

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

10 MARCH 2006

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council**
 - a) **Key Messages based on b) to g)**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Adoption*
 - b) **"The 2006 Annual Progress Report"**
 - c) **Joint Employment Report**
 - d) **Commission Communication concerning Demographic change – endorsement of Social Protection Committee's opinion**
 - e) **Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion**
 - *Adoption*
 - f) **Social Protection Committee's Opinion on Commission's proposals for a streamlined framework for the OMC for Social Protection and Social Inclusion**
 - *Endorsement*
 - g) **Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on equality between women and men, 2006**
2. **Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit**
 - *Exchange of views*
3. **Work Programme of the Employment Committee 2006**
 - *Information*
4. **Work Programme of the Social Protection Committee for 2006**
 - *Information*
5. **Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time**

Interinstitutional File: 2004/0209 (COD)

 - *Political agreement*

6. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS**
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0158 (COD)
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 7. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights**
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0214 (COD)
 - *Policy debate*
 8. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (Miscellaneous amendments 2005)**
 - *General approach*
 9. **Commission communication on its "Roadmap" for Gender Equality**
 - *Presentation/Exchange of views*
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1-2 JUNE 2006

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Employment package**
 - a) **Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States**
 - *Adoption*
 - b) **(poss.) Commission Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the implementation of Member States' employment policies**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Directive amending and simplifying procedures in existing health and safety Directives**
 - *General approach/Political agreement*
3. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights**

Interinstitutional File: 2005/0214 (COD)

 - *(poss.) General approach/Political agreement*
4. **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development Social Inclusion**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/04 on the co-ordination of social security schemes**
 - *(poss.) Partial general approach/Progress report*
6. **Proposal for a Regulation amending (EC) No 883/04 on the co-ordination of social security systems and establishing Annex XI**
 - *Progress report/General approach*
7. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (Miscellaneous amendments 2005)**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Social Protection Committee's Opinion on Commission communication on social services of general interest**
 - *Endorsement*

9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality**
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0017 (COD)
 - *Political agreement*
10. **Beijing Platform for Action – annual follow-up**
 - *Council conclusions*

PUBLIC HEALTH

11. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme of Community action in the field of Public Health and Consumer Protection (2007-2013)**
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0042 (COD)
 - *Progress report/Political agreement*
12. **Women's health**
 - *Council conclusions*
13. **Prevention of Adult-onset Diabetes / Promotion of healthy diets and physical activity**
 - *Council conclusions*
14. **(poss.) Commission communication on Injury prevention and safety promotion (Action for a Safer Europe)**
(poss.) Proposal for a Recommendation of the Council on Injury prevention and safety promotion
 - *Progress Report/Exchange of views*
15. **(poss.) Commission communication on Improving Patient Safety by prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections**
(poss.) Proposal for a Recommendation of the Council on Improving Patient Safety by prevention and control of health-associated infections
 - *Progress report/Exchange of views*
16. **Commission communication on the EU Alcohol strategy**
 - *Exchange of views*
17. **Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament on combating HIV/AIDS within the European Union and in the neighbouring countries, 2006-2009**
 - *Exchange of views*
18. **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development**
 - *Policy debate*

PHARMACEUTICALS

19. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on advanced therapy medicinal products and amending Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004**
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0227 (COD)
– *Progress report/General approach*
20. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42 EEC and Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the review of the medical device directives**
– *Progress report/General approach*

FOOD SAFETY

21. **4 Proposals for Regulations on food additives, flavours, enzymes and for a horizontal regulation on procedural matters**
– *Progress report*
22. **AOB (Health Part)**
- a) **Pandemic influenza**
– *Information from the Commission and the Presidency*
 - b) **Mental Health**
– *Information from the Commission*
 - c) **Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**
– *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
 - d) **Health and Safety at Work Strategy (2007-2012)**
– *Information from the Commission*
 - e) **Council Public Health Working Party on Senior level**
– *Progress report from the Presidency*
 - f) **Commission High Level Group on health services and medical care**
– *Information from the Commission*
 - g) **E-Health Conference in Malaga**
– *Information*
 - h) **Post G-10 Strategy**
– *Progress Report by the Commission*

- i) Conference on Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP)**
 - *Information from the Presidency*

 - j) Beijing Platform for Action – Annual follow-up**
 - *Information from the Presidency*
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