4. Support SGIs providers in innovation;
5. Unleash investments.

You can read more on our position [here](#)

CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on the Social Dimension of Europe CEEP recalls in this opinion that its members are committed to supporting upward social and economic convergence between Member States and regions.

It is critical today to identify which of the paths ahead is the most realistic and achievable to realise this ambition, while recalling that a unique model for every country does not exist and that only Member States can anticipate the implications of policy initiatives at national, regional and local level. Read more on our position [here](#)

CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on the Future of the EMU On the Future of the EMU, CEEP assesses that the reflection paper on the future of the EMU should help start considering the Euro zone as a whole and not just as the sum of its individual components. CEEP always considered public investment in key physical and social infrastructures as the main lever to foster growth for the benefit of citizens and enterprises in Europe. CEEP calls for greater involvement of social partners in the design and monitoring of reforms, whilst ensuring that sufficient support is provided for capacity-building activities for social partners engaged in reform programmes. The preparation of the new EU multiannual financial framework, with a stronger support to reforms via a self-standing structural reform support programme and greater links to euro area are clearly identified by CEEP as the main priorities. Read more on our position [here](#)

CEEP Opinion on the Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances in this paper, CEEP agrees with the European Commission assessment that at a time when Europe must decide on its future, the EU needs a budget that is fit for purpose and makes every euro work for its citizens. Reaching this goal is calling for, among others, a strong and effective post-2020 cohesion policy, and increased flexibility to react to unforeseen developments, a better link between the cohesion policy and the European Semester to encourage and to better support structural reforms and a reduction of the administrative burden for beneficiaries of EU funds. Read more on our position [here](#)

The EU in a Globalised World: CEEP welcomes in its opinion the European Commission's reflection paper on Harnessing Globalisation and gives its support to a sustainable and innovative EU strategy to shape globalisation, set standards and preserve the diversified European ways of living. Read more on our position [here](#)

CEEP Reaction to the Roadmap on the Revision of the EU SME Definition Following the European Commission's Inception Impact Assessment on a possible revision of the EU SME Definition, CEEP very much welcomes that, for the first time since 2003 when the current Definition was published, the European Commission considers moving towards an update of the existing rules. Public services providers throughout the EU share the point of view that there is the clear need to review and adjust it. Read more [here](#)

Continued CEEP input to the ongoing legislative process on Clean Energy Package As the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union continue to discuss their position on the Commission's Clean Energy for all Europeans Package, CEEP pursues to provide active input to the institutions' work on the different legislative files related to it.

They represent the biggest review of the EU's energy and climate legislation within the past two decades and thus have a major impact on the way public services are provided throughout all sectors, from energy to transport, water, waste management and housing. Read more [here](#)

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Social Europe e-newsletter : 1 August 2017

Latest Social Europe e-newsletter attached: [Social Europe e-newsletter – 1 August 2017](#)

Eversheds Sutherland : E-briefings, Updates and Conferences

See below links to information received from our partners **Eversheds Sutherland:**

[Health and Safety Summer School 2017 – St Catherine's College, Oxford](#)

[UK HR e-briefing – Regular voluntary overtime must be factored into statutory holiday pay and appeal tribunal rules](#)

[Conducting an employee investigation \(1 day course\)](#)