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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 6 October 2016, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs

Room SDM S5 (in camera), Strasbourg

RESULTS

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The meeting started at 10:07 hrs and closed at 11:06 hrs. In the Chair: Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair

Present

Acting Chair	Ms Marita Ulvskog
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari GUE/NGL Co-Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in the following languages: FR, DE, EN, IT

1.2 **Debriefing on the meeting of the EMPL Working Group on Monitoring the implementation of labour market and social reforms in Greece under the Memorandum of Understanding of 29 September 2016 (JuB/MM)**

The EMPL Monitoring Group on reforms in Greece held its third meeting on 29 September 2016 in the presence of Ms Theano Fotiou, Alternate Minister for Social Solidarity, and Ms Effie Achtsioglou, Head of Cabinet of Georgios Katrougalos, Minister for Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity.

Decision

The Coordinators decided to invite the Chair of the Expert Group for the Review of the Greek Labour Market Institutions, Professor Jan von Ours,¹ Erasmus University Rotterdam, to a future EMPL Committee meeting for an exchange of views in late November/early December. The reimbursement of his travel expenses (from the Committee's annual expert quota for hearings) shall be requested.

1.3 **Follow-up to REGI-ECON joint structured dialogue on the application of sanctions to PT and ES [MM]**

The papers for the meeting included:

- a letter from Mr Händel to President Schulz of 4 October 2016.
- a draft letter from Mr Händel to President Schulz
- a letter from Mr Gualtieri and Ms Mihaylova of 5 October

Decision:

The Coordinators instructed the Chair to write again to President Schulz to request that EMPL be associated to the evaluation process at the same footing as ECON and REGI.

1.4 **Possibly, feedback from meetings of the CCC with the College of Commissioners on 3-4 October 2016**

The papers for the meeting included

- an overview of the programme of discussions.

¹ http://www.iza.org/en/webcontent/personnel/photos/index_html?key=263

Jan van Ours (1954) is professor of Applied Economics at the Department of Applied Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam. From 2011-2014 he was President of the European Association of Labour Economists.

The Acting Chair informed the Coordinators of the EMPL participation in this annual exchange of views with the Commission.

Decision

The Coordinators agreed that in the future if neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chairs were to be able to represent the committee in important institutional meetings, the Coordinators should be asked to replace the Chair in accordance with the d'Hondt system.

2. Pending conflicts of competence

2.1 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the AFCO report on the implementation of the EU Fundamental Rights Charter (RS)

The EMPL position - to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibilities - was communicated in writing by letter of 23 June 2016, from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair. LIBE and PETI requested Rule 55, EMPL requested Rule 55 by letter signed on 4 October 2016.

2.2 New Skills Agenda (EC)

CULT coordinators decided to request the application of Rule 55 to the EMPL INI on the New Skills Agenda. On 29 September, the coordinators mandated Chair to negotiate with CULT on the basis of Rule 54.

2.3 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the IMCO report on the European Agenda for the collaborative economy (RS)

The EMPL position - to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibilities - was communicated in writing by letter of 30 June 2016, from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair, negotiations are ongoing. Agreement (Rule 53+) signed on 4 October by the IMCO and EMPL Chairs.

Decision

The Coordinators instructed the Chair to withdraw his agreement to the Rule 53+ agreement and to insist on exercising the EMPL powers in accordance with Rule 54.

2.4 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the LIBE report on the Blue Card Directive (BM)

The EMPL position - to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibilities - was communicated in writing by letter of 7 September 2016, from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair, LIBE offered a limited Rule 54 arrangement, EMPL requested Rule 55 on 3 October 2016.

2.5 Request by EMPL to split the MFF/Financial Regulation Omnibus, or, failing this to be granted Rule 54 (MA)

Following the coordinators' decision of 29 September, the letter was sent on 3 October. AGRI also requested to have the proposal split and the PECH Chair made a similar announcement in the CCC.

2.6 BUDG request for Rule 54 on EMPL Implementation report "The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States" (PR)

The papers for the meeting included a letter from BUDG requesting Rule 54.

Update: On 29 September 2016, the Coordinators instructed the Chair to oppose the announced BUDG request for Rule 54, letter rebutting the BUDG request under preparation.

3. EMPL points' system

The papers for the meeting included

- a description of the points' system
- two comparative tables with (a) the current situation and (b) the hypothetical situation in the event of an allocation of a fresh round of points

Decision

The Coordinators

- **decided to proceed *first* with the allocation of reports as shown under item 4**
- **returned to item 3 *thereafter* and**
- **decided to allocate a fresh round of points (2 per Member) to the political groups while preserving the points which had remained in possession of the various groups.**

4. Allocation of reports and opinions

For information: own-initiative reports for which authorisation was requested (no more than 6 at any given time):

The following ordinary INI reports are currently progressing:

Rapporteur/Title	Date of the Coordinators Decision	Letter asking for authorisation to CCC	Date of the CCC decision	Date of the CoP decision	Indicative date of the vote in EMPL
Thomas Händel - Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)	25.06.2015	01.07.2015	07.07.2015	03.09.2015	8.11.2016 postponed
Maria João Rodrigues - A European Pillar of Social Rights (MK)	14.04.2016 24.04.2016 (title change)	26.04.2016 02.05.2016	10.05.2016	02.06.2016	5.12.2016 or 8.12.2016 2016
Neoklis SYLKIOTIS -Working conditions and precarious employment (JuB)	09.06.2016	14.06.2016	5.7.2016	8.9.2016	22.3.2017
Rapporteur TBC on 06.10. - A new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness (EC)	21.6.2016	5.7.2016	4.10.2016 (TBC)		
Rapporteur TBC on 06.10. - Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)	1.9.2016	15.09.2016			
Rapporteur TBC on 06.10. - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (MA)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016			

The following **implementation** reports are currently in progress:

Rapporteur/Title	Date of the Coordinators Decision	Letter asking for authorisation to CCC	Date of the CCC decision	Date of the CoP decision	Indicative date of the vote in EMPL
Rapporteur TBC on 06.10. - The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States (PR)	13 July 2016	26-9-2016	4.10.2016 tbc		

Rapports d'application adoptés en Commission EMPL				
	Rapporteur	Titre du rapport	Date d'adoption	Dossier
1	Edurard Kukan	European Year of Active Ageing	9 septembre 2015	{1}
2	Sven Schulze	Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility - 2013	15 décembre 2015	{2}
3	Renate Weber	Implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive	21 juin 2016	{3}
4	Maria Arena	Report on the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC	16 mars 2016 (plénière 12 mai 2016)	{4}
5	Helga Stevens	Implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	30 mai 2016 (plénière 7 juillet 2016)	{5}
6	Marian Harkin	Implementation report on the activities, impact and added value of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund between 2007 and 2014	21 juin 2016, plénière 7 juillet 2016	{6}

{1} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2255\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2255(INI)&l=en)

{2} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2042\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2042(INI)&l=en)

{3} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2116\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2116(INI)&l=en)

{4} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2097\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2097(INI)&l=en)

{5} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258(INI)&l=en)

{6} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258(INI)&l=en)

Decisions on new own-initiative reports

Candidate list for own-initiative reports - updated table:

Order	Date	INI Title as agreed by Coordinators	Notes	AD	Proposed by
0		Non-legislative aspects of Labour Mobility package, incl. labour mobility in cross-border regions	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015 On 1.9.2016, the item was postponed , pending further clarification as to the contents of the Commission proposal(s)".following a shift in focus (social security) of the announced Commission proposal.		Consensus
		Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015 Request to CCC to be made: 1.9.2016		merged S&D ALDE Consensus on 1.9.2016
		Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015 Covered by INI on Social pillar etc, Coordinators' decision of 14.4.2016 Reinstated, Coordinators' decision of 26.4.2016 Request to CCC to be made: 1.9.2016		EFDD Consensus on 1.9.2016
1		Delivering sustainable long-term employment through re-shoring	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ECR
2		The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ALDE
3		The campaign of the International Labour Organisation to ratify the Protocol on Forced Labour and to contemporary forms of severe labour exploitation	Coordinators' decision of 1.9.2016		Chair

1. **A new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness (EC)**

EMPL/8/06884

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

2. **Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)**

EMPL/8/07679

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

3. **Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (MA)**

EMPL/8/07680

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EFDD Group.

4. **Implementation report “The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States” (PR)**

EMPL/8/07681

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

5. **Establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples (EC)**

EMPL/8/07616

***I 2016/0264(COD) COM(2016)0551 – C8-0345/2016

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions: BUDG – Decision: no opinion

ECON – Decision: no opinion

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the Greens/EFA Group.

6. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2017 (MM)

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions:

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

Opinions

7. EMPL opinion on AFCO report on “The implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework“ (RS)

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

8. Amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2018-2020 (EC)

EMPL/8/07769

***I 2016/0265(COD) COM(2016)0557 – C8-0367/2016

Responsible: ECON

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

9. The implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments (RS)

EMPL/8/07124

2016/2149(INI)

Responsible: AFCO – Paulo Rangel (PPE)

Decision: No opinion.

10. Legitimate measures to protect whistle-blowers acting in the public interest when disclosing the confidential information of companies and public bodies (BM)

EMPL/8/07748

2016/2224(INI)

Responsible: JURI*

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

11. Digitising European Industry - Reaping the full benefits of a Digital Single Market (PR)

EMPL/8/07833

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

12. A European agenda for the collaborative economy (RS)

EMPL/8/07835

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

13. Online Platforms and the Digital Single Market - Opportunities and Challenges for Europe (RS)

EMPL/8/07834

Decision: Postponed

14. “Impact of international trade and the EU’s trade policies on global value chains” (RS/CF)

Decision

The Coordinators decided, since EMPL was giving an opinion on the DEVE report on the garment sector, not to give an opinion to the INTA report on global value chains.

15. Proposal for a Regulation on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014,(EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM (2016) 605)

(CF)

Responsible: BUDG+CONT Rule 55 (tbc)

Decision: Postponed, to wait further developments regarding EMPL's request to split the proposal into separate legislative procedures.

16. Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) 2015/1017 as regards the extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub (COM (2016) 597) (COD) [JuB]

Responsible: BUDG-ECON

Decision:

- **Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.**
- **If the non-legislative EFSI Implementation report by ECON and BUDG were not to be pursued, reimburse 0.5 points to the EPP (rapporteur for opinion: Romana Tomc).**

17. • The functioning of franchising in the retail sector (JuB)

EMPL/8/08005 2016/2244(INI)

Responsible: IMCO

Decision: **Rapporteur to be nominated by the ENF Group.**

17a. • Control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth Guarantee schemes cost-effectiveness (PR)

EMPL/8/07999

2016/2242(INI)

Responsible: CONT

Decision: To be discussed again at the next meeting.²

18. • Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (JuB)

EMPL/8/07910

2016/0283(APP)

Responsible: BUDG

Decision:

To be discussed again at the next meeting on the basis of an analytical note from the secretariat. (JuB)

Documents received for information

None

Submission of final Coordinators' notes

The Coordinators

- ***heard Ms Steinruck who complained about the fact that the revised minutes for the Coordinators' meeting had only been submitted the day before at 15:53 hrs***
- ***instructed the secretariat to henceforth send out final coordinators' notes earlier.***

² Coordinators' decision of 29 September 2016:

- Appointment of rapporteur postponed
- The Coordinators instructed the Chair to oppose the announced BUDG request for Rule 54 and
- confirmed not to draw up an EMPL opinion to the CONT INI report titled "Control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth Guarantee schemes cost-effectiveness" that will be drawn-up in parallel to the EMPL implementation report.

5. Appointment of one EMPL member to the Petitions' Network (CF)

The papers for the meeting included a letter from Ms Wikström of 15 September 2016 and an annex thereto.

Decision

The Coordinators appointed Ms Tatjana Zdanoka as full member of the Petitions' Network.

Decision on a substitute to be taken at a later stage as appropriate.

6. Joint letter with FEMM on work-life balance

Decision

The Coordinators instructed the chair to draft a letter to the responsible Commissioners jointly with the FEMM Chair inviting them to submit as soon as possible a legislative proposal following the failure of the social partners to reach an agreement during the "Second-stage consultation of the social partners at European level under Article 154 TFEU on possible action addressing the challenges of work-life balance faced by working parents and caregivers"³.

7. Points for information

6.1 Timetables Reports:

EMPL opinion to the BUDG-ECON implementation report "The implementation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)" - 2016/2064 (INI), rapporteur: R. TOMC (EPP)

Given that the lead committees (ECON and BUDG) still have to decide on their approach and timetable for the Implementation report, the consideration and adoption of the EMPL opinion need to be postponed.

Deadline to send draft text to translation	12 July
Consideration of draft opinion	12-13.10. 29 November, tbc
Deadline for AMs	19.10., 12.00 6 December, 12.00, tbc
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	tbc

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15862&langId=en>

Adoption in EMPL	29 November –25-26 January, tbc
Adoption in BUDG-ECON	tbc

EMPL opinions to the CONT reports on the 2015 discharge procedure, rapporteur: M. Harkin (ALDE)

Decision by EMPL Coordinators	1 September 2016
Deadline to send texts to translation	14 November 2016
Consideration of draft opinions	5 December 2016
Deadline for amendments	13 December, 12.00
Shadows' meetings	Weeks 2 and 3 2017
Vote in EMPL	25 January 2017
<i>Deadline set by CONT for opinion-giving committees</i>	<i>9 February 2017</i>
<i>Vote in the lead committee CONT</i>	<i>22-23 March 2017</i>
Vote in Plenary	26-27 April 2017

6.2 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve
Longueur maximale des textes à traduire - Réserve annuelle (2016: 45 pages)

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FdR	Deadline	Doc. Type	Part	Char.	Pages	Rap	AD	Subject
1078097	21/01/2016	PR	Resolution	2766	1,84	Balas	Martinello	Social dumping in the European Union
1084565	16/02/2016	PR	Resolution	4839	3,23	Weber	Makay	General framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ("Employment Equality Directive")
1087275	09/03/2016	PR	Resolution	350	0,23	Stevens	Makay	Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with special regard to the Concluding Observations of the UN CRPD Committee
1084482	09/03/2016	PR	Resolution	3253	2,17	Benifei	Rook	Refugees: social inclusion and integration into the labour market"
1087467	11/03/2016	PR	Resolution	3051	2,03	Händel	Martinello	Workers representation on board level in Europe
1083218	15/03/2016	PR	Resolution	944	0,63	Krasnod bski	Smajda	How best to harness the job creation potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)?
1087665	15/03/2016	PR	Resolution	2915	1,94	Harkin	Oaida	Activities of the European Globalisation

								Adjustment Fund in 2014 and 2014
1088501	18/03/2016	PA	Suggestion	553	0,37	Pirinski	Andreanelli	Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020
1090464	12/04/2016	PA	Suggestion	239	0,16	Ždanoka	García Puerto	Budgetary Control of financing NGOs from the EU Budget
1092128	18/05/2016	PR	Resolution	835,5	0,56	Ždanoka (CJ21)	Oaida	CJ21 - Creating Labour Market Conditions Favourable for Work-Life Balance
1098835	07.07.2016	PA	Suggestions	828	0,55	Pirinski	Makay	Investing in jobs and growth
1103711	23/09/2016	PR	Resolution	6423	4,28	Rodrigues	Kefalopoulou	Launching a consultation on a European Pillar of Social Rights
Total:				26997	18,00	40,0%		

8. Date of next Coordinators' meeting (JK)

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- **20 October 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 hrs [PHS 06B054]**
- **24 November 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 hrs [venue tbc]**
- **15 December 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 hrs [venue tbc]**