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- 9.29. Taisnières (FR) — Oltingue (CH) gas pipeline
 - 9.30. Gas pipeline from Denmark to Poland, possibly via Sweden
 - 9.31. Nybro (DK) — Dragør (DK) gas pipeline, including connecting pipeline to the storage at Stenlille (DK)
 - 9.32. Gas network from the Barents Sea resources to the European Union, via Sweden and Finland
 - 9.33. Gas pipeline from the Corrib field (IE), offshore
 - 9.34. Gas pipeline from Algerian resources to Italy, via Sardinia with a branch to Corsica *and via Tunisia*
 - 9.35. Gas network from resources in the Middle East to the European Union
 - 9.36. Gas pipeline from Norway to the United Kingdom
 - 9.37. Pécs (HU) — Croatia connection
 - 9.38. Szeged (HU) — Oradea (RO) connection
 - 9.39. Vecsés (HU) — Slovakia connection
 - 9.40. Beregdaróc (HU) — Ukraine capacity increase
10. Actions improving the functioning of the interconnected gas networks within the internal market
(No specifications defined yet)
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Guidelines for the Member States' employment policies *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (COM(2006)0032 — C6-0047/2006 — 2006/0010 (CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2006)0032) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 128(2) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0047/2006),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A6-0086/2006),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 1

Recital 1a (new)

(1a) Following the new challenges set by enlargement of the EU in May 2004, the employment guidelines laid down for the period 2005-2008 have taken on particular importance and new implications for the employment of young and older people, workers' health, combating work-related accidents at European level, the integration of vulnerable social groups, combating social exclusion, outlawing illegal working, improving the quality and the stability of jobs and the establishment of equal rights and opportunities for men and women, which should be evaluated with indicators per guideline to measure progress in gender equality.

Amendment 2

Recital 1b (new)

(1b) The Employment Guidelines cannot be implemented without the effective implementation of Community legislation by individual Member States, in particular that relating to anti-discrimination policy under Article 13 of the Treaty, and health and safety legislation. The Commission must improve its monitoring and enforcement procedure.

Amendment 3

Recital 1c (new)

(1c) Successful labour market integration requires an even greater variety of support measures which create channels for inclusion and combat discrimination.

Amendment 4

Recital 1d (new)

(1d) According to the conclusions of the Spring European Council held on 22 and 23 March 2005, the objectives of full employment, job quality, labour productivity and social cohesion must be reflected in clear and measurable priorities: attracting and retaining more people in the labour market on the basis of the principles of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women and the modernisation of social protection systems; reducing administrative costs, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises; improving the adaptability of workers and businesses and increasing the flexibility of working hours and labour markets; increasing investment in human capital by improving training and skills.

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Amendment 5

Recital 1e (new)

(1e) Further progress must be made in removing barriers and restrictions to people's freedom to move from one Member State to another (Guideline 21), particularly in the context of workers' mobility, including researchers and other professionals (Guideline 23) with a view to achieving a Europe without borders within the internal market and in order to put an end to the inconsistencies in this area generated by Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents (*), which grants this right without restriction to third-country nationals who have been resident in the European Union for more than five years.

(*) OJ L 16, 23.1.2004, p. 44.

Amendment 6

Recital 1f (new)

(1f) As the employment guidelines cannot be followed without adequate funding the Member States should take these objectives into account when adopting the Financial Perspective 2007–2013.

Amendment 7

Recital 2

(2) The Employment Guidelines and the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines should be fully reviewed only every three years, while in the intermediate years until 2008 their updating should remain strictly limited.

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Amendment 8

Recital 3

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENTAmendment 9
Recital 4a (new)

(4a) In order to promote economic growth and employment and boost competitiveness, Member States should announce their research, innovation and research development spending targets, as well as the measures they propose to take in respect of investment for the benefit of small and medium-sized enterprises and of micro-financing for women's and family-run businesses which use innovative forms of technology.

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Competition policy 2004

European Parliament resolution on the Commission report on competition policy 2004 (2005/2209 (INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission report on Competition Policy 2004 (SEC(2005)0805) (the 2004 Competition Report),
- having regard to the Presidency conclusions of the Lisbon European Council of 23 and 24 March 2000, the Göteborg European Council of 15 and 16 June 2001, the Laeken European Council of 14 and 15 December 2001, the Barcelona European Council of 15 and 16 March 2002, and the Brussels European Councils of 20 and 21 March 2003, 25 and 26 March 2004, and 22 and 23 March 2005,
- having regard to the report of November 2004 entitled 'Facing the challenge — The Lisbon strategy for growth and employment', by the High Level Group chaired by Mr Wim Kok,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty ⁽¹⁾ and Commission Regulation (EC) No 773/2004 of 7 April 2004 relating to the conduct of proceedings by the Commission pursuant to Articles 81 and 82 of the EC Treaty ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 of 21 April 2004 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty ⁽⁴⁾, Commission Regulation (EC) No 363/2004 of 25 February 2004 amending Regulation (EC) No 68/2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to training aid ⁽⁵⁾ and Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2004 of 25 February 2004 amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 as regards the extension of its scope to include aid for research and development ⁽⁶⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 140, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 63, 28.2.2004, p. 20.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 63, 28.2.2004, p. 22.