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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTE SHOWS SUPPORT TO FLEXICURITY

Reacting to the report on common principles of flexicurity, adopted today in the European Parliament, BUSINESSEUROPE appreciates the call to promote the development of comprehensive flexicurity strategies based on the policy components identified by the Commission and agrees that social partners have a key role to play in the design and implementation of flexicurity strategies at national level.

Acknowledging that flexibility and security should be mutually reinforcing, MEPs rightly stress that flexicurity strategies should facilitate recruitment and allow rapid responses to changing economic circumstances. According to a Eurobarometer survey, 76% of European citizens recognise that a job for life with the same employer is a thing of the past while 72% believe that work contracts should become more flexible in order to encourage job creation.

BUSINESSEUROPE President Ernest-Antoine Seillière said: *“In their joint labour market analysis, European social partners agreed that flexicurity is the right step forward to modernise European labour markets. The European Parliament’s report now adds to the growing consensus that flexicurity is key to allow companies and workers to seize new opportunities and enhance their adaptability.”*

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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