EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 12 October 2017
10.00-11.30
Room ASP 5G2 - Brussels

RESULTS

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The meeting opened at 10.06 hrs and closed at 11:33 hrs with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair Mrs Marita Ulvskog, EMPL 1st Vice-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 Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-coordinator
Greens/EFA Ms Tatjana Ždanoka, replacing the Greens/EFA Coordinator

Apologies

Chair Mr Thomas Händel, Chair
S&D Ms Jutta Steinruck, S&D Coordinator
GUE/NGL Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator,
Greens/EFA Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

ENF Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Also present:

Mr Claude Rolin, 2nd Vice-Chair

Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom Vandenkendelaere for item 1.5.

1. Chair’s announcements

1.1 Chairing the Coordinators’ meeting - arrangements during Chair’s sick leave

Decision

The Coordinators

- noted that in the absence of Chairman Thomas Händel owing to sick-leave, the meeting would be chaired by Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair
- noted that all meetings until the end of 2017 would be chaired by the Acting Chair and that all letters would be signed by the Acting Chair
- decided to send their good wishes to the Chairman.

1.2 Interpretation

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

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

Decision:

The Coordinators

- heard the Legal Service and the Codecision Unit
- held an extensive exchange of views
- decided that a final position should be agreed at an extraordinary coordinators meeting on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 10 a.m. in the presence of the three rapporteurs.
1.4 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the information included in the notes.
1.5 Possible follow-up to the Commission’s reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe & Social Pillar Proclamation Process (EC/TV) - in the presence of the “sherpas” appointed by the Conference of President to represent the EP in the negotiations process, Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom Vandenkendelaere

The papers for the meeting included

- the draft 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

New documents since the last coordinators’ meeting:

- a legal opinion of the Council’s Legal Service
- a document distributed by the Council Presidency in view of the Coreper meeting of 4 October and the draft revised following the tripartite meeting of 6 October
- minutes of the inter-institutional meetings of 26 and 27 September and 6 October

Timeline:

- Conference of Presidents decision of 7 September: appoint the following three persons to represent the EP in the process: the Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the rapporteur on the relevant file from the S&D Group and the shadow rapporteur from the EPP Group.¹
- Presentation of the text of the Proclamation at the EPSCO Council of 23 October 2017 for agreement,
- Signature of the Proclamation at the Social Summit for fair jobs and growth by President Tajani, President Juncker and PM Ratas in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017.

Decision:

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¹ https://epintranet.in.ep.europa.eu/SibData/02_Cpg/06_PV-Minutes/2017/2017-09-07/pv%202017-09-07-final_en.pdf
The Coordinators

- instructed the Acting Chair to write to the President of the European Parliament requesting that
  - a Vice-Chair should replace Mr Händel in his function as ‘Sherpa’ for the time of his sick-leave
  - the Conference of Presidents change its decision of 7 September and allow every group represented in the EMPL committee to appoint one representative;
  
  [draft letter: EC]

- heard a debriefing by Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom about the outcome of the negotiations and the next steps;

- decided to hold an exchange of views in the EMPL Committee on 19 October 2017 from 11:15 to 12:30 hrs in the presence of Ms Rodrigues and Mr Vandenkendelaere to inform EMPL Members of the state of play of the negotiations.

  [agenda item: JK/EC/TV]

1.5 Economic dialogue with the Commission on the Annual Growth Survey 2018 [MM]

The joint ECON-EMPL exchange of views with the Commission on the Annual Growth Survey 2018 will be held on 27 November 2017, in the afternoon, with the participation of Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Moscovici. Commissioner Thyssen is unable to attend the meeting, her portfolio will be presented by Vice-President Dombrovskis.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the above information.

1.6 Invitation to the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment [LS]

The Chair has been invited to the Tripartite Social Summit, which will take place in the Europa building, 155 Rue de la Loi, Brussels, from 14.00 to 17.00 on 18 October 2017 (the invitation letter was among the annexes).

The Coordinators will be debriefed after the Summit.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the fact that EMPL Chair Mr Händel would be replaced by Ms Ulvskog at the TSS on 18 October 2017.
2. Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

Annex: Draft letter to the ECON Chair

2.1 Draft letter to ECON Chair - Economic policies of the euro area (MM)

Decision:

The Coordinators

• heard the acting S&D Coordinator who said that the Chair should in the future write letters defending the EMPL powers without consulting the Coordinators where the facts were clear; this approach was endorsed by the GUE/NGL and by the Greens/EFA groups;

• heard the EPP Coordinator who said that the Coordinators should be consulted every time in advance of such letters being sent; this approach was endorsed by the ALDE group;

• took note of the Chair’s suggestion that Mr Casa provide input for an alternative letter to ECON, thus defending those conclusions of the EMPL opinion which fell under the exclusive EMPL remit.

[Note: ECON vote on 16 October/ draft letter by MM]

3. Pending conflicts of competence

3.1. Road package (CF/TV/LS)

Annex: Letter from TRAN Chair to CCC

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the information contained in the file and of the fact that the ALDE group could accept Rule 55 as a possible solution.
4. Documents 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:

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<td><strong>Thomas Händel</strong> - Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)</td>
<td>25.06.2015</td>
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<sup>2</sup> The ALDE Coordinator expressed his preference for a speedier timetable.
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Rapports d’application adoptés en Commission EMPL

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<td>European Year of Active Ageing</td>
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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. [...]"


Candidate list for own-initiative reports - updated table:

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<td>Non-legislative aspects of Labour Mobility package, incl. labour mobility in cross-border regions</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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| 1 | **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 |
| 2 | **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 |
| 3 | **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.]  
Fresh title (“Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment”) agreed by Coordinators on 12.10.2017 | 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  
Final decision on 12.10.2017 | ECR |
| 4 | **The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed** | Coordinators’ decision of 15.10.2015 | ALDE |
| 5 | **The campaign of the International Labour Organisation to ratify the** | Coordinators’ decision of 1.9.2016 | Chair |
| Protocol on Forced Labour and to contemporary forms of severe labour exploitation |   |   |   |
5.0 - New own-initiative report

Decision:

1. The Coordinators:

- took note of the latest proposal for the title of the next own-initiative as submitted by the ECR Group on 11 October (“Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment”)
- heard the acting S&D coordinator who said she could accept the new title as suggested by the ECR but reminded that procedure-wise changing titles after coordinators’ decision by one group is unacceptable as the title is always part of the package deal.
- decided that the ECR group shall nominate the rapporteur.
- Instructed the Chair to request authorisation of that own-initiative report by means of a letter to the CCC Chair.

[TV]

2. The Coordinators also decided that, regarding the Commission’s “Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships” (2017/0244 (NLE). an oral question with a resolution shall be drawn up, under the authority of the Acting Chair, with one co-sponsor to be appointed by each group.

[Responsible AD TBD]

Reports

5.1 European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2018 (MM)

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions:

Decision:

Rapporteur for the INI report and subsequent Rule 54 opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.

3 http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2873&furtherNews=yes
5.2. Modernisation of education in the European Union (EC)

Responsible: CULT

Opinions: EMPL

**Decision:**

Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.3. E-commerce Sector Inquiry (RS) - COM(2017)0229

Responsible: IMCO

Opinions: JURI, ITRE, EMPL, INTA, CULT

**Decision:** No opinion

5.4. Gender Equality in the Media Sector in the EU (LS)

Responsible: FEMM

Opinions: JURI, EMPL

**Decision:**

Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the GUE/NGL group.

**Documents for information**

None

6. **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:**
Owing to the lack of time the Coordinators agreed to take the final decision on EMPL hearings at an ad hoc extraordinary meeting taking place on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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

The papers for the meeting included a table on ongoing work.

Decision:

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8. **Africa Week - possible items on committee agenda (LS)**

**Decision:**

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

**Decision:**

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10. **European Parliamentary Days 2018 - 19 and 20 February 2018**

**Decision:**

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11. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

1. Petition No 0442/2017 by R.G. (Austrian) on the non-implementation of EU law on free movement and discrepancies in social security systems for seasonal employees, and on the Austrian NOVA tax

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0106/2017 by M.B. (Italian) on the failure to recognise services provided by teachers at Italian accredited private schools prior to becoming State employees

2. Petition No 0113/2017 by Simon Baraldi (Italian) on delays in the Italian postal system and the incorrect application of the EU directive on postal services

3. Petition No 0119/2017 by Vincenzo Solla (Italian) on free healthcare in another Member State

4. Petition No 0126/2017 by D.M. (Romanian) on a dispute relating to German labour law and social security

5. Petition No 0223/2017 by N.G. (Greek) on behalf of the Pan-Hellenic Union of Firefighters on Five-Year Contracts (PA.SO.P.P.Y.) on problems faced by fire-fighters falling in that category

6. Petition No 0268/2017 by Michele Chimienti (Italian) on the abuse by the Italian State of fixed-term contracts in schools

7. Petition No 0277/2017 by Annunziata Stano (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration

8. Petition No 0278/2017 by Cosmery Calò (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within Italian public administration

9. Petition No 0279/2017 Caterina Pavone (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration

10. Petition No 0283/2017 by Letizia Spaventa (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration

11. Petition 0299/2017 by V.V. (Belgian), on the different application of the Directive on the Coordination of Social Security Systems in Ireland and Belgium

12. Petition No 0178/2017 by Michael Ashbrook (German), on behalf of the Non-permanent Staff Forum, bearing 108 signatures, on the implementation of non-discriminatory employment conditions and career prospects for the non-permanent employees and contractual agents at the European institutions

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12. Points for information

1 Timetables Reports:

Revised timetable


Rapporteur: Guillaume Balas (S&D)

| 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 on this impact assessment | 21 June |
| Deadline to send draft report to translation | 7 November |
| Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee | 27/28 November |
| Deadline AMs | 10 January , 12h00 |
| Consideration of amendments | 22/23 January 2018 |
| Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises | Feb, Mar, Apr, May |
| Adoption EMPL | 19 June |
| Plenary | tbc |

Revised 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 | 7 November |
| Consideration draft report | 27-28 November |
| Deadline AMs | 5 December noon |
Consideration of AMs tabled  
22-23 January

Shadows meetings  
Week 5, 6, 8

Vote EMPL  
21-22 February

2 **Timetables Opinions:**

6 EMPL opinions on the 2016 discharge (rapporteur: Claude Rolin, EPP)

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<td>Vote in Plenary</td>
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3 **Use of EMPL annual translation reserve**

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

4 **Program of EMPL-TRAN joint hearing on “Working conditions of mobile workers in transport” - 16 October 2017 15:00-17:00**

*See Annex - for information only*

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

*The next Coordinators’ meetings will take place on*

- Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs (ASP 5G2; languages FR, EN, IT, ES, EL, PL)
- Tuesday, 21 November, during the EMPL meeting (15:00-16:30 hrs, tbc)
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

**Coordinator’s meeting dates in 2018**

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**

**Thursday, 17 May (am) - as part of EMPL meeting** (following the decision of moving the committee meeting on that week from Monday/Tuesday to Wednesday/Thursday - JK)

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