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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 20th session held on 23rd April 2014

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European network of Employment Services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets /Senate Press no. N 115/09/

The Senate

I.

2. Is aware

of high and in many cases long-term unemployment prevailing in a number of the EU Member States;

3. Recalls

that under Article 3 of the Treaty on the European Union, the Union shall work for the sustainable development of Europe based, among other things, on a highly competitive social market economy, aiming at full employment;

4. Supports, therefore,

initiatives of the European Union that encourage cooperation between the Member States in the area of increasing employment and improving the functioning of labour markets;

II.

1. Notes

that a necessary condition for the functioning of the EU single market is proper and consistent application of all four fundamental freedoms, namely the free movement of goods, services, capital and labour;

2. Is nevertheless of the opinion

that the labour markets in the EU Member States are not sufficiently interlinked, which may be demonstrated by the fact that although many EU Member States report workforce shortages in some sectors, other countries suffer from a high unemployment rate, without a significant increase in the cross-border labour mobility;

3. Supports, therefore,

the strengthening of the European network of Employment Services (EURES) which will consists in automated matching of job offers with candidate profiles, and the expected effect would be, inter alia, an increase in the cross-border labour mobility;

4. Adds

that the EURES network may contribute to a reduction in unemployment only if it becomes a well-known and widely used tool for all job seekers, potential employers and Public Employment Services, and therefore recommends increasing resources for raising awareness of its services;

5. Remarks

that while the current EU unemployment can be regarded as mostly cyclical, it is further compounded by the inadequate structure of skills and qualifications, both supplied and demanded; moreover, it points out that at the moment certain qualifications acquired in different Member States are not fully comparable, and hence not automatically recognized in the other Member States;

6. Recommends,

therefore, focusing efforts also on the modernisation of education systems and on raising efficiency of the schemes for recognition of European professional qualifications, using for instance the Internal Market Information system (IMI);

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with further information on the proceeding of negotiations;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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