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The meeting opened at 14:05 hrs and closed at 15:29 hrs.

Present

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes Jongerius, replacing the S&D Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator,
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Also present:

Deidre Clune, Rapporteur for the budget, for point 6.

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

Coordinators' decision of 11 May 2017:

The Coordinators decided to invite Mr Verhofstadt, EP Coordinator for Brexit, 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.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/article-50-negotiations-united-kingdom_en

State of play re invitation to Mr Verhofstadt, EP Coordinator for Brexit [EC/PR]: an exchange of views with Mr Verhofstadt will take place at the **EMPL meeting of 30 August** (estimate timing: 16hr)

The Brexit Working Party, chaired by Mr Verhofstadt, EP Coordinator for Brexit, met on 4 July to discuss the UK proposals of 26 June 2017 on citizens' rights.

It is worth pointing out that Paragraphs 40 to 49 on 'Benefits, pensions and social security contributions' are in want of a far more detailed technical and political assessment which could not be provided by the Chair alone at short notice.

The UK paper is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-the-position-of-eu-citizens-in-the-uk-and-uk-nationals-in-the-eu/the-united-kingdoms-exit-from->

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

Decision

The Coordinators

- **heard the Chair who informed them that owing to the technical complexity and the political implications of the Brexit negotiations he would appreciate feedback from the EMPL Coordinators when invited to contribute to the works of Parliament's Brexit Working Group (chaired by Mr Verhofstadt)**
- **agreed that input for future EMPL contributions should be provided by the Coordinators, where necessary in ad hoc meetings.**

1.3 Conclusion of negotiations on the Carcinogens I file (rapporteur Ms Ulskog) (EC)

Decision

The Coordinators were informed by the Chair that he had received the consolidated text of the Directive on the protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work: exposure limit values (2016/0130(COD))² as agreed between the negotiation teams and as approved by the Coreper. The final text shall be circulated by the Secretariat.

1.4 Exchange of views on the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work (LS)

Decision

The Coordinators

- took note of a request from the S&D Group to include in a future EMPL meeting agenda an exchange of views on the experience gained by the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work in late November/early December in committee³
- agreed to that request and instructed the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.

1.5 Organisation of trilogues on the statutes of Eurofound, Cedefop and EU-OSHA (CF/PR/JuB)

Decision

The Coordinators

- took note of a suggestion of the Chair to take further organisational decisions on the basis of a comparative synoptic table on the positions of the EMPL committee on the three legislative proposals
- heard Mr. Calvet Chambon who expressed concerns because the three agencies are different in nature even though similarities existed. He proposed to be cautious with the approach and in any case to ensure that the three rapporteurs are on an equal footing during the trilogues
- agreed to take a decision on the organisation of trilogues on that basis at their next meeting (7 September 2017).

² [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/0130\(COD\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/0130(COD)&l=en)

³ Provisionally envisaged date: 9 November 2017, p.m.

1.6 Possible follow-up to the Commission's reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe & Social Pillar Proclamation Process (AH/CF)

The papers for the meeting included

- *the Rome Declaration*
- *the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe*
- *an analytical note on proclamations from the secretariat*
- *a legal opinion on the proposed Proclamation from the Legal Service*

Decision

The Coordinators

- **took note of (a) the time constraints which would affect the adoption of a report or a motion for a resolution before the Gothenburg Summit (17 November 2017) and (b) the intention of the Chair to meet President Tajani after the summer recess in order to explore possible ways forward;⁴**
- **held an exchange of views;**
- **agreed to take further decisions at their next meeting on 7 September 2017.**

⁴ **[AH/CF/office TH for scheduling of meeting]**

2. Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

2.1. Accessibility Act - exclusive EMPL competences in the IMCO report (MM)

EMPL Committee had exclusive competence inter alia on Article 2(3), i.e. the definition of “persons with functional limitations”. EMPL decided to keep the original definition of the Commission proposal and therefore the EMPL opinion did not contain any amendment related to this definition. In line with the EMPL exclusive competence on this definition the IMCO Committee did not put any amendment to vote on Article 2(3). However, the IMCO Committee deleted this term in all articles of the proposal with the exception of Article 2(3) and in some recitals. The deletion of this term throughout the proposal erodes the EMPL exclusive competence on Article 2(3).

Coordinators’ decision of 15 June:

The Coordinators decided that Options A and C be implemented:

Option A:

to send a letter to CCC suggesting the addition of the words “persons with functional limitations” to IMCO amendments 17, 81, 99, 121, 179, 184, 187, 189, 193, 195,198, 202, 205, 209, 212, 213, 215, 216, 219 and 220 in order to re-establish the initial attribution of powers and responsibilities

[draft letter among the Annexes]

Option C:

to re-table in plenary the AMs of the EMPL opinion under shared competence that keep the term “persons with functional limitations” of the original Commission text, i.e. AMs 25, 45, 62, 69, 73, 76, 78, 80, 81, 84, 87, 90, 91, 95, 98, 99, 102, 104, 107, 109 and 11

Update:

*The letter was sent to CCC in accordance with the Coordinators’ decision. In its reply IMCO took the view that “the decision of the CoP regarding EMPL’s exclusive competence has been respected.” **The IMCO letter can be found among the Annexes.***

Decision

The Coordinators confirmed to put Option C into practice as and when the report would be inscribed on the agenda for the plenary session.

3. Pending conflicts of competence

3.1 Request by FEMM to apply Rule 55 to the EMPL report on 'Work-life balance for parents and carers' (JuB)

On 26 April 2017, within the overall framework of the European Pillar of Social Rights, the European Commission adopted this proposal for a new Directive on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU (COM(2017) 253 final).

Coordinators decision of 11 May 2017:

“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.”

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

Coordinators decision of 15 June 2017:

The EMPL Coordinators

- noted that the Chair had signed a letter to the CCC in which he rebutted FEMM’s arguments in favour of cooperating on the basis of Rule 55
- held an extensive exchange of views
- noted that three groups (S&D, GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA) would have preferred to apply Rule 55 and
- decided by a majority to insist on the application of Rule 53.

Update:

Ms Ulvskog and Ms Blinkevičiūtė met on 22 June 2017 but could not reach an agreement. Therefore, the CCC will make a recommendation on the Rule to be applied on the basis of which the CoP will take a decision.

Decision

The Coordinators

- noted that CCC Chair Ms Wikström had made the following recommendation for settlement to President Tajani
*“My recommendation to the Conference of Presidents would thus be that:
1. the FEMM Committee's request for association under Rule 55 be dismissed;
2. the FEMM Committee be associated to the proposal under Rule 54 with shared competences over the entire draft Directive.”*
- decided to maintain their position that FEMM should contribute on the basis of Rule 53
- instructed the Chair to write to President Tajani in order to bring home the above position of the EMPL Committee. [JuB]

3.2 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 55 to the CULT report on the 'Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps ' (LS)

Coordinators' decision of 15 June 2017

The Coordinators

- decided to request the application of Rule 55
- decided to postpone the appoint of a rapporteur until a decision on the above request would have been taken
- noted that a joint CULT/EMPL hearing had been scheduled for 10 October (see item 8)

Update:

Ms Ulvskog met with Ms Kammerevert to discuss possible forms of cooperation. CULT envisage a Rule 54 agreement. A tentative offer from CULT, proposing Rule 54 with shared competences across the board (with the exception of (a) working conditions and jobs (EMPL Rule 54 exclusive) and (b) financial matters (EMPL Rule 53),⁵ might follow after the CULT Coordinators' meeting.

The matter will be raised at the CCC of 12 September 2017.

Decision

The Coordinators

- **noted the CULT proposal with interest**
- **instructed the Chair to write to the CULT Chair so as to obtain further clarifications**

⁵ Quote from the CULT proposal:

“Under this arrangement, EMPL will have exclusive competence under Rule 54 for potential amendments referring exclusively to working conditions and jobs. In all other matters (including all issues relating to the structure or the scope of this proposal), EMPL will have shared competence under Rule 54. Financial matters are the only exception. Here, shared competence under Rule 54 will, however, apply only to financial matters falling within the remit of the EMPL Committee (i.e. article 9, paragraph 2, point (a)) and not to financial matters falling within the competence of the CULT Committee or of other Committees. That said, every effort will be made to ensure coherence and consensus prior to the vote with respect to the overall budget redeployment.”

- **instructed the Secretariat to circulate once again the legal opinion from the Legal Service with a view to identifying possible further need for clarification regarding in particular expenditure for ESC activities before the adoption of the legislative proposal.**

IV. Conclusions

34. In the light of the foregoing, the Legal Service has reached the following conclusions:

- (a) the Communication launching the European Solidarity Corps is, for the time being, the only text concerning the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps. However, it is not a legally binding instrument and it does not produce any independent legal effects; consequently, the question of the appropriate legal basis for the European Solidarity Corps initiative simply does not arise at this juncture, since no new binding act (or proposal for such an act) concerning the European Solidarity Corps has been adopted yet;
- (b) the content of the objectives pursued by the European Solidarity Corps initiative, as they are set out in the Communication, appears to fall within the scope of the objectives pursued by the Union in the fields of social policy and of education, vocational training and youth;
- (c) recourse to the financial sources identified so far for the initial funding of the European Solidarity Corps does not appear to raise legal concerns as to the fulfilment of their formal allocation requirements. A legal assessment of any other future funding arrangements will only be possible after these will be known in detail.

4. Documents for information

4.1. Joint declaration of Employers and Government in Malta on encouraging the private sector investment in Europe (to be found among the annexes)

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
Rapporteur EFDD Laura Agea - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (LS)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016	4.10.2016	27.10.2016	12.7.2017 28.09.2017
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 ⁶ 28.9.2017

⁶ 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	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

- 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 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.]	Original title as per Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015 Title change as shown in the minutes of 9.2.2017 S&D reservation as shown in the minutes of 9.3.2017 ECR opposition as shown in the minutes of 6.4.2017		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

Decision of 11 May 2017:

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.

Decision

The Coordinators

- held an extensive exchange of views on the title of the proposed own-initiative report under 1 above
- instructed the Secretariat to research the history of the title change [see the grey-shaded entries in the table above]
- invited the ECR group to submit a succinct justification for the new title
- invited the Coordinators of the ECR and S&D groups to find an amiable solution
- decided to return to the matter at their next meeting.

Reports

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

Postponed, please see point 3.1.

Opinions

5.2. Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU (LS)

EMPL/8/10033

***I 2017/0102(COD) COM(2017)0262 – C8-0162/2017

Postponed, please see item 3.2. above

5.3. Mobility Package (CF)

- a) Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2006/22/EC as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector (CF)

COM(2017)278

Rapporteur in TRAN: Ms KYLLÖNEN (GUE/NGL)

- b) Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector (CF)

COM(2017)281

Rapporteur in TRAN: Mr VAN DE CAMP (EPP)

- c) Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards on minimum requirements on maximum

daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (CF) COM(2017)277

Rapporteur in TRAN: S&D, rapporteur TBC

Decision of 15 June 2017

Point (a) The Coordinators decided

- *that EMPL should cooperate with TRAN on the basis of Rule 54 with exclusive EMPL powers for matters pertaining to*
 - *the posting of workers (Article 2 of the proposal and the corresponding recitals)*
 - *social aspects of the protection of drivers*

Point (b) The Coordinators decided

- *to reserve the right to request Rule 54 as regards non-technical, social aspects of the protections of drivers*

Point (c) The Coordinators decided

- *that EMPL should cooperate with TRAN on the basis of Rule 54 with shared powers regarding driving times and rest periods*

For all three points, Coordinators decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until a decision on the requests for Rule 54 had been taken

Coordinators also noted that the EMPL Coordinators had decided, on 9 June 2016, that a joint (mini) hearing with TRAN should be held; noted that the two secretariats shall try to identify a suitable date in October-November; noted that there were at that point in time no free slots for the reimbursement of experts

Decision:

The Coordinators

- **agreed, as regards the joint hearing with TRAN on 16 October to invite the political groups to nominate possible experts (2 for EMPL, 2 for TRAN) by Thursday 31 August, COB with a view to taking the final decision at the Coordinators' meeting on 7 September 2017.**
 - ***Note: The annual quota for reimbursable experts (16) is almost exhausted. Only THREE experts may be reimbursed. All other experts to be invited by EMPL would have to attend at their own expenses.***

- noted that on 10 July 2017, TRAN Coordinators decided only to offer EMPL and ENVI (who also requested closer association) Rule 53.
- noted that Mr Händel will meet the TRAN Chair after the summer recess in order to explore a possible amicable settlement.⁷

⁷ *[AH/CF/office TH for scheduling of meeting]*

5.4. Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)(PR)

2017/0143 (COD)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP group.

5.5. 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:

Following an exchange of views the Coordinators confirmed their decision of 11 May 2017 not to draw up an opinion

Documents for information

5.6. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Line 04 03 01 03)

COM (2017)0316 (RS)

Decision:

No action.

5.7 . COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document 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 (EC)

SWD(2017)0007

Decision: No separate action needed. The document will be forwarded to the Rapporteur and shadow Rapporteurs for the file (CMD2).

5.8. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the supplementary impact assessment accompanying the document: 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 (EC)

SWD(2017)0008

Decision: None. The document will be forwarded to the Rapporteur and shadow Rapporteurs for the file

6. Commission assessment of Pilot projects/Preparatory Actions (PPs/PAs) - in the presence of Deirdre Clune, EMPL Rapporteur for the budget (EC)

- In the presence of Deirdre Clune, EMPL Rapporteur for the budget -

Annexes: PPPA forms back from pre-assessment, table with a summary of the COM pre-assessment, BUDG amendments forms, EMPL tutorial on budget including PPs/PAs

At their meeting of 3 March 2017, the coordinators:

- *Decided on the procedure for PPs/PAs;*
- *Endorsed the proposed timetables for the budget (opinions and budgetary AMs) ;*
- *Appointed the Rapporteur for the 2018 budget in EMPL;*
- *Considered inviting the Commission services to present the state-of-play on the ongoing PPs and PAs (exchange of views took place on 12 April).*

a) Update on the Council position on DB 2018

At the meeting of 6 April 2016, the following proposal was submitted to coordinators, and endorsed:

“The EMPL Secretariat has been informed that the Council’s position will not be available mid-July as initially announced, but on 24 or 25 July.

In view of the turquoise week and the summer holidays, it is proposed not to change the deadline for budgetary AMs; instead, the Rapporteur could table, as soon as the Council’s position is known, AMs restoring DB in all budgetary lines under EMPL’s remit that the Council would have cut.”

Contrary to what was initially announced, the Council position on DB 2018 was available already on 12 July. Deadline to table budgetary AMs was set on 14 July noon.

Please note that the deadline to table AMs to the draft opinion on budget 2018 section III was moved to Monday 17 July, 14h (for technical reasons only).

Decision a)

The Coordinators:

- **decided to confirm their initial decision and instructed the Rapporteur to table, on behalf of EMPL, the “restore DB” amendments by the agreed deadline (14 July noon);**

b) PPs and PAs:

The timetable for PPs/PAs for the budget 2018, as endorsed by the coordinators, is as follows:

1 March	Interim report from COM http://www.budgnet.ep.parl.union.eu/budgnet/cms/home/menu_current_leg/Budgetary_procedure_2018/pp_pa
6 March	Presentation and discussion of COM interim report and EP working document on PP-PAs
25 April, 12h	Deadline for transmission to EMPL SECRETARIAT of preliminary proposals of Pilot Projects- Preparatory Actions by political groups

2 May, cob	Deadline for groups to express their support to PPs/PAS <i>(PPs/PAS which were supported by a majority of groups were transmitted to BUDG on behalf of the EMPL Committee, the rest on behalf of Member(s) who have proposed them)</i>
3 May, noon	Deadline for transmission by Committees (and individual Members) of a preliminary list of PPs/PAs to BUDG
30 May	DB 2018 published (see in particular: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/documents/2018/DB2018_WD04_en.pdf
4 July	Result of the Commission's assessment of PPs/PAs (in Annex to the coordinators notes)
10 July	Exchange of views on PPs/PAs in BUDG
13 July pm	Discussion of the proposals in EMPL coordinators - Coordinators select a limited number of proposals taking into account the assessment made by DG EMPL <i>N.B: Members whose PPs/PAs have not been selected can table them again in EMPL, or directly to BUDG (deadline 31 August noon, see below)</i>
14 July noon	Selected PPs/PAs are transformed into budgetary amendments by the EMPL budget Rapporteur
14 July, noon	Deadline for other Members to table PPs/PAS as budgetary AMs
30 August pm	Vote in EMPL
31 August, 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary AMs (including PPs and PAs) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by individual Members to BUDG • by Committees and MEPs (38 signatures) to plenary
7 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments (including PPs and PAs) by groups to Plenary

Decision:

The Coordinators decided

- to instruct the Rapporteur for budget in EMPL to table only the PPs that received a “A” or “B” grade⁸ on behalf of the EMPL Committee (jointly with Ms González Peñas for

⁸ The EMPL Secretariat will try and improve the PPs that received a grade B, alongside the COM comments

the 2 PPs that Ms González Peñas proposed individually in May and which got a A and B grade) and by the deadline of 14 July noon, in view of the EMPL vote of 30 August pm and moreover to table amendments to her draft opinion on the DB 2018 expressing support to those PPs; any EMPL Member would have the possibility, on an individual basis, to table a PP/PA that got a C or D grade;

Notes:

- Any EMPL Member can table a PP/PA by 14 July noon as budgetary AM, in view of the EMPL vote on 30 August pm.
 - New rule: if a BUDG AM is sent to EMPL committee by a non-EMPL MEP, it must be co-signed by an EMPL MEP or substitute.

Conversely, any Member (whether he/she is Member of BUDG or not) can send a budgetary AM to BUDG

- As usual, PPs/PAs and other budgetary AMs that would not be adopted on 30 August by EMPL can be re-tabled directly to BUDG Secretariat (deadline: 31 August noon)

7. EMPL delegations in the first half of 2018

Turquoise weeks in the first half of 2018:

- 3-5 January (not recommended)
- 12-16 February
- 3-6 April
- 7-8 May

Decision

The Coordinators

- heard Mr Calvet Chambon who insisted on the importance of holding a substantive dialogue with future presidencies during visits to countries which would hold future presidencies
- noted that only three viable turquoise weeks would be available
- decided that three delegations could be requested for the first half of 2018, that is
 - one delegation to the future presidency country in May to Austria (Austrian presidency during the second half of 2018; followed by Romania in the first half of 2019)

- one delegation to an agency, i.e. the Cedefop in April (ETF to be visited in the second half of 2018⁹)
- possibly
 - a delegation within the EU or candidate countries *within* the quota (27 for the whole year) and/or
 - a delegation outside the EU, *outside* the quota and as ad hoc delegations (usually 7 Members including the Chair, if authorised by CoP)
- **Deadline for sending suggestions for additional delegations for the first half of 2018 to the Secretariat: 31 August COB¹⁰**
- **Final decision to be taken at the Coordinators' meeting of 7 September 2017.**

8. EMPL hearings in the first half of 2018

- Annual quota for hearings: 16 reimbursed experts.

- It is recommended to link hearings to ongoing legislative or non-legislative reports.

Hearings in 2017

- Statute for social and solidarity-based enterprises - 22 March 2017
- Social protection and the Commission proposal on Coordination of social security systems - 11 April 2017
- LIBE-EMPL-PETI_ joint_hearing- Situation and rights of EU nationals in the UK-4.5.2017
- Greek labour market reforms - 29.05.2017
- EMPL-FEMM work-life balance - 22 June
- Impact of business models - including platform economy - 13 July
- CMD-Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work-13.7.2017
- EMPL/CULT Hearing on European Solidarity Corps Initiative - 10.10.2017
- EMPL/TRAN HEARING on working conditions of the mobile workers - 16.10.2017

Decision:

The Coordinators

⁹ Agencies visited in 2017 are EU-OSHA and Eurofound.

¹⁰ **[LE&KV via EMPL mailbox]**

- took a decision of principle that two hearings should be requested for the first half of 2018, and, possibly on the two hearings to be placed on the waiting list for the second half of 2018
- set a deadline for sending suggestions for hearings for the first half of 2018 to the Secretariat:
 - 31 August COB¹¹

¹¹ [LE&KV via EMPL mailbox]

9. Social Pillar: The "Pillar Proclamation Process" [AH/CF]

Merged with item 1.6., please see there.

10. EMPL delegation to Madrid (BM/MM)

On 9 March 2017, EMPL Committee requested authorization for a delegation of up to 7 Members plus the Chair to Madrid, Spain, in the week of 18 to 22 September 2017. Apart from general discussions on the employment and social situation in Spain, the aim of this delegation is to focus on ongoing EMPL files such as the Accessibility Act, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, active ageing, the social economy and the New Skills Agenda. The delegation will meet stakeholders which are active in these areas, in particular ONCE, the National Organization of the Blind in Spain, and the ONCE Foundation. The visit of an ESF co-financed project and relevant authorities is also foreseen.

An outline of the updated draft programme can be found in the Annexes.

Update: For this delegation that has been scheduled to take place on 20-22 September (Green Week), the following nominations were received:

[Chair – Mr Thomas Händel TBC]

EPP – Ms Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz

EPP – Mr Marek Plura

S&D – Ms Elena Gentile

GREENs/EFA – Ms Tatjana Zdanoka

EPP – Ms Rosa Estarás (local Member - accompanying Member)

S&D – Mr Sergio Gutierrez Prieto (local Member - accompanying Member)

GUE/NGL – Ms Paloma López Bermejo (local Member - accompanying Member)

The updated draft programme could be found in the Annexes.

11. EMPL delegation to Sofia (week 44) (LS)

An outline of the draft programme could be found among the Annexes.

Taking into account to the current composition of the delegations to Croatia and Slovenia, and to Spain in September, the next 6 places according to the d'Hondt system would be as follows:

[Chair Mr Händel, non transferrable seat]

1 EPP

2 S&D

1 ECR

1 GUE

1 EFDD

Decision:

The Coordinators

- confirmed that the delegation visit will take place from 30 October to 1 November
- invited political groups to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, at the latest by 5 September 2017 at noon;
- instructed Policy Department A to provide a briefing note on the employment and social situation in Bulgaria, which should also address the priorities in the area of employment and social affairs for the forthcoming Bulgarian Presidency.

12. YEI fact finding mission - CoR participation (LS/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 May agreed on sending a combined fact-finding journey to Croatia and Slovenia with participants being the rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs (or their substitutes) all using annual Group quota. It was furthermore noted that participation in any fact-finding journeys has to fit in with the existing d'Hondt system.

For this mission that has been scheduled to take place on 19-21 September (Green Week) the following nominations were received:

EPP – Ms Romana TOMC (rapporteur)

S&D	– Mr Emilian PAVEL
ECR	– (to be decided)
ALDE	– Mr Enrique CALVET CHAMBON
GUE/NGL	– Ms Kostadinka KUNEVA
GREENs	– no-one
EFDD	– no-one
ENF	– Ms Joelle MELIN

At the end of June, the Secretariat has received an inquiry regarding the possibility of a Member of the Committee of the Regions to participate at the delegation to Slovenia/Croatia, following a meeting between the CoR Secretary-General Jiří Buriánek and DG IPOL Director-General Riccardo Ribera d'Alcalà.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- held an extensive exchange of views
- noted the doubts of the S&D group as to the participation of other institutions such as the CoR and the ECA;
- decided that a Member of the Committee of the Regions could be allowed to participate in the delegation at the expenses of the CoR
- recalled that the relations with the media were to be assumed exclusively by the leader of the EMPL fact-finding mission
- agreed that the rapporteur should lead the EMPL fact-finding mission.

13. Letter from the Greek Alternate Minister of Labour regarding the need for supplementary measures in support of EU countries experiencing high unemployment (MM)

The Greek Alternate Minister for Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, Ms Rania Antonopoulou addressed a letter to Mr Händel presenting proposals to alleviate the overburdened countries. **(The letter can be found among the annexes.)**

Decision:

The Coordinators

- **instructed the Chair to invite Ms Rania Antonopoulou, Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity for an exchange of views on the above subject on 30-31 August 2017**
- **decided to reiterated their invitation to Mr Dijsselbloem for an exchange of views on the Greek labour market reforms by a letter from the Chair.**

14. Follow-up hearing on the issue of citizen's rights - request by the Greens/EFA Group (EC/PR)

The Secretariat has received the following request on 27 June 2017:

Dear EMPL secretariat,

As coordinator for the Greens/EFA Group, Jean Lambert would like to request that the matter of a possible follow up hearing on the issue of citizen's rights be put on the agenda of the next EMPL coordinators meeting – we understand that LIBE coordinators will also be discussing this at their next coordinators meeting.

Kind regards, on behalf of Jean Lambert

Decision:

The Coordinators

- **agreed that EMPL would participate in a follow-up hearing, preferably in November, possibly jointly with LIBE and PETI, and on the understanding that LIBE would take the lead in organisational matters (meeting room, interpretation)**
- **further agreed that EMPL would take decisions on its participation, including the nomination of experts, once the date and organisational framework would have been decided.**

➤ *Note: The annual quota for reimbursable experts (16) is almost exhausted. Only THREE experts may be reimbursed (see also item 5.3. (road transport package) above which was agreed earlier and thus takes precedence). All other experts to be invited by EMPL would have to attend at their own expenses.*

15. Request from the GUE/NGL and S&D groups to invite Commissioner Violeta Bulc for a discussion concerning her views on Ryanair (CF)

On 3rd July, the Chair received the following request from the GUE/NGL Co-Coordinator:

Dear Chair,

Dear Coordinators,

GUE/NGL would like to propose an invitation to Commissioner Violeta Bulc to have a discussion in EMPL concerning her views on Ryanair.

About a month ago the Commissioner of transport openly advertised on her twitter account for Ryanair's fare discounts to Erasmus students. If you haven't seen the Commissioner's tweet, you can find it here

https://twitter.com/Bulc_EU/status/869503694857007104/photo/1

The Commissioner also promoted Ryanair's package deal to Erasmus students in a joint press release with Michael O'Leary:

<http://corporate.ryanair.com/news/ryanair-to-partner-erasmus-student-network/?market=fi>

I find these statements by a European Commissioner both regrettable and concerning. It is GUE/NGL's opinion that Ryanair is a leading example of a company that has based its business model on exploiting loopholes in legislation; dodging labour rights; hostility towards trade unions; and tax evasion. Moreover, Ryanair is a leading example of the consequences of the liberalisation of the sector both at national and EU level under the single market.

I have therefore asked the Commission (rule 130 question for written answer) to explain how advertising for an individual private company and its commercial products can be consistent with the Commission's role as a public and legislative institution. I have also ask the Commission to explain how its promotion of Ryanair is consistent with the Juncker Commission's commitment to combat social dumping and tax evasion and avoidance.

GUE/NGL therefore suggests that we invite the Commissioner to have a discussion in EMPL so that the Commissioner can elaborate on her views on what we believe to be an unfortunate association with Ryanair - a company that distorts the airline sector to the detriment of both workers, consumers and taxpayers.

Best,

Rina Ronja Kari

Decision:

The Coordinators

- **held and exchange of views**
- **decided that critical remarks as to the conduct of Commissioner *Bulc* should be made by means of a letter from the Chair to the Commissioner**
- **decided that the EMPL Committee shall hold an exchange of views with Commissioner *Thyssen* on 'Employment and labour and contractual relations of low-cost business models in the airline industry'.¹²**

16. Motions for Resolution¹³ - decision on procedure (CF)

[None]

¹² *Note: Viable meeting slots are only available in August or November.*

¹³ 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.

17. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

[None]

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 1402/2016 by A. K. (Czech) on help for her mentally handicapped brother
2. Petition No 0005/2017 by Jouko Palmroth (Swedish) on traffic safety on roads with regard to working time of bus drivers
3. Petition No 0099/2017 by M.M.R (Spanish), on behalf of the Kellys Association, on the employment situation of hotel maids

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.

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:

Report "Posting of workers" 2016/0070(COD) – Co-rapporteurs Elisabeth Morin-Chartier (EPP)/ Agnes Jongerius (S&D),

Rev timetable 15 June 2017

Coordinators decision co-rapporteurship	14 April 2016
Inter-parliamentary committee meeting Including presentation Posting proposal by the Commission	12 October 15.00-18.30h
Exchange of views on Posting	Tuesday 8 November 15.00-17.00h
Deadline to send draft report to translation	29 November
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	25-26 January
Deadline AMs	9 February
Consideration of amendments	22-23 March
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	April- May- June - July - September
Deadline for comments final VL	26 September, 12h00
Adoption EMPL	28 September
Plenary	tbc

Updated timetable: EMPL report on the Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work ("CMD 2"- Rapporteur Claude Rolin (EPP))

Draft report ready	17 October 2017
Consideration draft report	9 November
Deadline AMs	14 November noon

Consideration of AMs tabled	4 December
Vote EMPL	January 2018
Vote plenary	TBC

2 Timetables Opinions:

Updated timetable

EMPL opinion on *Preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures* (rapporteur Edouard Martin (S&D))

Deadline for AMs	31 May 2017, 12.00
Adoption in EMPL	30/31 August 9/10 October 2017
Adoption in JURI	20-21 November 2017 January 2018
Plenary	tbc

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities (Marian Harkin)

and

Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card (Michaela Šojdrová)

Deadline for sending text to translation	10 July – 7 September
Consideration of draft opinion	30/31 August – 28 September
Deadline for tabling amendments	12 September – 10 October
Consideration of AMs tabled	9/10 October – 9 November
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 46-47-48
Vote in EMPL	20/21 November – 4 December
Vote in IMCO (lead committee)	4 December – January (date tbc)

Vote in Plenary (indicative)

Tdb

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 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, 7 September, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 12 October, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30¹⁴
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

¹⁴ Meeting in Strasbourg