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EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

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Room PHS 6B54 - Brussels

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The meeting opened at 10:07 hrs and closed at 11:38 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 Ulrike Trebesius, Vice-Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Martina Dlabajova, Vice-Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr Mr João Limenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

Apologies

S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

ENF

Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the fact that

- **an EP resolution on citizens' rights shall be adopted on 3 October;**
- **the resolution is being drawn up by the political groups;**
- **the procedure chosen by the CoP does not foresee any involvement of parliamentary committees.**

1.3 Exchange of views on the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work (PR)

In July the Coordinators decided to include an exchange of views about the first experiences gained by the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work in the agenda of EMPL Committee meeting in late November/early December.

Update

- Contacts have been established with the Platform which is chaired by a representative of the Commission assisted by two co-Chairs chosen from among the representatives of the Member States.
- It is suggested to invite the chair of the platform (Commission representative) and one or two of the co-chairs (Member States representatives; provided that the co-chairs are willing to attend the meeting without being reimbursed by the EP) together with representatives from ETUC and BusinessEurope.
- The rapporteur will be consulted as regards the timing and format of the item.

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to request a succinct briefing note from Policy Department A which should provide in particular an overview of the latest available figures on the matter.

[Prepare note to PolDepA: PR]

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

The papers for the meeting included a comparative table.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- held an exchange of views during which they considered various options;
- noted that a majority of groups (EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE) wished to hold separate trilogues for each file, whereas GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA expressed their preference for joint trilogues for provisions common to the three agencies;
- noted that EPP and S&D preferred to start separate trilogues with Cedefop as a pilot file whereas ALDE opposed that approach and suggested to follow the Council approach and take Eurofound as basis for the negotiations;
- decided that separate series of trilogues for each agency should be held,
- agreed that negotiations should start with one agency, Cedefop, as a pilot file, and that the rapporteurs for the two other files should be invited to those trilogues as observers.

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

The papers for the meeting included

- the Proclamation of a European Pillar of Social Rights
- 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

- **were informed by the Chair that he met President Tajani on 7 September 2017 a.m., before the Coordinators' meeting**
- **noted that according to the President the Conference of Presidents would discuss on 7 September a.m. the involvement of the EP in the preparation of the Gothenburg "Social summit for fair jobs and growth" which is due to take place on 17 November 2017**
- **noted that the political groups envisaged the appointment of two MEPs acting as 'sherpas' for the preparation of the planned Proclamation on the European Pillar of Social Rights**
- **requested unanimously that the EMPL Committee be involved in the process and that it should be represented by its Chair.¹**

¹ This point was followed up by the following exchange of emails between the Chair and the President:

Email of 7 September 2017, 10:58 hrs, from Chair Händel to President Tajani:

"Dear Mr President Tajani

Cc all Coordinators and Group Chairs

Following our meeting today I informed the Coordinators of the EMPL Committee.

The Coordinators unanimously requested that our committee be involved in the process and that it should be represented by its Chair.

I would be very grateful if this unanimous position could be taken into consideration by the Conference of Presidents when it decides on the Parliaments 'Sherpas' and, most importantly, on the political feedback loops.

Best wishes, Thomas Haendel, EMPL Chair"

Email of 7 September 2017, 12:13 hrs, from President Tajani to Chair Händel:

"Dear Mr Handel,

Thank you for your email. I am pleased to inform you that, following to the meeting this morning, I decided to propose to the COP the inclusion of the EMPL Chair in the Parliament's delegation on the Social Pillar.

I will inform you on the decision taken by the COP.

Best regards, Antonio Tajani"

1.6. **Follow-up to exchange of views with Rania Antonopoulou (Greek Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity) and Nicolas Schmit (Luxembourg's Minister for Labour, Employment, and the Social and Solidarity Economy)**

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter from Ms Antonopoulou and
- 2 Greek position papers of 30 August 2017 submitted by Ms Antonopoulou.

On 30 August, the EMPL committee held an exchange of views with Rania Antonopoulou, Greek Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity and Nicolas Schmit Luxembourg's Minister for Labour, Employment, and the Social and Solidarity Economy, on their proposal to support countries with high unemployment rate.

In her letter dated 23 June, Alternate Minister Antonopoulou presented the following proposals:

- 1. Member States experiencing unemployment rates above the EU average should become eligible to submit proposals to the Juncker Plan, in support of the unemployed. The Juncker Plan contribution may be allowed to exceed 50 % in human capital interventions proposals.*
- 2. Those projects may receive co-financing from donors and other IFI'S, including from outside the EU and additional national financial allocations.*
- 3. The financial resources allocated to those projects shall be exempted from the Stability and Growth Pact.*

At the EMPL exchange of views, she also suggested that countries with unemployment rate above the EU average, should be allowed to spend more than the EU average (0,5% of GDP) on active labour market policies, in a proportional way. Greece with an unemployment rate of 21,7% e.g. could devote **1% of GDP to active labour market policies**.

Minister Schmit supported Ms Antonopoulou's proposals, emphasising the importance of job creation and flexibility in the Stability and Growth Pact.

Members taking the floor expressed their support and asked for follow-up.

Alternate Minister Antonopoulou's letter and the proposals received can be found among the annexes.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the Greek proposal and decided not to follow it up by a study.

[p.m.: Planning of next meeting of Greece WG: MM]

1.7. Cooperation between the SOC Section of the European Economic and Social Committee and the EMPL Committee [LS]

Following the participation of Mr Pavel Trantina, President of the SOC Section of the European Economic and Social Committee, to one of our EMPL committee meetings last year, the Chair has been invited to take part in one of their meetings.

Our secretariats are in contact to find a date, and it will probably be on 8 November.

Decision

The Coordinators took note of the initiative and instructed the secretariat to identify interested EMPL Members. [LS]

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

2.1. 16 October joint hearing with TRAN on the working conditions of mobile workers (TV)

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to invite

- the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and
- the European Road Haulers Association (UETR)

to nominate one expert each.

2.2. Accessibility Act: Amendments re-tabled in the plenary on behalf of EMPL (MM)

The papers for the meeting included a document reproducing the amendments that were re-tabled in the plenary.

Update:

For your information you will find attached the amendments of the EMPL final opinion that were re-tabled in plenary to the Accessibility Act on behalf of the EMPL Committee by 6 September.

The attached list of re-tabled amendments corresponds to the Coordinators' decision of 15 June according to which the AMs of the EMPL opinion under shared competence including the term "persons with functional limitations" shall be re-tabled in plenary.

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).

Decision

The Coordinators took note of the fact that the Conference of Presidents would take a decision on this issue during its meeting on 7 September (Rule 54 with shared powers for FEMM).

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)

The papers for the meeting included a letter from the EMPL chair of 24 August 2017.

Decision

The Coordinators

- were informed that Mr Händel had met Ms Kammerevert on 5 September to discuss the matter and they had reached the draft agreement on the use of Rule 54 set out below
- approved the agreement.

“Under this arrangement, EMPL will have exclusive competence under Rule 54 for:

- *Recitals 8 and 10*
- *Article 2(8) and (9)*
- *Article 15(2)(b) and (c)*
- *Any potential complementary amendments referring exclusively to working conditions, jobs and traineeships, without prejudice to CULT's overall responsibility for the report.*

In all other matters (including all issues relating to the structure or the scope of the proposal), EMPL will have shared powers under Rule 54. Financial matters are the only exception to this general rule. Here, shared competence under Rule 54 will apply only to financial matters falling within the remit of the EMPL Committee (i.e. the contribution from the ESF pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 2, point (a) and the contribution from the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) mentioned in Recital 18 of the

proposal). It will not apply to financial matters falling within the competence of the CULT Committee or of other Committees.

Every effort will be made to ensure coherence and consensus prior to the vote with respect to the overall budget redeployment, since the Commission's proposal has appreciable budgetary consequences for existing programmes falling under the remit of both CULT and EMPL - and indeed other committees. This goes, for example, for the planned contribution from the ESF (EUR 35 million, which amounts to 73.2% of the technical assistance envelope, and from EaSI, which amounts to 100% of allocations from budget line "04 03 02 01 – Progress – Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation".

In order to ensure that EMPL's role is given due weight, the EMPL rapporteur will be invited to participate in all meetings - shadows and trilogues - throughout the procedure. Additionally, the EMPL shadows will be invited to participate in all shadows meetings, including those to prepare or debrief from any trilogue meetings. In line with the arrangements governing EMPL's involvement in shadows meetings and trilogues, the CULT rapporteur will engage in extensive consultations with EMPL before finalising compromise amendments and during possible negotiations with the Council so as to achieve a fair balance of the budgetary contributions to be made towards the ESC."

4. Documents for information

CCC Guidelines on roll-call votes

Conclusions of an EESC meeting

Letter from Ms Thyssen to Mr Tajani on a European Vocational Skills Week

Letters from Mr Tajani to the ENA and to the ESCP on the use of Parliament's Chamber

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	Work to resume in October 2017
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		10.10.2017² 28.9.2017 19.10.2017

² 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 of 13 July 2017:

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 [Done, 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 **TO BE UPDATED FOR 7 SEPT**
- decided to return to the matter at their next meeting.

Background

The S&D Group maintains its opposition to unilateral title changes but is open to a compromise in the form of an agreed modification of the title. The ECR Group has promised to provide further background soon.

Decision:

In the absence of Ms Steinruck and Ms McIntyre the matter was postponed. The two groups were invited to work on a compromise wording for the title. The other groups would be associated to that process. [TV]

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

Observations:

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).

This initiative follows the withdrawal in 2015 of the Commission proposal for a revision of Directive 92/85/EEC on maternity protection, when the Commission committed to present a new initiative taking a broader perspective to improve the lives of working parents and carers.

Given the ongoing conflict of competence between EMPL and FEMM as to which rule for cooperation to apply, the appointment of a rapporteur has been postponed (see point 3.1).

Decision:

- **Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.**

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 (BM)

EMPL/8/10033

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

Please see item 3.2. above

Decision:

- **Rapporteur to be appointed by the S&D Group.**

5.3. Mobility Package (CF)

Following Coordinators' discussions of 15 June and 13 July 2017, the Chair wrote to the TRAN Chair and the CCC Chair [letters included in annex] proposing that EMPL should cooperate with TRAN on the basis of Rule 54 with exclusive EMPL powers for matters concerning the posting of workers (Article 2 of the proposal under point (a) and the corresponding recitals) and the social aspects of the protection of drivers.

On 10 July 2017, TRAN Coordinators decided only to offer Rule 53 to EMPL and ENVI (who also requested closer association for different components of the mobility package). The reply from the TRAN Chair of 1 September, confirms this position.

A meeting between Mr Händel and Ms Delli is planned for 5 September to explore a possible amicable settlement.

Decision:

- Update from Chair on the discussions with the TRAN Chair. Negotiations ongoing.
- Mr Händel informed the Coordinators that
 - the discussions between Mr Händel and Ms Delli focussed on the Posting of Drivers proposal.
 - while the EMPL position had been to request Rule 54 with exclusive powers, Ms Delli showed some readiness to accept Rule 54 with shared powers and was even willing to consider applying Rule 55 for the Posting of Drivers file.
- There was no opposition among EMPL Coordinators to apply Rule 55 instead of Rule 54 with exclusive powers.

- 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: Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL)

Action proposed

- Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

- b) 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 (TV)
- COM(2017)277

Rapporteur in TRAN: Wim van de Camp (EPP)

Decision:

- **Rapporteur to be appointed by the EPP Group.**

- c) 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 (LS)**

["Access to occupation" and "Cabotage" Regulations respectively]

COM(2017)281

Rapporteur in TRAN: Jens Nilsson (S&D)

Decision:

- **Rapporteur to be appointed by the EPP Group.**

5.4. Discharge 2016 [JuB]

Decision on ALL discharge procedures to be taken under item 5.4:

Decision:

➤ **EPP to nominate one rapporteur for the following ~~eight~~ **six** opinions:**

- 1. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Commission**

EMPL/8/10611

2017/2136(DEC)

COM(2017)0365[01] – C8-0247/2017

Responsible: CONT

- 2. 2016 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational training (Cedefop)**

EMPL/8/10773

2017/2147(DEC)

COM(2017)0365[11] – C8-0258/2017

Responsible: CONT

- 3. 2016 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)**

EMPL/8/10776

2017/2148(DEC)

COM(2017)0365[12] – C8-0259/2017

Responsible: CONT

4. 2016 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

EMPL/8/10785

2017/2152(DEC) COM(2017)0365[16] – C8-0263/2017

Responsible: CONT

5. 2016 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)

EMPL/8/10793

2017/2156(DEC) COM(2017)0365[20] – C8-0267/2017

Responsible: CONT

6. 2016 discharge: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the EU's agencies for the financial year 2016: performance, financial management and control

EMPL/8/10851

2017/2179(DEC) COM(2017)0365[43] – C8-0290/2017

Responsible: CONT

~~7. 2016 discharge: EU general budget – European Parliament~~

~~EMPL/8/10631~~

~~2017/2137(DEC) COM(2017)0365[02] – C8-0248/2017~~

~~Responsible: CONT~~

~~11. 2016 discharge: General budget of the EU – Economic and Social Committee~~

~~EMPL/8/10711~~

~~2017/2141(DEC) COM(2017)0365[06] – C8-0252/2017~~

~~Responsible: CONT~~

Decision:

- ***NOT to issue opinions on the following files:***

7. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - European Parliament

EMPL/8/10631

2017/2137(DEC) COM(2017)0365[02] – C8-0248/2017

Responsible: CONT

8. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Council and European Council

EMPL/8/10651

2017/2138(DEC) COM(2017)0365[03] – C8-0249/2017

Responsible: CONT

9. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Court of Justice

EMPL/8/10671

2017/2139(DEC) COM(2017)0365[04] – C8-0250/2017

Responsible: CONT

10. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Court of Auditors

EMPL/8/10691

2017/2140(DEC) COM(2017)0365[05] – C8-0251/2017

Responsible: CONT

11. 2016 discharge: General budget of the EU - Economic and Social Committee

EMPL/8/10711

2017/2141(DEC) COM(2017)0365[06] – C8-0252/2017

Responsible: CONT

12. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Committee of the Regions

EMPL/8/10731

2017/2142(DEC) COM(2017)0365[07] – C8-0253/2017

Responsible: CONT

13. 2016 discharge: EU general budget - European Ombudsman

EMPL/8/10751

2017/2143(DEC) COM(2017)0365[08] – C8-0254/2017

Responsible: CONT

14. 2016 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

EMPL/8/10826

2017/2172(DEC) COM(2017)0365[36] – C8-0283/2017

Responsible: CONT

Documents for information

5.6. Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Summary of the annual implementation reports for the operational programmes co-financed by the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived in 2015 [BM]

COM(2017)0404

Decision:

Take note of the document, no specific action required.

5.7. Proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) to amend Council Directive 2009/13/EC in accordance with the amendments of 2014 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 as approved by the International Labour Conference on 11 June 2014 [JuB]

COM(2017)0406

Decision:

Take note of the document, no specific action required according to the Treaties.

5.8. Commission staff working document Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2017 Executive Summary [TV]

SWD(2017)0265

Decision:

Valuable background document, Commission to be invited for a presentation. [TV]

6. Request to present EIGE's study on Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the European Union (JuB)

On 24 July 2017, Virginija Langbakk, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), addressed a letter to the Chair, suggesting to present the EIGE study on "Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the European Union" during one of the next EMPL Committee meetings (letter in the annexe).

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to have the study presented during one of the next EMPL Committee meetings.

7. Proposed meeting dates in 2018

Preliminary version of the calendar is enclosed among the annexes.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- confirmed the proposed calendar which follows the habitual pattern and aims at maximising EMPL's flexibility
- noted that dates ear-marked with "[R]" were reserve dates, to be used only if strictly necessary, in particular Tuesday 18 September 2018 which fell into a turquoise week [JK/LE]
- agreed that Monday afternoons should be avoided to the extent feasible and noted that the Chair would assess the necessity of using such meeting slots very carefully. [JK/LE]

8. EMPL delegations in the first half of 2018

The papers for the meeting included

- a) a table summarising the proposals received from the political groups
- b) a table allowing the groups to rank their choices (please start with # 1 for your first choice, # 2 for your second, and so on)

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

- **decided that four delegations shall be requested for the first half of 2018, that is**
 - **one delegation to Austria**
 - **one delegation to the Cedefop**
 - **one delegation to the Czech Republic to study best practices on matching skills and jobs in Prague and Zlin**
 - **one delegation to Canada to study the labour market and social effects of CETA and NAFTA (third country delegation outside the quota [], to be authorised specifically as an ad hoc delegation)**
- **instructed the secretariat to submit an overall timetable for the missions together with further justifications for the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau, to be approved in a follow-up written procedure;³**

³ Envisaged composition and dates:

Please note that the intention of sending a delegation to Canada was discussed with staff of the EP Canada Delegation who recommended that EMPL opt for the turquoise week in April rather than May, when the Canada delegation would meet their counterparts with a different focus (climate change, migration, trade in general).

- Cedefop/Thessaloniki, a three-Member 'agency delegation', week of 12-16 February
- Czech Republic, up to 7 Members plus the Chair, envisaged date: **7-9 May**

- instructed Policy Department A to draw up briefing notes for each of the planned missions
- agreed on the following candidate list for the second half list of 2018:
 - Romania (future presidency) and
 - the ETF (Turin).

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- Austria, up to 7 Members plus the Chair, on 9-11 May
 - Canada, 7 Members (= Chair plus 6), as an ad hoc delegation outside the committee quota, during the turquoise week of 3-6 April 2017)

9. EMPL hearings in the first half of 2018

The papers for the meeting included

- a) a table summarising the proposals received from the political groups
- b) a table allowing the groups to rank their choices (please start with # 1 for your first choice, # 2 for your second, and so on)

Decision:

Postponed.

10. EMPL expertise programme - 4th quarter of 2017 (LS/Poldep)

Decision:

Postponed.

New subjects for the year 2018 to be proposed by the Political Groups by 18 September 2017, cob.

11. EMPL delegation to Madrid (BM/MM)

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

EPP	– Ms Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz
EPP	– Mr Marek Plura
S&D	– Ms Elena Gentile
S&D	– Mr Siôn Simon
GREENs/EFA	– Ms Tatjana Zdanoka
EPP	– Ms Rosa Estarás (local Member - accompanying Member)
S&D	– Mr Sergio Gutierrez Prieto (local Member - accompanying Member)
ALDE	– Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon (local Member - accompanying Member)
GUE/NGL	– Ms Paloma López Bermejo (local Member - accompanying Member)

The updated draft programme was contained in the Annexes.

Decision:

Take note of the state of play; decision on the Chairmanship to be taken by the Chair in the light of the effective attendance.

12. EMPL delegation to Sofia (week 44) (LS/LE)

At their meeting on 13 July, the Coordinators confirmed that the delegation visit will take place **from 30 October to 1 November**.

Political groups were invited to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, **at the latest by 5 September 2017 at noon**

An outline of the preliminary draft programme was contained in the Annexes.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the state of play. New extended deadline 15 September.

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

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the state of play, bearing in mind that the EP resolution on citizens right would be adopted on 3 October.

14. Motions for Resolution⁴ - decision on procedure (CF)

1. **Motion for resolution B8 0442/2017** Sophie Montel on the recommendation concerning the

⁴ 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.

labour code and minimum wage

2. **Motion for resolution B8 0174/2017** Dominique Martin on posting of workers

Decision:

The Coordinators decided that no follow-up was needed since the issues addressed in the MfRs were already dealt with in the ongoing committee work,

15. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

[None]

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0188-17 by N.D. (Italian) on the compatibility with Community regulations of the
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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.

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.

repeated renewal of fixed-term contracts in the public health field (nurses)

16. Points for information

1 Timetables Reports:

No new/modified timetables

2 Timetables Opinions:

No new/modified timetables

3 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

*So far, EMPL has used 6,95 pages out of 45 pages in total. **summary table is annexed to the notes***

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

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- Thursday, 12 October, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30⁵
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

Proposed Coordinator's meeting dates in 2018 (calendar) - Preliminary version of the calendar is enclosed among the annexes.

Thursday, 11 January (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 1 February (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 8 March (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 12 April (10.00-11.30)

Tuesday, 15 May (pm) - as part of EMPL meeting

⁵ Meeting in Strasbourg

Thursday, 7 June (am) - as part of EMPL meeting
Thursday, 12 July (am) - as part of EMPL meeting
Thursday, 6 September (am) - as part of EMPL meeting
Thursday, 27 September (10.00-11.30)
Thursday, 8 November (10.00-11.30) - to be confirmed
Thursday, 6 December (10.00-11.30) - to be confirmed