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Commission Launches Job Mobility Action Plan

On 10 December 2007, the European Commission presented a new action plan to promote job mobility. The plan aims to tackle the remaining obstacles faced by people seeking to work in another EU country. It puts forward a new integrated approach and lists 15 concrete actions for the period 2007-2010. Until today, worker mobility in the EU remains relatively low – around 2% of working age citizens from one of the 27 EU member states currently live and work in another member state. The action plan covers four main areas:

• Improving existing legislation and administrative practices on social security coordination and on the portability of supplementary pensions

• Ensure policy support from authorities at all levels, for example by supporting the implementation of the European Qualifications Framework

• Reinforce EURES (European Employment Services)

• Increase awareness of the possibilities and advantages of job mobility among the wider public, by organising European job fairs and supporting pilot projects.(HH)

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