

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
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Subject: Invitation as introductory speaker at the meeting organised by the EMPL Committee in framework of the European Parliamentary Week 2017

Dear Ms Bastos,

As you know, from 30 January to 1 February, the European Parliament will host the sixth edition of the European Parliamentary Week (EPW), bringing together parliamentarians from all over the European Union to discuss economic, budgetary and social matters. The purpose of this event is to enhance the democratic dimension of the EU decision-making process and to strengthen cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament.

On this occasion the EP Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) is organising an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on Tuesday 31 January, from 9.30 to 13.00, which will focus on the following topics (please see draft programme enclosed):

Session 1: The mobility of workers and the importance of labour migration

Session 2: European Pillar of Social Rights - next steps after the consultation

I am pleased to invite you to take part in the second session of this meeting as an introductory speaker and to share your views and experience on this issue with EMPL Members and parliamentarians from the Member States. For this topic, speakers are invited to consider the following questions so as to guide the discussion:

- What EU action is required with regard to equal opportunities and access to the labour market?
- What EU action is required with regard to fair working conditions?
- What EU action is required with regard to adequate and sustainable social protection?

I am certain that our cooperation will contribute to strengthening the democratic dimension of the EU by ensuring more transparency and efficiency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Händel', written in a cursive style.

Thomas HÄNDEL
EMPL Chair