The meeting opened at 9.45 and closed at 10.40 with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair  Mrs Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair,

EPP  Mr David Casa, Coordinator

S&D  Ms Agnes Jongerius, Coordinator

ECR  Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator

ALDE  Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator

GUE/NGL  Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator,

GUE/NGL  Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator

Greens/EFA  Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

EFDD  Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Apologies

Chair  Mr Thomas Händel, Chair

ENF  Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator
1. Chair's announcements

1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]
Interpretation was available in the following languages: FR, IT, EN + DA passive.

1.2. Update on Brexit [EC]
Coordinators took note of the latest developments including that a comprehensive EP resolution on the future EU/UK relationship was expected to be adopted in the first quarter of 2018. For the the joint LIBE/EMPL/PETI hearing see point 2.3 of the agenda.

1.3. European Parliamentary days - 19 and 20 February 2018 [EC/CF]
The 2018 European Semester Conference (Article 13) will take place on 19-20 February 2018 in Brussels. It will include three plenary sessions as well as an interparliamentary committee meeting organised by EMPL on the afternoon of 19 February. An updated draft of the structure, prepared at a technical level, and a questionnaire for each topic to be discussed at the EMPL meeting were among the meeting documents.

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

2.1. EMPL delegation to Canada in week 14 [RS/LS]
On 8 November 2017, the CoP authorized the EMPL Committee delegation of 7 Members including the Chair to Ottawa and Toronto, in the week of 3 to 7 April 2018 (5 days including travel time). On 7 December, Coordinators confirmed these dates.

The composition according to the d’Hondt system would be as follows:

1. 1 EPP
2. 1 S&D
3. 1 Greens /EFA
4. 1 GUE /NGL
5. 1 EFDD
6. 1 ENF
7. 1 ALDE

Decision:

The Coordinators

- invited political groups to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, at the latest by Thursday 18 January 2018, 12.00.

- Noted that, if places were still available after this deadline, the following political groups, according to d’Hondt, would be able to nominate a participant.
2.2. EMPL delegation to Cedefop 12-13 February 2018 [JuB]

Coordinators noted that the delegation to Cedefop in Thessaloniki would take place on 12-13 February 2018 with the following Members participating:

- **S&D**  Mr Emilian Pavel
- **EPP**  Ms Anne Sander

2.3 Hearing on Citizens’ rights after Brexit (01 February 2018)- selection of EMPL speakers [EC]

EMPL will be associated to the hearing on citizens’ rights after Brexit (jointly organised by LIBE, EMPL and PETI), to take place on Thursday 1 February 2018 in the afternoon.

**Decision:**

**Invite:**

- Following a proposal by the Acting Chair, which was approved in a written procedure by the Coordinators on , it has been decided to replace "Eurocitizens2020" by "British in Europe"

- Ms. Esther Lynch, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

If these speakers were not available, substitute speakers would be:

- Ms Elspeth Guild. Centre European Policy Studies
- Dr Anthony Valcke, European Citizens’ Action Service and the EU Rights Clinic
- Prof. Christopher McCrudden, Professor of Equality and Human Rights Law at Queens University in Belfast

Those not based in Brussels would have their expenses reimbursed.

3. Pending conflicts of competence

3.1. Apprenticeship Framework - request from CULT [BM]

By letter of 1 December 2017 the CULT Chair made the following request:
“[...] I would appreciate it very much if the CULT Committee could be associated to this oral question and the potential motion for resolution.”

Coordinators took note of the Acting Chair’s letter of 20 December inviting the CULT committee to table amendments to the resolution only.

3.2. FEMM own-initiative report “EU funds to improve work-life balance” [JuB]

Decision:

To maintain the objection to this FEMM report if that Committee offered to narrow its scope to encompass only the following Commission priority area (as laid down in the communication):
“2. Improving the Quality, Affordability and Access To Childcare and Long-Term Care” and the related non-legislative measures.

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).

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Rapports d’application adoptés en Commission EMPL

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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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| 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 |
|       |      | **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 | 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 |

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S&D group expressed reservations about this title change. [The ECR Group expressed its opposition to those reservations.]

**Agreed title:** Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment

ECR opposition as shown in the minutes of 6.4.2017

**Agreed title:** The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed

Coordinators’ decision of 15.10.2015

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**Reports**

none

**Opinions**

5.1. **Strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the European Union: the 7th report of the European Commission (MM)**

**Decision:**
Appoint the Acting Chair as rapporteur and confirm the timetable for the opinion as follows:

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**Decision:**

The Rapporteur for opinion would be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.3. *Increase of the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective (MP tbc)*

COM(2017)0825

**Decision:**

The Rapporteur for opinion would be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.4. *Strengthening fiscal responsibility and the medium-term budgetary orientation in the Member States (CF tbc)*

COM(2017)0824
Decision:

No opinion.

5.5. Proposal for a Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union

COM(2017)797

Decision:

Invite Commissioner Thyssen to present this proposal, adopted on 21 December 2017, to a future Committee meeting.

Documents for information
none

6. Public consultation for the evaluation of the 4 Agencies-request by the ALDE group [CF/BM/JuB]

Mail from the ALDE Coordinator, Mr Calvet Chambon, of 9.01.2017, raising concerns about Parliament’s role in the validation seminar for the evaluation of the EU agencies under the remit of DG EMPL.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- Asked the Secretariat to clarify the timetable for the evaluation and the documents that are currently available;

- Instruct the Chair to send a letter on behalf of EMPL to point out this issue and to invite the Commission to present the results of the evaluation to a Committee meeting as soon as possible.

7. Motions for Resolutions - decision on procedure [CF]

none

8. Petitions [CF]

A. Petitions received for opinion
none

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0696/2016 by L.M. (Italian) on behalf of the local Police Department of the CSA, including 1 additional signature, on the need for a new classification of the local police by the Italian State

2. Petition No 0029/2017 by Matthieu Guillaume Chatelin (French) on ensuring the dignity of people with disabilities and access to toilet facilities

3. Petition No 0640/2017 by Carlo Pari (Italian) on the abuse of fixed-term contracts in music and fine arts academies in Italy

4. Petition 0651/2017 by Fotios Batsios (Greek) concerning the admissibility of Greek military personnel refusing to work extra hours

5. Petition 0658/2017 by G.Ch. (Greek) on approval of her application for increased disability benefits following injuries sustained by her at work as the result of a terrorist attack

6. Petition No 0729/2017 by Michael Ashbrook (German) on equal rights for EU Institutions employers
9. Points for information [ADs concerned]

EMPL opinion to CULT report on EU Youth Strategy: please note the revised deadline for amendments in light of Coordinators’ meeting.

Timetables Reports:


Rapporteur: Guillaume Balas, COM(2016)815, 2016/0397 (COD) (RS/JuB)

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Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

Rapporteur: Tatjana Zdanoka

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Availability of AMs in all languages | 14 March 2018 tbc
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Shadows meetings | Weeks 12, 13, 15 and 16
Consideration of AMs tabled | 21-22 March 2018
Vote in EMPL | 25-26 April 2018
Vote plenary | May II
General approach by EPSCO Council | 21-22 June 2018

**Timetables Opinions:**

Revised timetable of BUDG report on the INI report “Next MFF: preparing the Parliament’s position on the MFF post-2020” (EMPL Rapporteur: M. Ulvskog), rule 53(4)¹ - still subject to further changes if BUDG postpones its vote

| Draft report tabled by BUDG Co-Rapporteurs available (in EN) | 14/12/2018
| AM deadline EMPL (in EN only)² | 08/01/2018 noon 16/01/2018 at noon (by email)
| Shadows meetings EMPL | 11/01 morning-16/01 afternoon 18/01/2018; 10h30-12h (with videoconference)
| consideration of the draft report in BUDG | 24-25/01/2018
| Adoption EMPL AMs | 22-23/01/2018 (to be tabled to BUDG on behalf of EMPL within the BUDG deadline)
| AM deadline BUDG | 31/1/2018
| vote in BUDG | 21-22/02/2018
| vote in plenary | March 2018

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¹ See coordinators decision (meeting of 17 October 2017):
The Coordinators
- bearing in mind that EMPL had previously decided not to give an opinion on the “Next MFF: preparing the Parliament’s position on the MFF post-2020”.¹
- were informed of a request from the BUDG rapporteurs Mr Olbrycht and Ms Thomas that EMPL submit a contribution and that BUDG would adopt its report in February 2018
- decided to apply the procedure laid down in Rule 53(4)¹, that is the adoption of amendments by EMPL committee, the rapporteur being the Acting Chair.

² In order for EMPL to adopt the AMs on 22-23/01 and table them by 31/1/2018, AMs must be tabled in EN.
Rapporteur M. Harkin - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities

Rapporteur M. Šojdrová - Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card introduced by Regulation ....[ESC regulation]....

Revised common timetable:

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Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

On 8.1.2017, the EMPL Committee had 100% of its annual translation reserve (45 pages) available.
10. Any Other Business

Coordinators agreed to convene the CULT and EMPL committees (under Rule 55) on 23 January at 9.00 to vote on the agreement on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC (first reading agreement). This would be followed by the EMPL Committee votes.
11. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK/LE]

Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 February (10.00-11.30), room tbc

➢ The Secretariat was asked to check whether the date of the next meeting could be changed from 1 February. However, limitations on availability of rooms for Committee meetings during Group weeks mean that the only other possibility would be Monday afternoon (29 January).

Coordinator’s meeting dates in 2018

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 confirmed