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Subject: European Hospitality Skills Passport (EHSP)

Dear Ms Machado,

EURES has promoted and facilitated the EU principle of free movement of workers for more than 25 years. Through the European Job Mobility Portal, we support the process of job matching in the Union and ensure comprehensive information regarding the living and working conditions from the EURES countries.

Following recent legislative developments, we concentrate our efforts on transferring the tasks of EURES to the newly established European Labour Authority, which will further contribute to ensuring fair labour mobility across the Union. Our current efforts aim to deliver user-friendly experience on the portal and more visibility for EURES in general. Hence, we are optimizing the EURES portal's functions, to facilitate the job matching process and encourage more users to join EURES.

In this context, we have decided to streamline the functionalities of the Skills Passport (SKIPPA) in EURES, following closely the provisions of the EURES Regulation (EU) 2016/589 where the European classification for skills/competences, qualifications and occupations (ESCO) is mentioned.

We welcome that you have developed the European Hospitality Skills Passport (EHSP) that we promoted together on the Portal and which could be further promoted among your partner organizations for ensuring that the benefits of the tool are fully explored. On the Portal we are implementing solutions that avoid duplication of functions and maintain the basic tasks as defined in the EURES Regulation in order to transfer a fully functional lean Portal to the European Labour Authority.

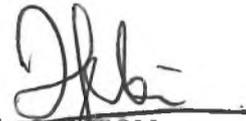
In this sense, we have observed that ESCO has already incorporated to a large extent the relevant EHSP source of information, thus we consider the terminology of the EURES sectoral skills passport in hospitality and tourism is consistent with the terminology in ESCO. Furthermore, the Hospitality and Tourism sectors are going to be treated equally -

the same way than any other sectors via ESCO. We will therefore discontinue the stand-alone service provision of the EHSP on the EURES Portal by the end of October 2020.

The proposed action of streamlining the functionalities of the EURES portal has no impact for the main beneficiaries (jobseekers, employers, case handlers) and social partners, since SKIPA was used when developing the taxonomy structure for ESCO.

We thank you for your continuous cooperation!

Yours faithfully,



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