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.


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)*:

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## Decisions on new own-initiative reports

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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


Responsible: EMPL

Opinions: BUDG – Decision: no opinion
          ECON – Decision: no opinion

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

Responsible: EMPL  
Opinions:

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

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**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.

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EMPL/8/07769


Responsible: ECON

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

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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.


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.

(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.\textsuperscript{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

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**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.*

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\textsuperscript{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.

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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]**