

Constitutive Meeting - 23 July 2024

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Dear colleagues, Dear readers,

I am delighted to have been elected today as new chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

Europe is going through many simultaneous developments and changes, especially through the green and digital transitions, which continue to have big impacts on workers, the labour market and social areas of the European Union. EMPL must continue playing a crucial role in shaping policies that ensure that we respond to the needs and worries of the Europeans and ensure a level playing field for citizens and businesses.

More than ever, the EU needs to invest in the social dimension of the European project and we need to fully harness the potential of skills, labour market and social policies to support creating a competitive, sustainable and inclusive economy, with a strong social agenda.

Economies are only as strong as their citizens are, and that is why we need a fair labour market, the right tools for reskilling and upskilling in addition to effective social policies, to create resilient economies that ensure equality, competitiveness and productivity.

During the past legislature, the EMPL Committee played a crucial role in shaping the European Union Social Agenda, reframing the Social convergence Framework within the European Semester process, emphasizing the importance of strengthening social investments and fostering greater equality across Member States.

Looking ahead, EMPL needs to ensure that the European Social Pillar finds its way into all relevant policy domains in order to create a strong Social Europe. This will lead to sustainable economic growth and social progress, where no one is left behind regardless of their social status, health, or origin.

As first imminent tasks, the Committee will look at legislative and other files continued from the 9th legislature, like the proposal for a directive on quality traineeships, and the proposal for a Regulation establishing an EU Talent Pool which aims at attracting talent from outside the EU. EP and Council are also expected to resume inter-institutional negotiations on the Commission proposal on Statistics on population and housing. At the same time, the Committee will start working immediately on its contribution for next year's EU budget.

I look forward to the tasks and challenges ahead.

With best regards,

Li Andersson,

Newly elected Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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During its constitutive meeting, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs has elected part of its bureau, for a two-and-a-half year mandate:

Chair: [Li Andersson](#) (The Left, FI)

First Vice-Chair: [Johan Danielsson](#) (S&D, SV)

Second Vice-Chair: [Jagna Marczułajtis-Walczak](#) (EPP, PL)

Third Vice-Chair: [Katrin Langensiepen](#) (Greens/AFE, DE)

The election of the fourth Vice-Chair was postponed to the next EMPL meeting on 4 September.

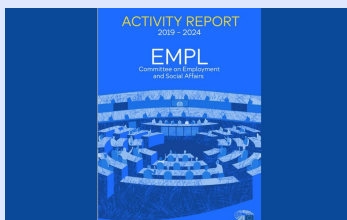
The EMPL Committee is composed of [60 full members and 60 substitute members](#).



Next EMPL meeting 4 September 2024 - 14.30 - 18.30

The next EMPL meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 September 2024, 14.30 - 18.30, in Brussels.

EMPL activity report 2019 - 2024



The EMPL report 2019 - 2024 provides a comprehensive overview of the legislative priorities and actions undertaken by EMPL on EU employment and social affairs during the 9th legislature 2019 - 2024.

Link to [Activity Report](#)

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