



Social dimension of Europe – overview of initiatives since the start of the Juncker Commission

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<u>Mainstreaming of social priorities and indicators in the European Semester of Economic Policy Coordination</u>	November 2014	Embedded in the annual cycle of the European Semester
Legislation to boost the Youth Guarantee by raising the prefinancing of the Youth Employment Initiative	4 February 2015	Adopted by European Parliament and Council on 19 May 2015
Launch of a <u>New Start for Social Dialogue</u>	5 March 2015 – EU-level conference ‘A New Start for Social Dialogue’	June 2016: Joint Statement signed by the European Commission, the Dutch Presidency and Social Partners, confirming their shared commitment to social dialogue
<u>Social impact assessment of the new Stability Support Programme for Greece</u>	20 August 2015	Published on 20 August 2015
<u>Announcement on the establishment of a European Pillar of Social Rights</u>	15 September 2015	Announced by President Juncker in his 2015 State of the Union address, followed by a <u>public consultation that ran from March to December 2016</u>
<u>Recommendation on integrating the long-term unemployed in the labour market</u>	17 September 2015	Adopted by the Council on 17 February 2016
Legislation on <u>making products and services more accessible for people with disabilities</u>	2 December 2015	Both European Parliament and Council reached an agreement on a compromise text. Trilogues will start soon.
Legislation to <u>revise the rules on the posting of workers</u>	8 March 2016	Both European Parliament and Council reached agreement on a compromise text. Trilogues are ongoing.
Legislation on <u>improving working conditions in the fishing sector, implementing an agreement of EU social partners</u>	29 April 2016	Adopted by Council on 19 December 2016

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Legislation on the protection of workers from exposure to cancer-causing chemicals at work (batch 1)	13 May 2016	Adopted by European Parliament and Council on 11 July 2017
Launch of European platform to enhance the cooperation in tackling undeclared work	27 May 2016	Initially proposed by Commission on 9 April 2014, adopted by European Parliament and Council on 9 March 2016
Recommendation on “Upskilling Pathways”: New Opportunities for Adults (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	10 June 2016	Adopted by Council on 19 December 2016
Recommendation to revise the European Qualifications Framework (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	10 June 2016	Adopted by Council on 22 May 2017
Initiative to support the modernisation of vocational education and training (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	10 June 2016	5 December 2016 – First European Vocational Skills Week Next European Vocational Skills Week: 20 – 24 November 2017
Entry into force of the Enforcement Directive, facilitating the enforcement of the rules on posting of workers by national authorities	18 June 2016	Initially proposed by Commission on 21 March 2012, adopted by European Parliament and Council on 13 May 2014
Legislation to make skills and qualifications more visible through a revision of Europass (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	4 October 2016	Currently discussed in European Parliament and Council
Launch of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	1 December 2016	Operational on 1 December 2017
Launch of the European Solidarity Corps (first phase)	7 December 2016	Operational on 7 December 2016, first placement in March 2017
ErasmusPro: Promoting long-term placements abroad for vocational education and training learners	7 December 2016	First placements in 2018
Legislation to modernise the rules on the coordination of social security systems	13 December 2016	Currently discussed in European Parliament and Council
New strategy to improve health and safety at work	10 January 2017	Currently under discussion in Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Legislation on the protection of workers from exposure to cancer-causing chemicals at work (batch 2)	10 January 2017	Currently discussed in European Parliament and Council
Launch of a Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills, a network between business, trade unions, education and public authorities, to deliver sector-specific solutions to skills needs in an era of technological change	26 January 2017	Six pilot sectors launched in January 2017 (automotive; defence; maritime technology; space – geo information; textile, clothing, leather and footwear; and tourism). Six additional sectors were announced in October 2017

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Presentation of the European Pillar of Social Rights	26 April 2017	Jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017
Presentation of the Social Scoreboard to monitor Member States' progress on social indicators	26 April 2017	Operational on 26 April 2017, embedded in the European Semester since November 2017
Legislation to improve the work-life balance of working parents and carers	26 April 2017	Currently discussed in European Parliament and Council
Revision of the Written Statement Directive to ensure fair and predictable employment contracts	26 April 2017	Launch of the 2 nd stage of the social partner consultation on 21 September 2017. Proposal expected on 20 December 2017
Access to social protection for workers in non-standard forms of employment	26 April 2017	Proposal expected in first half of 2018 as part of the 2018 Commission Work Programme
Guidance on the implementation of the Working Time Directive	26 April 2017	Applicable since 26 April 2017
Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe by 2025	26 April 2017	Ongoing
Legislative proposal to foresee the European Solidarity Corps with a dedicated budget (second phase)	30 May 2017	Adopted by Council in November 2017, currently under discussion in the European Parliament
Recommendation on higher education and vocational graduate tracking	30 May 2017	Currently discussed in Council
Launch of the EU Skills Profile Tool for non-EU nationals (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	20 June 2017	Operational on 20 June 2017
Legislation to improve the working conditions of seafarers on board of EU-flagged vessels, implementing a social partners agreement	27 July 2017	Political agreement found in the Council on 7 December 2017
Proposal for a European Labour Authority	13 September 2017	Announced by President Juncker in his 2017 State of the Union address . Proposal expected in first half of 2018 as part of the 2018 Commission Work Programme
Setting up a Quality Framework for Apprenticeships (under the New Skills Agenda for Europe)	5 October 2017	Currently discussed in Council
Proposal for a European Social Security Number	TBC	Proposal currently being prepared, expected in first half of 2018 as part of the 2018 Commission Work Programme