



EU POLICY MONITORING

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-Directorate-General: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion @EU_Social

- **News:** European Commission 2020 Work Programme: An ambitious roadmap for a Union that strives for more
The European Commission adopted its 2020 [work programme](#), which sets out the actions the Commission will take in 2020 to turn the [political guidelines](#) of President von der Leyen into reality.
- **Event:** Preparatory action for a child guarantee – conference closing the first phase
On the 17th of February 2020 there will be a conference held in Brussels in which the European Commission will present and discuss with stakeholders the findings of the Feasibility Study for a Child Guarantee. Please find the agenda of the event [here](#).
- **News:** Delivering the Social Pillar in cities
A project by one of the 12 partnerships under the Urban Agenda, a group of cities, produced an [analysis](#) of 12 practices from cities on challenges and possible solutions regarding the implementation of the Pillar and a [guide](#) on how to deliver the Pillar at the local level.
- **News:** January 2020 developments in child and family policy in EU member states
The European Commission's Platform for Investing in Children published a round-up of latest developments in child and family policy in EU Member States in January 2020.

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-Committee: Employment and Social Affairs

- EMPL Committee meeting: Committee on Employment and Social Affairs 22/01/2020
On the 22nd of January 2020 the members of the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs met to discuss, among others, the following topics:
 - Priorities of the Croatian EU Council Presidency in employment and social affairs (exchange of views with Josip Aladrović, Croatian Minister of Labour and Pension System, and Vesna Bedeković, Croatian Minister of Demographics, Family, Youth and Social Policy).
 - European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)
 - European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2020
 - EU disability strategy post 2020You can watch the meeting by following these two links: [Meeting 1/2](#), [Meeting 2/2](#)

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- [News: The priorities of Croatia's EU presidency command our support](#)
The European Economic and Social Committee has expressed its agreement with the priorities of the new Croatian presidency of the Council of the EU and has said they strongly resonate with the Committee's own agenda to promote a robust and prosperous Europe based on common values and that the ESSC is willing to support Croatia in its first EU Council presidency.
- [News: Commission presents first reflections on building a strong social Europe for just transitions](#)
On the 14th of January 2020 the European Commission will present a Communication on building a strong social Europe for just transitions. It will set out how social policy will help deliver on the challenges and opportunities of today, proposing action at EU level for the months to come, and seeking feedback on further action at all levels in the area of employment and social rights.

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- [News: Local and regional governments as employers](#)
The European Semester needs to be democratised through a bottom-up approach actively involving social partners of the local and regional government sector. That's the conclusion of CEMR and EPSU's two-year joint project on "Localising the European Semester", detailed in their [declaration](#) to the EU institutions and national governments.