



Position Paper

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Proposal on a European network of Employment Services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets – EURES

EURES is an important tool to promote labour mobility within the EU and to achieve a fully integrated European Union labour market in the future. The Chamber network has repeatedly acknowledged the role of EURES as a motor to provide fair labour mobility and therefore to fight youth unemployment and labour market imbalances. To increase labour mobility, public employment services should make better use of EURES. EUROCHAMBRES sees the Proposal 2014/0002 COD as a significant step to clarify the role of the EURES stakeholders and to achieve a better functioning of the network.

GENERAL REMARKS

- EURES can only be effective if all member states upload their job offers. We therefore support a compulsory participation of all member states according to Article 14.
- We particularly appreciate the central role accorded to mobility partnerships within the proposal.
- To guarantee the success of the EURES reform, the administrative burden in connection with EURES must be kept to a minimum.
- We welcome the collection and analysis of data on labour shortage and surplus on national labour markets and within certain sectors, as well as knowledge transfer between member states. This should lead to the development of mobility measures (Article 26).
- To have a real added value for EURES users, the CVs and job offers must be available in national languages. Therefore we welcome the inclusion of automated matching through ESCO in EURES..
- Article 8 does not clarify how EURES partners will be reimbursed for their activities within the network. In order to avoid unfair competition, we suggest establishing the same participation and reimbursement rules for all EURES partners.
- Article 31: We suggest that the jobseekers have to agree explicitly to the publication of their CV on the platform in order to ensure the effective control of every citizen over his or her personal data. Employers should also have the right to decide whether to disseminate job offers through EURES or not.

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