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The meeting started at 10:04 hrs and closed at 11:31 hrs. In the Chair: Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair

Present

Chair	Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator,
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Rosa D'Amato, replacing the coordinator

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Also present:

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

The European Council adopted negotiating guidelines on 29 April 2017:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/04/29-euco-brexit-guidelines/>

The EP Brexit Steering Group met on 2 May 2017 at 16:00 hrs.

On 3 May 2017, the Commission adopted a 'Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the UK setting out arrangements for its withdrawal from the EU'. See in particular in particular the issues addressed in Section III.1 of the Annex of the proposed Council decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations (Citizens' rights).

https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/taskforce-article-50-negotiations-united-kingdom_en#negotiationdocuments

Mr Calvet Chambon suggested to invite Mr Verhofstadt for an exchange of views.

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to invite Mr Verhofstadt and the Members appointed by the political groups for following the Brexit negotiations¹ for an exchange of views in EMPL, as appropriate at an ad hoc meeting.

1.3 Joint ECON-EMPL Economic dialogue on the country-specific recommendations with the Commission (MM)

The joint ECON-EMPL economic dialogue on the country-specific recommendations will take place on **Tuesday, 30 May, 10.00-11.30, in PHS 3 C 50.**

¹ The Members of the Brexit Steering Group are: Mr Verhofstadt, Mr Brok, Ms Hübner, Mr Gualtieri, Ms Zimmer, Mr Lamberts.

2. Follow-up to previous Coordinators' decisions

2.1 Hearing on Greek labour market reforms (MM)

The following representatives are available to take part in an exchange of views, in EMPL, on Monday, 29 May, 17.00-18.30:

- EC: Mr Declan Costello, DG ECFIN, chief negotiator
- Council of Europe: Mr Petros Stangos, Member of the Committee of Social Rights
- ILO: Mr Heinz Koller, regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
- General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE): Mr Yannis Panagopoulos, President

Mr Dijsselbloem (Eurogroup) rejected the invitation. Mr Dijsselbloem was due to attend a plenary debate on a "*Statement by the President of the Eurogroup - State of play of the second review of the economic adjustment programme for Greece*" on 4 April 2017 p.m.

Coordinators decision of 06.04.2017:

The Coordinators

- *noted that all invitees were male and*
- *instructed the secretariat, acting under the political authority of the Chair/Acting Chair to approach the above institutions to nominate female speakers with a view to achieving a gender balance*
- *insisted on the presence of the Chair of the Eurogroup and decided to invite Mr Dijsselbloem again.*

Update:

- I. Following the Coordinators decision of 6 April 2017, the Secretariat contacted Council of Europe and ILO with the request to nominate female speakers. However, neither Council of Europe nor ILO is in the position to replace its speaker with a female expert, at this late stage.
- II. Mr Dijsselbloem, Chair of the Eurogroup, has been invited again.

Decision

The Coordinators reiterated their general preference for gender balance when inviting speakers and noted that that had not been possible in the present case. The Coordinators instructed the Chair to write to the President of the European Parliament inviting him to write to the President of the Council in order to complain about Mr Dijsselbloem's absence of reaction.

2.2 Joint LIBE/EMPL/PETI hearing on situation of EU nationals in the UK (EC)

The hearing was postponed to 11 May upon LIBE proposal (and after written consultation of EMPL coordinators).

On the basis of groups and secretariat proposals and taking account of the overall political balance as well as availability of selected speakers -(and gender balance for candidates who received equivalent support), the following experts will participate upon EMPL invitation:

- **Jonathan Portes, principal research fellow at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research**
- **Julia Onslow-Cole, Partner, Legal Markets Leader and Head of Global Immigration at PwC**

The hearing would be co-chaired by Ms Weber, 3rd Vice-Chair.

Note: Following AFCO last-minute request to be associated, the LIBE, EMPL and PETI chairs sent an email declining the request but inviting the Chair of the AFCO committee to take the floor at the beginning of the public hearing – after the three co-chairs, for 3 to 5 minutes – to bring to the discussion the relevant institutional element from the point of view of AFCO committee

2.3 Hearing on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (EC)

Coordinators' decision of 06.04.2017:

At the request of Mr Casa and Mr Rolin (rapporteur), the Coordinators agreed to hold a hearing on the Carcinogens II ("CMD 2") file on 12-13 July 2017, however without there being a possibility to reimburse external experts on the basis of the committee quota (16) which had been fully allocated.

Update:

Since only two instead of four experts were reimbursed on the occasion of the hearing on the Coordination of Social Security systems on 11 April, a maximum of two reimbursable experts could be invited to the CMD 2 hearing on 13 July 2017.

Speakers suggested by the Rapporteur:

- A representative of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) - to be reimbursed
- Elke SCHNEIDER, Prevention and Research Unit, European Agency for Safety and Health at work
- Esther LYNCH, Confederal Secretary – European Trade Union Confederation
- A representative from Business Europe

Decision

The Coordinators

- **decided that up to two experts, among whom the representative of the SCOEL, shall be reimbursed**
- **took note of the draft programme proposed by the Rapporteur - deadline for alternative suggestions for panel speakers: 18 May, noon (written procedure²)**

2.4 **EMPL contribution to ECON resolution on country-specific recommendations in the European Semester exercise (MM)**

By letter dated 14 October 2016 ECON Committee suggested a revised structure of the Parliament input in the European Semester procedure. They proposed:

- an annual INI report on the Semester cycle, focusing on the Annual Growth Survey, to be adopted in plenary in February in advance of the Spring European council, mirroring the structure of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS);
- an annual INI report on the economic policies of the euro area, to be adopted in plenary in October before the Commission presents its recommendations for the euro area in November allowing to better reflect the importance of the euro dimension in the European Semester and the importance of the work of the Eurogroup in the coordination of policies of the euro area; the timeframe of this report would be May to September/October.

On 25 October 2016 the Conference of Committee Chairs discussed the above proposal and the related EMPL request to maintain its annual INI report on the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) and its Rule 54 opinion to the 2nd proposed annual ECON INI report in the Semester procedure on the economic policies of the euro area. Following the discussion at the CCC meeting EMPL Committee requested by a letter dated 8 November 2016:

- either authorisation for an annual EMPL INI report on the employment and social developments of the euro area, to be adopted in plenary in October before the Commission presents its recommendations for the euro area in November; in parallel with the INI report on the economic policies of the euro area suggested by ECON;
- or to modify the scope of the proposed ECON INI report on the economic policies of the euro area, adding employment and social aspects to the topics to be covered; in this case EMPL would like to obtain an automatic Rule 55 arrangement;
- and to keep the annual EMPL INI report focusing on the employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey to be adopted in February in plenary on the understanding that, as in the past, that report shall be subject to automatic authorisation and outside of the EMPL quota.

On 13 December representatives of the ECON, EMPL and BUDG committees provisionally agreed to have an annual ECON INI report on the euro area to be adopted in October in plenary, with EMPL and BUDG associated under Rule 54, without determining the details of the cooperation.

On 15 December, EMPL Coordinators agreed upon the following approach:

- Maintain the tradition of drawing up two parallel annual INI reports, one by ECON and one by EMPL on the Annual growth survey

² Expert(s) who will have received the support of the majority of groups will be selected. If no proposal is received from groups, the draft programme annexed to these coordinators' notes will be deemed adopted

- Accept that an annual ECON INI with a new title (according to the letter of 14 October on “the economic policies of the Euro area”) to which EMPL would be associated under Rule 54 (details to be negotiated between the rapporteurs) be drawn up.
- Regarding the planned annual resolution on country-specific recommendations, the Coordinators agreed that it should be drawn up jointly by ECON and EMPL. This agreement was approved by the EMPL Coordinators. In addition EMPL Coordinators decided to maintain the tradition of drawing up two parallel annual INI reports, one by ECON and one by EMPL on the Annual growth survey.

At the CCC meeting of 4 April the request for the new ECON annual INI on the economic policies of the Euro area will be again on the agenda. (Related EMPL letter can be found among the annexes.) According to ECON Secretariat the new ECON INI would also include reactions to the country-specific recommendations and ECON Committee does not plan anything in addition related to the country-specific recommendations.

Coordinators’ Decision of 6 April 2017

The Coordinators

- decided that an EMPL opinion pursuant to Rule 54 should be given on the annual ECON INI with a new title (according to the letter of 14 October on “the economic policies of the Euro area”)
- called for a clear delimitation of powers and responsibilities between the two committees, permitting to safeguard the EMPL prerogatives vis-à-vis ECON once the EMPL position would have been adopted
- instructed the secretariat, acting under the political guidance of the Chair/Acting Chair, to elucidate the state of play of ECON’s intentions regarding a possible annual resolution on country-specific recommendations.

Update: There is no decision yet regarding the EMPL request for the application of Rule 54 on the annual ECON INI with a new title: “The economic policies of the Euro area”

Information received from ECON Secretariat as regards country-specific recommendations:

The idea of tabling an ECON resolution on CSRs³ was indeed mentioned in the note discussed by our Coordinators, but the idea was not consensual and at this stage there does not seem to be any willingness to table such a resolution.

As far as the new report is concerned, it will indeed cover Euro Area CSRs as well as CSRs for EA MS and the fiscal stance⁴ for the euro area as recommended by the COM (although, again,

³ The Commission plans to adopt on 16/05/2017 the ‘European Semester Spring Package: Country Specific Recommendations’.

⁴ Fiscal stance, definition: The government's underlying position in applying FISCAL POLICY, that is, whether it plans to match its expenditure and taxation revenues (a planned BALANCED BUDGET) or deliberately plans to spend more than it expects to receive in taxation revenues (a planned BUDGET DEFICIT), or deliberately plans to spend less than it receives in taxation revenues (a planned BUDGET SURPLUS). **This represents the government's ‘discretionary’ fiscal policy.**

this issue is rather controversial). Obviously, one cannot prevent Members from tabling AMs that could also cover e.g. CSRs for non EA countries.

3. Pending conflicts of competence

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

EMPL Coordinators, at their meeting of 15 December 2016, requested the application of Rule 54. Accordingly, the EMPL Chair, by letter of 16 January 2017 to the CCC Chair, requested the application of Rule 54. By letters of 10 January 2017 and 15 December 2016, the CCC Chair was informed by the Chairs of AFCO, PETI and LIBE that they agreed on a '53+ arrangement' (initially PETI and LIBE asked for the application of Rule 55). By letter of 8 February 2017, the AFCO Chair asked the CCC to help to find a similar 53+ arrangement with EMPL.

Update: According to information received from the AFCO Secretariat as of 2 May, the proposal made by CCC should be ready and signed in week 18 before being formally adopted by the CoP (11 or 18 May, tbc).

3.2 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the JURI report regarding the Proposal for a Directive of the EP and of the Council on preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures and amending Directive 2012/30/EU (JuB)

The position of the EMPL coordinators of 15 December 2016, namely to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibility, was communicated by letter of 31 January 2017 from the EMPL Chair to the CCC.

At its meeting on 1 February 2017, the CCC invited EMPL and JURI to find an agreement by 10 February 2017.

By letter of 9 February 2017 (letter included in the meeting documents), the JURI Chair opposes the EMPL request for Rule 54.

Update: The conflict of competence is still pending. It is expected that the CoP takes its decision in mid-May.

Decision

The Coordinators decided to extend the deadline for amendments and invited the secretariat to circulate a revised timetable.

3.3 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the IMCO report regarding the Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions (MM)

Letter dated 3 May 2017 from Ms Wikström to President Tajani dismissing EMPL's request for the application of Rule 54 in relation to the proportionality test directive.

On 9 February the Coordinators decided to request Rule 54. By letter of 13 March, IMCO rejected the EMPL request.

Coordinators decision of 06.04.2017:

The Coordinators decided to insist on Rule 54 and instructed the Chair/Acting Chair to write a letter detailing the EMPL position.

Update: The Chair of the CCC issued a recommendation to the CoP in which she dismissed EMPL's request.

3.4 Request by PETI to apply Rule 54 to the EMPL implementation report on "Implementation of the European Disability Strategy" (MM)

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs requested a report on the 'Implementation of the European Disability Strategy'. PETI requested Rule 54.

Coordinators decision of 06.04.2017

The Coordinators

- *decided to reject the request for Rule 54 and to offer cooperation on the basis of Rule 53 instead*
- *instructed the Chair/Acting Chair to communicate the EMPL position by a letter.*

Update: The EMPL position has been communicated to the CCC (letter among the annexes). Ms Wikström was available to meet the EMPL Chair with a view to finding an amicable solution.

Decision

The Coordinators insisted that Rule 53 was the appropriate form of cooperation.

3.5 EMPL opinion to FEMM report on Gender Pension Gap - application of Rule 54 (PR)

The EMPL Committee on 8 December 2016 adopted its opinion to the FEMM own initiative report on "The need for a European Strategy to end and prevent the Gender Pension Gap" to which the EMPL Committee is associated under rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure. By letter of 22 September 2016 the EMPL Committee and the FEMM Committee laid down the division of competences under the Rule 54 agreement. In the run-up to the vote in the FEMM Committee, the EMPL Chair on the 29th of March sent a letter to the FEMM Chair on the practical application of the rule 54 agreement, specifying which parts of the EMPL opinion the EMPL committee considers falling under its exclusive competences and which parts it considers falling under shared competences. The FEMM Chair by letter of 12 April replied with a proposal on how to apply the Rule 54 agreement to the EMPL opinion that substantially deviated from the EMPL proposal.

Following the exchange of letters, both Committees have met at Chair's level. Some progress was made but substantial differences of opinion remain.

Update:

The FEMM vote took place on the 3rd of May with the final FEMM report in the process of being compiled. **A letter aimed at tabling EMPL text parts (either falling under exclusive or shared competence) which were not adopted by FEMM, is under preparation.** The FEMM Committee aims for a Plenary vote in June.

Decision:

The Chair was instructed to vigorously defend the EMPL prerogatives in cooperation with the rapporteur.

Note: The relevant provisions in the Rules of Procedure should FEMM not respect the Rule 54 agreement reads "*the committee responsible shall accept without a vote amendments from an associated committee where they concern matters which fall within the exclusive competence of the associated committee. If the committee responsible fails to respect the exclusive competence of the associated committee, the associated committee may table amendments directly in plenary. If amendments on matters which fall within the shared competence of the committee responsible and an associated committee are not adopted by the former, the associated committee may table those amendments directly in plenary;*"

4. Letters for information

[none]

5. Allocation of reports and opinions

For information: own-initiative reports for which authorisation was requested

(no more than 3 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	postponed

Neoklis SYLKIOTIS -Working conditions and precarious employment (JuB)	09.06.2016	14.06.2016	5.7.2016	8.9.2016	30.5.2017
Rapporteur ALDE Martina Dlabajová - A new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness (EC)	21.6.2016	5.7.2016	22.11.2016	15.12.2016 (rule 55)	22.6.2017
Rapporteur EFDD Laura Agea - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (MA)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016	4.10.2016	27.10.2016	12.7.2017
Rapporteur S&D Javi López - Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)	1.9.2016	15.09.2016	4.10.2016		10.10.2017 ⁵ 28.9.2017

⁵ The ALDE Coordinator expressed his preference for a speedier timetable.

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 EPP, Romana Tomc - The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States (PR)	13 July 2016	26-9-2016		9th of March 2017	04.12.2017
Rapporteur Helga Stevens - Progress Report on the implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2010 - 2020)	09.03.2017	14.03.2017			19.10.2017

Rapports d'application adoptés en Commission EMPL				
	Rapporteur	Titre du rapport	Date d'adoption	Dossier
1	Eduard 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)

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Decisions on new own-initiative reports

- The regular INI quota is down to 3 (from previously 6).
- Applicable since the beginning of the second half of the parliamentary term; no fresh INIs will be authorised until we are below the threshold of three.
- Implementation reports are not affected.

"[...] During the second half of a parliamentary term, each parliamentary committee may simultaneously draft up to three own-initiative reports. [...]"

http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.1/422604_net_en.pdf

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 The role of employer led vocational education and	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ECR

		training for growth and employment (new title as suggested by ECR; the S&D group expressed reservations about this title change) [The ECR Group expressed its opposition to those reservations.]			
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

Decision

Since

a) the maximum quota for own-initiative reports has been reduced to three and

b) there will be no free slot in the foreseeable future,

the decision on new own-initiative reports was postponed until such time when the number of ongoing reports would have dropped to two.

Reports

5.1 Work-life balance for parents and carers (JuB)

EMPL/8/09836

***I 2017/0085(COD) COM(2017)0253 – C8-0137/2017

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions: JURI

FEMM

Decision:

A majority of the Coordinators agreed that Rule 53 provided the correct procedural framework for cooperation with FEMM.

Decision on potential request for co-rapporteurship and appointment of rapporteur(s) to be taken once the CCC/CoP have taken a final decision on the cooperation arrangements with FEMM.

Note: The FEMM Coordinators took the following decision on 4 May 2017: "While the official referral was attributed to the EMPL as lead committee and to FEMM only for opinion, the Chair was given a mandate by Coordinators to negotiate with EMPL Chair in view of a possible cooperation under Rule 55."

The file was officially referred to EMPL on 15 May 2017:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-
//EP//TEXT+PV+20170515+ITEM-010+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+PV+20170515+ITEM-010+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN)

Opinions

5.2 The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 (EC)

EMPL/8/09706

2017/2052(INI)

Responsible: BUDG – Jan Olbrycht (PPE)
Isabelle Thomas (S&D)

Decision: No opinion

5.3 Reform of the European Union's system of own resources (EC)

EMPL/8/09719

2017/2053(INI)

Responsible: BUDG – Janusz Lewandowski (PPE)
Gérard Deprez (ALDE)

Decision: No opinion

Documents for information

5.4. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL Progress report on a Learning Mobility Benchmark (BM)
COM(2017)0148

Decision: No action needed

Working time

5.5. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: Report on the implementation by Member States of Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (BM)
COM(2017)0254

Decision:

Coordinators took note of this Commission report, the Commission staff working document (point 5.6) and the Commission Interpretative Communication

5.6. Commission staff working document Detailed report on the implementation by Member States of Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time
Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee Report on the implementation by Member States of Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (BM)
SWD(2017)0204

Decision: No action needed (see point 5.5)

Work-life balance for working parents and carers

5.7. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: An initiative to support work-life balance for working parents and carers (JuB)
COM(2017)0252

Decision: No action needed (see point 5.1)

**5.8. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU (JuB)
SWD(2017)0202**

Decision: No action needed (see point 5.1)

**5.9. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the impact assessment accompanying the document Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU (JuB)
SWD(2017)0203**

Decision: No action needed (see point 5.1)

**European Pillar of Social
Rights**

**5.10 Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe (CF/MK)
COM(2017)0206**

**5.11. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights (CF/MK)
COM(2017)0250**

**5.12. Proposal for an Interinstitutional Proclamation on the European Pillar of Social Rights
COM(2017)0251 (CF/MK)**

**5.13. Commission staff working document: Social Scoreboard accompanying the document: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights (CF/MK)
SWD(2017)0200**

**5.14. Commission staff working document Accompanying the document COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights (CF/MK)
SWD(2017)0201**

**5.15. Commission staff working document Report of the public consultation accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights (CF/MK)
SWD(2017)0206**

Decision:

- The Commission staff working documents (5.13, 5.14, 5.15) might serve as background documents. No specific follow-up needed.
 - Regarding
 - the “Proclamation on the EPSR”
 - the “Reflection Paper on the Social Dimension of Europe”
 - the Communication “Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights”⁶
- the Coordinators
- noted that the European Parliament had adopted a comprehensive EPSR resolution as recently as 19 January 2017 and
 - agreed that the reflection process could for the time being be continued within the political groups and, possibly, at coordinators’ level at a later stage .

5.16. Commission staff working document on the implementation of the 2008 Commission Recommendation on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market (PR)
SWD(2017)0257

Decision: No action (the document contains no new initiatives).

5.17. Commission staff working document Taking stock of the 2013 Recommendation on "Investing in children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage" (MM)
SWD(2017)0258

Decision: No action needed

6. Finalisation of the EMPL contribution to the structured dialogue (MM)

Update:

Draft compromises were circulated to the Coordinators. A preparatory meeting was held on 3 and 4 May, with the participation of the group advisers. A shadows meeting is foreseen for 10/05, to be chaired by Ms Weber.

Decision:

In the light of the outcome of the shadows’ meeting of 10 May 2017, the Coordinators decided to settle outstanding issues by means of a vote to be held on 30 May.

⁶ Rapporteur: RODRIGUES Maria João; Shadow rapporteurs; VANDENKENDELAERE Tom, GERICKE Arne, CALVET CHAMBON Enrique, ZIMMER Gabriele, MESZERICs Tamás, AGEA Laura, MÉLIN Joëlle.

7. Procedure regarding OQ and Resolution on European Solidarity Corps - request by Mr Calvet Chambon (AH)

Decision:

The Coordinators held an exchange of views in which it was highlighted that the draft texts submitted by the secretariat following approval by the Chair ought to be as impartial as possible and that positions sent to other bodies in the name of the Committee must always have the clear backing of the Coordinators or of the Committee.

8. Joint EMPL-FEMM hearing on improving the work-life balance for formal and informal carers - 22 June 2017 (JuB/LS)

Ahead of this meeting, the Coordinators and political groups were invited by email to submit the names of experts which they would like to invite to the hearing. 2 experts will be reimbursed by EMPL and 2 by FEMM. The deadline for submitting proposals was on 8 May COB.

Decision:

The Coordinators appointed two speakers and two substitutes in the following order

Speakers:

- 1. John Dunne, President of Eurocarers**
- 2. Prof. Irena Kotowska - Head of Centre for Demography, Institute of Statistics and Demography, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland.**

Substitutes

- 1. A representative of Eurofound**
- 2. Mr Frank Sioen from the European Network on Independent Living**

9. Involvement of EMPL Committee in the CULT Committee hearing on European Solidarity Corps Initiative (LS)

The EMPL Chair received a letter from the CULT Chair (see annex) informing him that CULT Coordinators had decided to formally involve the EMPL Committee in its future hearing on the European Solidarity Corps Initiative. The hearing will take place in autumn. The EMPL Committee is invited to suggest up to two experts for the hearing, to be reimbursed under the EMPL annual quota.

Decision:

Coordinators were invited to submit proposals for a maximum of 2 experts (without reimbursement)⁷ to be invited; proposals should be sent to the Secretariat at the latest by 7 June COB, in view of a decision by Coordinators on 15 June.

⁷ Without reimbursement *unless* a smaller number of experts than planned were to be reimbursed at hearings taking place before the joint hearing, *and* the Coordinators agree to allocate those hypothetical places to the ESC hearing.

10. EMPL hearing regarding “The impact of business models, including the platform economy, on employment and social security in the EU” (RS)

Coordinators, at their meeting on 1 September 2016, decided to request the authorisation for a public hearing on “The impact of business models, including the platform economy, on employment and social security in the EU”.

This public hearing is scheduled for 12 July 2017.

Decision:

Political groups were asked to submit proposals for a maximum of 4 reimbursed experts to be invited; proposals should be sent to the Secretariat at the latest by 23 May COB.

11. Delegation to Tallinn - designation of a Chair (EC)

DELEGATION TO Tallinn, Estonia, 22 May - 24 May 2017

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members	Agnieszka KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ	EPP
	Sven SCHULZE	EPP
	Elena GENTILE ⁸	S&D
	Emilian PAVEL	S&D
	Enrique CALVET CHAMBON	ALDE
	Yana TOOM (local member)	ALDE

Decision:

In the absence of vice-chairs, it was decided that the delegation be chaired by Mr Calvet Chambon, Coordinator.

⁸ Ms Gentile had to cancel her participation due to circumstances beyond her control

The S&D Group offered its seat to representatives of other (smaller) groups who might wish to attend. Call for proposals to be launched by the Secretariat immediately.

12. Implementation report YEI: fact-finding delegation green week September (week 38) - PR

In the context of the upcoming EMPL Implementation Report “The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States”, the EMPL Coordinators, during their meeting in February, agreed in principle on sending the rapporteur and any shadow rapporteurs who might be interested, all using annual Group quota, on a fact-finding journey. This while noting that participation in any fact-finding journeys had to fit in with the existing d'Hondt system. Following a discussion among shadow rapporteurs, rapporteur Ms Tomc has suggested the fact-finding journey to go to Croatia.

In line with the new rules on implementation reports, the proposal for a fact-finding journey to go to Croatia was discussed among coordinators during their April meeting. During this discussion a number of groups supported the proposal by the rapporteur while others indicated they would prefer a different destination. As the discussion remained inconclusive, an email consultation among shadow rapporteurs was conducted with shadow rapporteurs being asked to re-state their preferred destination for such mission.

From this consultation the following replies were obtained. Based on a proposal by the GREENs, a majority of shadows can agree to a combined fact-finding journey to Croatia and Slovenia.

Shadow	Group	Croatia	Croatia / Slovenia	Ireland	Spain
Ms Tomc	EPP	+	+		
Mr Benifei	S&D		+		
Ms Žitňanská	ECR	+	+		
Ms Dlabajová	ALDE			+	
Ms González	GUE/NGL			+	+
Ms Reintke	GREENs		+		
Ms Agea	EFDD			+	+
Ms Mélin	ENF	+			

Two groups enquired whether in case a group’s shadows is not able to participate, the group can appoint a Member as substitute.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- agreed on a combined fact-finding journey to Croatia and Slovenia during green week 38 (week 18-22 September)
- agreed that groups whose shadows are not able to participate in the fact-finding journey can appoint a Member as substitute
- put a deadline for shadow rapporteurs (or a group Member replacing them), using their annual group quota, to sign-up to the delegation by the 1st of June

13. Budget: PP/PAs tabled by EMPL / vote on mandate for budgetary trilogue on 12 June (EC)

Deadline for EMPL Members to submit their proposals for PP/PAs to the Secretariat was 25 April. On 26 April, the EMPL Secretariat sent all the 24 proposed PP/PAs to coordinators (written procedure), asking groups to indicate by 2 May which PP(s)/PA(s) they support.

Following this written consultation, 12 PPs have received the support of groups representing the majority and have been therefore submitted as "tabled by EMPL Committee" replacing the name(s) of the MEP(s) who has(ve) proposed it)- in the enclosed zip file, this is indicated at the end of the name of each PP/PA.

PP/PA - Next steps and remarks:

The result of the Commission's assessment will be available in late June: each PP/PA will receive a grade (from A to D).

Following the assessment by the Commission, the Coordinators will meet on 13 July and select a limited number of proposals taking into account the result of this assessment.

Proposals for PPs/PAs have to be submitted as budgetary AMs.

Note 1: the Rapporteur for the General budget, Mr Muresan, indicated on 25 April during the exchange of views in EMPL that this year (as was the case previously), only PPs/PAs which will have received a good grade (A or B) will be included in the EP package

Note 2: for the budget 2018, due to the large number of PPs/PAs that were proposed, some PPs/PAs which received a "B" grade were even not included, and it may be the case this year again.

Date of vote on mandate for budgetary trilogue - Next steps and remarks:

The date of 8 June 2017 which was initially agreed, is not possible, owing to a lack of interpretation resources.

The vote has to be postponed to Monday, 12 June 2017, 19:00 hrs (venue TBC).

The Secretariat was instructed to try to find a more convenient time-slot if possible.

14. Implementation of the European Disability Strategy - exchange of views with stakeholders (MM)

The Rapporteur, Ms Helga Stevens requests to hold an exchange of views with stakeholders linked to her implementation report "Implementation of the European Disability Strategy" at the EMPL meeting of 12-13 July 2017.

She suggested to invite the following experts/organisations:

- European Commission, Disability and Inclusion Unit (Emmanuelle Grange or Inmaculada PLacencia Porrero) to present the Commission's Progress Report on the implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2010 -2020) (SWD(2017)29)
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- Executive Committee member from the European Disability Forum (EDF); or alternatively, in case of unavailability, Catherine Naughton, EDF Director
- a representative of the EU monitoring framework on UN CRPD
- a Member of the UN CRPD Committee (preferably Damjan Tatic, as he was responsible for the EU review)
- as reserve, in case of unavailability of one of the above organisations: European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet), as many of their members are national monitoring frameworks

Decision:

The Coordinators approved the Rapporteur's request hold the exchange of views with the above stakeholders

15. 7th Cohesion Forum (MM)

The Seventh Cohesion Forum will take place on 26-27 June 2017, in Brussels, in the Charlemagne building. It is a large-scale political event to discuss the major challenges of European cohesion policy, with keynote speeches from President Juncker, President Tajani and Professor Fabrizio Barca. It will precede the adoption and publication of the Seventh Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion. The conclusions from the debate with representatives of the civil society may feed into the report.

In view of the limited number of places, the total number of seats for the European Parliament is 26. REGI Secretariat informed us that EMPL Committee can get two places at this event. The invitation letter from the Commission can be found among the annexes.

The main Cohesion policy related files in EMPL were the following:

- ESF Regulation, rapp: Ms Morin-Chartier
- YEI, rapp: Ms Morin-Chartier
- Implementation of YEI, rapp: Ms Tomc
- EGF, rapp: Ms Harkin
- CPR Regulation, rule 54 opinion, rapp: Mr Kósa
- Investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR, rule 54 opinion, rapp: Mr Pirinski
- Increasing engagement of partners and visibility in the performance of European Structural and Investment Funds, rapp: Mr Rolin

Decision:

The Coordinators agreed to appoint two representatives in a written procedure to be organised urgently by the secretariat acting under the political authority of Chair.

16. Motions for Resolution⁹ - decision on procedure (CF)

None

⁹ Rule 133

1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. The motion may not comprise more than 200 words.

2. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be adopted.

It may combine the motion for a resolution with other motions for resolutions or reports.

It may adopt an opinion, which may take the form of a letter.

It may decide to draw up a report under Rule 52.

3. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.

4. The report shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

5. Opinions in the form of a letter addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded by the President.

6. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under Rule 123(2), 128(5) or 135(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.

7. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author, authors or first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 2, to draw up a report on it.

17. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

Petition No 0019/2016 by Amel Kefti (French) on behalf of the federation of commerce and the CGT (Confédération Générale du Travail), on working conditions and trade union representation at **McDonald's** in France

Petition No 0020/2016 by Yvan De Jonge (Belgian) on behalf of ABBV Horval, on working conditions in Belgian restaurants, particularly in **McDonald's**

Petition No 0021/2016 by Ian Hodson (British) on behalf of the BFAWU, on working conditions at **McDonald's** in the UK

Draft letter for Chair's signature, based on previous resolutions addressing these issues, will be circulated to Coordinators for comment.

B. Petitions received for information

1. 2334-14 on payment of tax on foreign retirement pensions
2. 0934-16 on international principles applicable to cooperatives becoming a part of the EU law
3. 1177-16 on the British Government's attitude towards tightening rules for companies hiring foreign workers
4. 1181-16 on the inability of obtaining private health insurance in another Member State
5. 1304-16 on insecure working conditions for assistant lecturers in universities.

Once the motion has been thus taken over by the committee, only the committee shall be empowered to withdraw it up until the opening of the final vote.

8. A withdrawn motion for a resolution may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it.

Committees have a duty to ensure that motions for resolutions tabled under this Rule which meet the requirements laid down are followed up and duly referred to in the resulting documents.

18. Points for information

1 Timetables Reports:

Coordination of social security systems - Rapp. Guillaume Balas

Timetable

EMPL Coordinators - appointment of rapporteur	9 Feb 2017
Presentation of the Commission's proposal in Committee	23 March
Public hearing	11 April
Presentation Commission's impact assessment + EPRS initial appraisal of this impact assessment	21 June
Deadline to send draft report to translation	19 October
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	20/21 November
Deadline AMs	29 November, 12h00
Consideration of amendments	Jan 2018
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings	Feb-Mar
Deadline for comments Voting List	tbc
Adoption EMPL	April
Plenary	tbc

Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth - rapp: Javi López

Revised timetable

Exchange of views with Stakeholders	29-30-May
Send Report to Translation	06-Jun
First consideration in Committee (Draft Report)	21-22 June
Deadline Amendments	5 July
Availability of Amendments in all languages	20 July
Second consideration in Committee (Amendments)	30-31 Aug
Vote in Committee	28 September
Vote in Plenary	Nov I

Implementation of the European Disability Strategy (rapp: Helga Stevens)

Send working document to translation	5 May 2017
Consideration of working document	29-30 May 2017
Exchange of views with stakeholders	12-13 July 2017
Send draft report to translation	14 July 2017

Consideration of draft report	30-31 August 2017
Deadline AMs	6 September 2017
Availability of translations	21 September 2017 tbc
Consideration of AMs tabled	28 September 2017
Vote	19 October 2017
Vote plenary	Nov

Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work ("CMD 2") - Rapp. Claude Rolin

Hearing	13 July
Draft report ready	18 Septembre
Consideration of draft report	9-10 October
Deadline for AMs	18 October at 12h
Consideration of AMs	9 November
Adoption	27 November

IESS Regulation"(2016/0264(COD) - Rapporteur Tamás Meszerics - REVISED TIMETABLE

Exchange of views in EMPL Committee with the Commission	25-January 2017
Draft report ready	5 February 2017
Consideration of draft report	27-28 February 2017
Deadline AMs	21.03 noon
Consideration of AMs	11-12.04
Vote	29-30.05 21-22.06 (NEW DATE)

2 Timetables Opinions:

EMPL opinion to JURI report on "Preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures", rapporteur: E. Martin

Revised timetable

Deadline to send draft text to translation	5 April 2017
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	3 May 2017
Deadline for AMs	19 17 May 2017, 12.00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s)	Week 22-26
Adoption in EMPL	12 July 2017
Adoption in JURI	20-21 November 2017
Plenary	tbc

EMPL opinion to JURI report on Legitimate measures to protect whistleblowers acting in the public interest when disclosing the confidential information of companies and public bodies - rapporteur David Casa

Revised timetable

Send draft opinion to translation	22 March 2017
Consideration of draft opinion	11-12 April 2017
Deadline for AMs	26 April 2017 at 12.00
Shadow rapporteurs meeting(s)	Week 20-21-22 23-26
Vote in EMPL	30 May 2017 12 July 2017
Vote JURI	June 2017 tbc 28 September 2017

Commission proposal for a directive on Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions (COM(2016)0822) - rapporteur: Paloma Lopez Bermejo

Send draft opinion to translation	14 July 2017 tbc
Consideration of draft opinion	30-31 August 2017
Deadline for tabling amendments	7 September 2017 noon
Availability of translations	22 September 2017 tbc
Shadows meetings	Weeks 40-43
Vote in EMPL	6 November 2017
Vote in IMCO	20-21 November 2017
Plenary	tbc

3 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

So far, EMPL has used 4.46 pages out of 45 pages in total (1.59 for the Agea PR on on minimum income policies as a tool for fighting poverty, 1.90 for the joint CULT/EMPL report on a new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness and 0.98 pages for Casa PA on legitimate measures to protect whistle-blowers) - summary table is annexed to the notes

19. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings (JK/LE)

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- ~~Thursday, 8 June, 10.00-11.30~~ Thursday, 15th June, 10.00-11.30¹⁰
- Thursday, 13 July, 14.00-15.30¹¹
- Thursday, 7 September, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 12 October, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30¹²
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

¹⁰ Due to an unavailability of interpretation slots on 8th June am, the Chair and Vice-Chair have agreed to move the meeting on 15th June in Strasbourg

¹¹ As part of an EMPL meeting

¹² Meeting in Strasbourg