The meeting ran from 14.39 to 16.00 hrs with Ms Lucia ŐURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ, in the Chair.

Present

EPP      Mr Denis RADTKE, Coordinator  
S&D      Ms Agnes JONGERIUS, Coordinator  
RE       Mr Dragoș PÎSLARU, Coordinator  
Greens/EFA Ms Kira PETER-HANSEN, Coordinator  
ECR      Ms Elźbieta RAFALSKA, Coordinator  
GUE/NGL Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN; Coordinator  

Also present

Mr Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ, 3rd Vice-Chair  
Ms Katrin LANGENSIEPEN, 4th Vice-Chair  

Apologies

ID      Ms France JAMET, Coordinator  

1. Chair's announcements

1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]

Interpretation is available in DE, EN and PL.

1.2. List of EMPL Coordinators

(Number of seats per group in brackets)

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1.3. MFF negotiations - EMPL position (EC)

On the 1st of December 2019, the MFF negotiating box with a presidency text and concrete figures was leaked. The MFF sectoral Rapporteurs - Mr CASA for the ESF+ and Ms BLINKEVICIUTE for the EGF- were asked by BUDG on 4 December to convey feedback.

As the Chair was mandated to send EMPL’s views on the MFF (i.e. the set of amendments adopted during the 8th parliamentary term) in the form of a letter from to BUDG, it was suggested to combine this with input from Mr CASA and Ms BLINKEVICIUTE regarding the ESF+ and the EGF.

The draft letter shall be circulated to the Coordinators and both rapporteurs and finalised in a written procedure.
2. Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

2.1. European Parliamentary week 2020 - dates and topics (LS)

Next year’s European Semester Conference (Article 13) will take place on 18-19 February 2020 in Brussels. It will include three plenary sessions as well as an interparliamentary committee meeting organised by EMPL in the afternoon of 18 February.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- selected two topics for the EMPL ICM which will take place in the afternoon of 18 February, viz the Child Guarantee and the European Minimum Wage
- confirmed that national Parliaments shall nominate their keynote speakers (2 speakers per topic).

2.2. Modification of the EMPL meeting dates in February (LE/JK)

In reference to the organisation of the European Parliamentary week, taking place on 18-19 February 2020 (please see point 2.1 above), the EMPL Committee has been asked to cancel the two half days on 19.2., as the Committee cannot convene in parallel of the EPW Plenary session. The EMPL slot on 20 February remains unchanged.

As a compensation, the EMPL Committee could be allocated an additional slot in case of need, on 17 February pm (subject to confirmation by the Schedule of meetings service).

Decision:

The Coordinators confirmed that the new EMPL Committee meeting dates in February shall be:

- Monday 17 February pm
- Thursday 20 February am (if necessary, votes will only be held on this day)

These slots shall be used only to the extent necessary.

1 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union (TSCG):

“ARTICLE 13

As provided for in Title II of Protocol (No 1) on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union annexed to the European Union Treaties, the European Parliament and the national Parliaments of the Contracting Parties will together determine the organisation and promotion of a conference of representatives of the relevant committees of the European Parliament and representatives of the relevant committees of national Parliaments in order to discuss budgetary policies and other issues covered by this Treaty.”

2.3. EMPL delegations in 2020 - update

2.3.1. EMPL delegation to Slovakia - call for nominations (MP/BM)

On 2nd October 2019 the EMPL Coordinators took a decision to send a delegation to Slovakia, composed of 7 Members plus Chair, 2 days in the week of 24-28 February (confirmed by the CoP on 28 November 2019).

Decision:

The Coordinators were invited to send to the EMPL Secretariat their nominations for participants, having in mind the d’Hondt distribution of places for delegations in 2020, by the end of the Strasbourg December session, but not later than 20 December 2019. The aim would be to circulate the first draft agenda at the latest by the end of December.

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2.3.2. EMPL delegation to Chile - state of play (SR)

7 EMPL Members (including the Chair) to which it has been agreed to add the INTA standing rapporteur on Chile as an 8th Member, so as to ensure that EMPL closely coordinates with INTA on political messaging and that INTA is debriefed on the outcome of the delegation.

- **Subject to confirmation by the CoP on 12 December 2019!**

2.4. Eurofound studies - presentation at the EMPL Committee (TV)

- On the suggestion by the Chair, the reports could be presented in the EMPL Committee as follows: A joint presentation of the study on in-work poverty\(^2\) (2017, possibly with updated data) and the study on the situation of households (expected for December 2019). Possible dates would be 22-23 January, 28 January or 19-20 February 2020.

- A presentation on the project on integration of people with disabilities in the open labour market (to be published in summer 2020) in the autumn of 2020.

**Decision:**

The Coordinators decided to

- ask Eurofound to provide updated data for their 2017 report on in-work poverty

- invite Eurofound to clarify to which extent persons with autism are included in the project on ‘integration of people with disabilities’

- ask Eurofound to present the above work (‘households’ composition and wellbeing’ + updated report on ‘in-work poverty’; ‘the inclusion of people with disabilities in the labour market’ including autism, viz. three papers in total) before the EMPL committee in 2020 and mandate the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.

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\(^2\) Linked to the report ‘Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty’ - see point 3.7. of the present note
2.5. Establishment of the European Labour Authority (ELA) in Bratislava - follow-up (BM)

The papers for the meeting include a letter dated 18 October 2019 from the EMPL Chair to the President.

**Decision**

In the light of the information that the President’s office was in the process of preparing a letter to the Commission, the Coordinators decided to await this follow-up before deciding on possible further steps.

2.6. Extended teleworking possibilities for EP staff (AH)

**Annex:**

- Secretary-General’s decision of 23 October 2019 on teleworking within the European Parliament

For information the Secretary-General has adopted new rules that make teleworking more accessible and simplify the procedures involved.

The new rules entered into force on 1 November 2019 and apply since 15 November.

**Decision:**

The Coordinators were invited to take note that every member of staff is now entitled to take (on average) one full day of teleworking per week.

2.7. Arrangements for 2 public hearings - 1st half of 2020 (TV)

**Decision:**

The Coordinators

- decided to set the dates for the public hearings as follows:
  
  - 17 March 2020: The employment potential of a Green New Deal and the need for a just transition
  - 15 April 2020: The future of labour and the transition to a digital labour market

- set a deadline of **Wednesday 11 December 2019** for the political groups to submit their suggestions for 4 possible experts for each of the 2 public hearings, and

- finalise the process (=decide which experts to invite) by written procedure so that the secretariat could send out invitations before the Christmas break.
3. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

Non-legislative own-initiative reports

3.1. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2020 (hors quota) (MM)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- decided that the S&D group nominate a rapporteur (for AGS and Employment and Social policies of the Euro area)
- decided that amendments may be submitted only in English.

3.2. Impacts of EU rules on the free movements of workers and services: intra-EU labour mobility as a tool to match labour market needs and skills (EMPL/9/01672) (BM)

Decision:

- Postponed


Decision:

- Postponed

3.4. Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development (EMPL/9/01674) (JB)

Decision:

- Postponed
3.5. Access to decent and affordable housing for all (EMPL/9/01675) (LS)

**Decision:**

- *Postponed*

3.6. Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 (EMPL/9/01676) (MM)

**Decision:**

- *Postponed*

*Note: EMPL position for negotiations with ECON to be determined in a written procedure.*

3.7. Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty (EMPL/9/0167) (EC)

**Decision:**

- *Postponed*

**Legislative own-initiative reports**

Please note that

- the legislative own-initiative reports were adopted on 17 October in the following order

  1. *The right to disconnect*
  2. *Protecting workers from asbestos*
  3. *Revision of European Work Councils directive*
  4. *Quality traineeship in the EU*

- under the ‘Special Partnership’ offered by Ms von der Leyen, the Commission is happy to assist rapporteurs and shadows throughout the drafting process

3.8. The right to disconnect (EMPL/9/01680) (LS/TV)

**Decision:**

- *Postponed*
3.9. Protecting workers from asbestos (EMPL/9/01679) (EC)

Decision:

- Postponed

3.10. Revision of European Work Councils Directive (EMPL/9/01681) (MiP)

Decision:

- Postponed

3.11. Quality traineeships in the EU (EMPL/9/01682) (SR)

Decision:

- Postponed

Implementation Report

3.12. Mid-term evaluation of the EaSi Programme (EMPL/9/01683) (EC)

Decision:

- Postponed
3.13. Introduction of capacity limits for Eastern Baltic cod, data collection and control measures in the Baltic Sea, and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards permanent cessation for fleets fishing for Eastern Baltic cod (MiP)

2019/0246(COD) - COM(2019)0564; Lead Committee PECH

Decision:

Not to deliver an EMPL opinion

Lead Committee: ENVI

See ENVI/ITRE/EMPL joint letter to CCC in Annex

Decision:

S&D Group to nominate a rapporteur

3.15. A new long-term strategy for Europe’s industrial future (TV)
Lead Committee ITRE

To be noted that ENVI has requested Rule 58 during the CCC on 26.11.

Decision:

RE Group to nominate a rapporteur

3.16. The use of artificial intelligence in education, culture and the audiovisual sector (RS)
Lead Committee CULT

Decision:

No opinion
3.17. New Avenues for Legal Labour Migration (BM)

Lead Committee LIBE - Rapporteur: Claude Moraes (S&D)

Decision:

- *ECR Group to nominate a rapporteur*

- *Chair to negotiate such cooperation arrangements which ensure that the EMPL request to apply Rule 57 would best be accommodated, one of the options being adjustments to the title of the LIBE INI.*

3.18. Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe (MiP)

*Lead Committee: LIBE*

*EMPL has asked for Rule 57*

*CULT and FEMM Committee have requested an opinion under Rule 56*

Decision:

- *EPP Group to nominate a rapporteur*

- *Chair to negotiate such cooperation arrangements which ensure that the EMPL request to apply Rule 57 would best be accommodated*

3.19. EMPL opinion under Rule 57 to the FEMM INI report on "The EU Strategy for Gender Equality" (JB)

Decision:

- *GUE/NGL Group to nominate a rapporteur*

3.20. Amended Commission proposal - Access of third-country goods and services to the Union’s internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries (RS)

COM(2016)0034; COM(2012)0124; 2012/0060(COD) ; Lead INTA

Decision:

*No action for the time being, i.e. awaiting further/concrete steps by INTA.*
4. Contact group on Artificial intelligence - appointment of EMPL representatives (LS/RS)

At its meeting on 22 October 2019, the Conference of Committee Chairs discussed the creation of an Inter-committees contact group on Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is defined as “the theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.”³ A more elaborate definition characterizes AI as “a system’s ability to correctly interpret external data, to learn from such data, and to use those learnings to achieve specific goals and tasks through flexible adaptation.”⁴

The Conference of Committee Chairs noted that many expected European Commission proposals in the area of Artificial Intelligence (AI) during this parliamentary term are likely to be cross-cutting and to be in the remit of a high number of committees. The CCC Chair suggested to establish for this case a form of cooperation between committees by setting up a contact group aiming to promote the exchange of information and of expertise, ensure consistent positions among committees.

It was proposed that the Contact Group (CG) on artificial intelligence and robotics meet several times per year and report back to the CCC on a yearly basis. It was also suggested that the CG could: • reflect on AI as a cross-cutting topic; • ensure a constant exchange of information between the various committees; • streamline the planning of hearings and requests for expertise; • create a climate of trust and cooperation amongst committees.

The CCC endorsed the above proposal on 22 October 2019 and the Chairs of the Committees were invited to nominate two Members per committee to the CG and two substitute Members. Political groups were invited to send names to the Secretariat, by Monday 2 December COB, in view of a Coordinators decision on the topics at their next meeting of 4 December.

However, on 26 November 2019, the CCC decided at the request of IMCO Chair Ms De Sutter, supported by JURI Chair Ms Nethsinga, to reconsider the matter.

Decision

The Coordinators

• decided to write to CCC Chair Tajani in order to
  o seek clarifications as to the scope of the Contact Group and to
  o express those EMPL interests which would be important for our committee
• agreed that the text of the letter be finalised in a written procedure.

³ https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/artificial_intelligence
⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence#Definitions
5. Autism - options for follow-up of discussion in EMPL Committee on 5 November 2019) (LS/EC)

On 5 November 2019, Aurélie BARANGER, Director of Autism Europe, presented to the EMPL Committee the results of their research over recent years, in particular the state of play of employment of people with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), the barriers they face and good practices we can find in Europe. 26 Members were present, including Nicolas Schmit and 13 Members took the floor.

Meeting papers included:
- A note on autism, with statistical data, drawn up by the EMPL Secretariat
- Summary of the discussions in EMPL on 5 November 2019, by PolDep A
- Compilation of all EP activities in the area of autism in the last 10 years (EPRS)
- The EP written declaration on Autism, cosponsored by 30 MEPs and signed by 418 MEPs
- The final report of the Pilot Project ASDEU- Autism Spectrum Disorders in the EU (2015-2018) launched at the initiative of the European Parliament

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to

- put the issue of Autism Spectrum Disorders on the candidate list for in-depth studies to be commissioned with the 2020 expertise budget
- instructed Policy Department A to produce a literature review and to summarise the main findings
- draw up an Oral Question (without resolution), details on the process to be communicated by email.
6. EMPL resolution for the introduction of a European Social Security Number - suggestion by the S&D group (RS/JB)

The papers for the meeting include a draft motion for a resolution drawn up by the S&D Group.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- held and exchange of views on the procedural options (timetable, need to put pressure on the Commission to present the proposal promised in 2018,\(^5\) relations with the ongoing procedure to revise Regulation 883/2004)

- agreed to return to the matter at the next meeting.

7. Request of the EMPL Committee to consult the European Economic and Social Committee with regard to decent minimum wages across Europe (based on Rule 145) - request by the S&D group (LS/EC)

Decision:

The Coordinators could

- decided that the EESC shall be consulted

- decided that the text of the specific request be agreed in a written procedure on the basis of a proposal from the secretariat acting under the political authority of the Chair

- for the request to be announced on Monday, 16 December 2019, the letter from the EMPL Chair to the President would have to be signed on Thursday, 12 December at the latest; the deadlines for the written procedure shall be fixed accordingly.

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\(^5\) Work programme 2018, Annex 1, page 3, point 8:
8. BREXIT - feedback from the Brexit Steering Group of 12.11. and the CCC meeting of 26.11. (EC)

Annex: Reply from Mr Barnier to the EMPL Chair as regards the invitation to attend the EMPL meeting on 4th December

Summary of the meeting of the Brexit Steering Group of 12 November:

- The EP Brexit Coordinator recalled that the situation as regards citizens' rights in the new Withdrawal Agreement (WA) is the same as in the previous WA negotiated with former P.M May;
- A substantial part of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the draft Withdrawal agreement Bill which has been introduced before the House of Lord a bit before its dissolution.

The BSG has identified 6 remaining issues as regards the implementation as proposed in that bill:

- Attribution of pre-settled and settled status;
- Proof of status: absence of a physical documents (only digital ones) which will be problematic for some categories of citizens;
- The independence of the Independent Monitoring Authority (as the bill foresees that it will be appointed directly by the Home Office);
- Possible consequences (=deportation) for EU citizens who fail to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme before the application deadline;
- The worrying situation of vulnerable citizens;
- The applicability of settled status rights to all Northern Ireland citizens who have not also sought British citizenship.

The Brexit Coordinator specified that there are mirroring concerns as regards the situation of British citizens living in EU27 – all MS need to clarify the system that will be applied (and which, like in the UK, must be transparent and free of charge).
- During the exchange of views that followed, a substantial number of concerns were raised by the LIBE, AFCO, PETI, JURI and EMPL Members, on, inter alia: the risk of a no-deal Brexit and its consequences for citizens; legal protection for EU citizens living in the UK/British citizens living in EU 27; the importance to ensure the actual independence of the monitoring authority; the specificity of citizens of Northern Ireland and the importance to safeguard rights of its citizens; the problems that can stem from the short transition period; the role of the EP in the next phases; the burden of proof as regards the proof of status; the risk of disfranchisement.

As regards EMPL Matters, Ms Jongerius (echoed by Ms Kirton-Darling, who also called for the matter to be thoroughly investigated jointly by the BSG and EMPL) raised question on the implementation of frontier workers' rights (paragraph 8 of the draft Bill) and on coordination of social security (paragraph 13 of the draft bill). She also expressed some concerns and asked clarifications on the removal of Annex 4 on level-playing field (especially on social and labour standards) from the WA – concerns that were shared by several Members present.
- The EP Brexit Coordinators indicated at the end of the meeting that:
- The EP will push forward the above-mentioned 6 remaining issues as regards the implementation of the WA before the ratification and possibly propose some solutions (especially on the attribution of pre-settled and settled status, on the way to ensure the independance of the Monitoring Authority...) and will look more thoroughly at the issue of voting rights; frontier workers, coordination of social security systems....);
• A side-resolution, to be adopted before the ratification, could address the other issues discussed today, in particular the issue of the level playing-field, and clarify which will be EP red lines in this respect as regards a future UK/EU agreement.

Summary of the CCC meeting with Mr Barnier on 26.11.2019

State of play

- The new Withdrawal Agreement (WA) is extremely similar to the previous one negotiated with former PM May in 2018.
- EU priority remain to preserve citizens’ rights.
- Lots of issues have been solved (governance, financial participation, legal questions on Euratom, on IGP, on Cyprus and Gibraltar...)
- Transition is shorter with the new WA (11 months, extensible to 12/24 months if UK and EU agree by 30.06.2020, versus 24 months in the previous WA)
- Key changes are on Ireland/Northern Ireland, where a complex solution had to be found to accommodate both PM Johnson and EU27 red lines. Mr Barnier believes that this solution is sustainable and operational despite its complexity (while the previous 'backstop' was meant to be temporary). In a nutshell, Northern Ireland will belong to UK customs territory but EU customs rules will apply in Northern Ireland (controls will be carried out in cooperation with EU authorities) – each good that will enter the territory of Northern Ireland from a third country (including UK) will be presumed entering the single market, and thus subject to controls by EU customs, so that there is no risk for EU consumer. A joint Committee will issue derogations for products intended solely for Northern Ireland market.
- EU State aid rules will apply to Northern Ireland.
- To ensure democratic support to this solution, the legislative Assembly of Northern Ireland will be consulted every 4 years.

- There will be 3 scenarios after the British elections on 12.12:
  - Scenario 1: B Johnson gets a clear majority - this is the most demanding scenario, with an extremely tight timetable, as the British Parliament would be able to immediately (as of 17.12, but probably in later December or early January 2020) ratifies the Withdrawal Agreement. EP would vote on the consent in January I or January II – the EU is currently preparing to that scenario;
  - Scenario 2: the Conservative Party wins the elections, but without a clear majority – this is the most uncertain scenario, where a no deal at the end of January 2020 remains possible – the EU is also preparing to this scenario;
  - Scenario 3: a new majority (labour Party, Liberal ...) emerges – this would entail a new timeframe, as new negotiations (on the political declaration...) and/or a new referendum could take place - the EU is not currently working on that scenario.

- Working on the assumption that B Johnson will get a clear majority (Scenario 1), the work on the future EU/UK relationship will start in January 2020 ('TF article 50' becoming 'TF UK'). The Political Declaration of 17.10 will be the basis for the mandate for negotiations.
• The President-elect of the Commission has asked Mr Barnier to keep the same working method with EP and Council as for the WA; Mr Barnier will also work with national parliaments on certain topics.
• The future relationship would stand on 2 pillars: (1) economy and trade (which means, a free trade agreement, FTA) and (2) security and defence (with 5 sub-pillars).
• On the future FTA, PM Johnson has asked no tariff and no quota, and in return EU has asked for no dumping. This appears in the political declaration and will be the EU line throughout the negotiations with the UK.
• Mr Barnier highlighted that, contrary to other FTAs (with Canada, Japan...) which take place in a context of regulatory convergence, this FTA will be very specific as it concerns a country which has been interconnected with the EU for a long time, and as it will take place in a context of regulatory divergence.
• Mr Barnier stressed that EU will refuse any FTA in case of social dumping by the UK and that the so-called 'level-playing field' (LPF) provisions (paragraph 77 of the new Political Declaration) will be an EU red line in negotiations.
• Mr Barnier pointed out that the whole EU/UK future relationship cannot be settled in 11 months (if no extension is requested by UK) and that, as a result, some topics will be 'prioritaires' (e.g.: trade) while more time will be needed for others (e.g.: transport ) where contingency measures will therefore need to be adopted.
• AFET, IMCO, ITRE, INTA Chairs and the EMPL Chair took the floor during this exchange of views.

**EP procedures** (also on the basis of Scenario 1 above)

• On the consent procedure, Mr Verhofstadt specified that, while the procedure has been formally triggered by the Council, work will formally start (appointment of AFCO Rapporteur, adoption of opinions...) only after the British Parliament has ratified the WA. 10 Committees are preparing an opinion.
• Meanwhile, Mr Verhofstadt recalled the 6 issues of concerns regarding citizens 'right that have been identified in the draft WA Bill (see above), and recalled that the EP will push forward these remaining issues as regards the implementation of the WA before the ratification and possibly propose some solutions.
• The CoP will decide on a date tbc on the renewal, with a new format, of the BSG, in view of the forthcoming work on the future relationship. In particular, AFET and INTA will have a prominent role in this new BSG.
• The EP resolution on the EU mandate in view of the relationship EU/UK will be adopted on 13.02.2020.

**Issues of interest for EMPL** (also on the basis of Scenario 1 above)

The EMPL Chair asked Mr Barnier what will happen, should there be a gap between the end of the transition period and the entry into force of the agreement on the future relationship (during which time the Protocol would be in effect) or hard Brexit after that: will the UK be able, under international law, to lower its labour standards below the current levels set by EU law?
Mr Barnier explained that the removal of Annex 4 from the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland is linked to the removal of the backstop (a red line for PM Johnson), and that UK
strongly committed in the Political Declaration to ensure a level-playing-field. More specifically, UK committed to keep the social and labour standards as they will be at the end of the transition period (last part of paragraph 77: "To that end, the Parties should uphold the common high standards applicable in the Union and the United Kingdom at the end of the transition period in the areas of state aid, competition, social and employment"). Mr Barnier reiterated that the future FTA will hinge on 3 indivisible principles: no quota, no tariffs AND no dumping.

NB: Mr Barnier has been invited to attend the EMPL Committee meeting on 4th December to further discuss the new withdrawal agreement and the political declaration, but due to previous commitments he was unable to attend (his reply is among the annexes). His services have committed to provide EMPL Members with all technical information/clarification needed, upon request.

Against this background, the timetable of EMPL opinion on the consent procedure is as follows:

| Revised draft circulated to Coordinators | 28 November |
| Deadline for comments | 10 December, noon |
| Finalisation | Between 11 and 18 December (tbc) |
| Transmission to the lead Committee (AFCO) | Immediately after the vote of the British Parliament (if the WA is endorsed) |
| Plenary vote on consent | January I or January II (tbc) |

**Decision:**

The Coordinators

- took note of the state of play.
- decided to write to the CoP to request that the EMPL Chair be part of the Steering Group which would follow the negotiations on the new agreement with the UK, if such a Steering Group were to be established.
9. Motions for Resolutions⁶ - decision on procedure [MaP]

- Motion for resolution B[9 0110/2019] by Rosa Estaràs Ferragut (EPP) on “the situation of people with specific learning disorders”. Please find the original version in ES and a version EN by Google Translate in the background documents.

**Propuesta de Resolución del Parlamento Europeo sobre la situación de las personas con trastornos específicos del aprendizaje**

*El Parlamento Europeo,*

- Vistos la Declaración Universal de Derechos Humanos y la Carta de los Derechos Fundamentales de la UE,
- Vista la Convención de NNUU sobre los derechos de las personas con discapacidad (CDPD)

A. Considerando que los trastornos específicos del aprendizaje afectan hasta al 15% de la población europea y suponen el 50% del fracaso escolar por motivos no sociales;
B. Considerando que las adaptaciones de accesibilidad a las metodologías y formas de evaluación deben reconocerse en cualquier nivel educativo y en otros escenarios administrativos;
C. Considerando que la falta de adquisición de lenguas extranjeras no puede ser un motivo de discriminación, ni educativa, ni laboral;

1. Pide responder global y eficazmente, en especial en el sistema educativo, y organizar una estrategia europea integral que garantice la igualdad de oportunidades;
2. Pide garantizar el diagnóstico y tratamiento públicos del problema para eliminar la brecha socio-económica que se produce;

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⁶ Rule 143 - Motions for resolutions
1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. That motion may not be more than 200 words long.
2. Such a motion may not:
   - contain any decision on matters for which other specific procedures and competences are laid down in these Rules of Procedure, in particular Rule 47, or
   - deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.
3. Each Member may table no more than one such motion per month.
4. The motion for a resolution shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether it fulfills the applicable criteria. If the President declares the motion to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible.
5. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be followed, which may include the combination of the motion for a resolution with other motions for a resolution or with reports; the adoption of an opinion, which may take the form of a letter; or the drawing up of a report under Rule 54. The committee responsible may also decide not to follow up the motion for a resolution.
6. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the President, of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.
7. The report referred to in paragraph 5 shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.
8. Opinions in the form of a letter referred to in paragraph 5 that are addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded to them by the President.
9. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author or authors or by its first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 5, to draw up a report on it. Once that motion for a resolution has been thus taken over by the committee responsible, only that committee shall have the power to withdraw it. The committee responsible shall retain that power of withdrawal until the opening of the final vote in plenary.
3. Pide la creación de un Observatorio europeo de las personas con trastornos específicos del aprendizaje y de una tarjeta europea identificativa para actuar ante las administraciones.

**Decision:**

The Coordinators

- tooke note of this Motion for Resolution, of which the content could possibly be considered when deciding on new INI reports within the EMPL Committee, perhaps in a broader context, while the more specific issue of learning disorders could possibly be taken into account in the forthcoming EMPL implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive ("vocational guidance, vocational training, advanced vocational training and retraining" were included in the scope of the directive);

- decided that no further action was required at this stage.
10. **Petitions** [MaP]

A. **Petitions received for information**

**Batch 1 (from 23-10-2019)**

1. Petition No 0535/2017 by Ludo Hermans (Belgian) in regard to the mobility of persons with disabilities in the European Union
2. Petition No 0304/2019 by Salvatore Abalsamo (Italian) on EU funding for the conversion into permanent employment of traineeships with the Italian courts
3. Petition No 0309/2019 by A. I. (Ukrainian) on tackling alleged human trafficking and money laundering while employing non-EU workers
4. Petition No 0310/2019 by Belén Moreno Solano (Spanish) on inequality by the Aragon health service towards a part of its workers
5. Petition No 0318/2019 by Jānis Kuzins (Latvian) on a common transport discount for social groups in all transport sectors in the EU
6. Petition No 0331/2019 by Elena Blanco Fuente (Spanish) on the application of Regulation (EC) No 833/2004 on the coordination of social security systems in the EU
7. Petition No 0335/2019 by Eduardo Velázquez (Spanish), on behalf of IU Exterior, on the situation of intra-EU migrant workers hired by temporary employment agencies in the Netherlands

**Batch 2 (from 22-11-2019)**

1. Petition No 0414/2019 by V.L.V.C. (Spanish), on behalf of the ‘Asociación de Víctimas del Paro’ [unemployed association], on the need for job-finding measures for unemployed people over the age of 52 and for this group to be regarded as especially disadvantaged
2. Petition No 0462/2019 by Guy Froment (French) on the status of French volunteer firefighters
3. Petition No 0476/2019 by Holger Lüers (German) on the abolition of the widow(er)-pension in case of new marriage

B. **Petitions received for opinion**

- Petition No 1116/2018 by Antonio Escobar Flórez (Spanish), on behalf of SITCPLA (Sindicato independiente de Tripulantes de Cabina de Pasajeros – Independent Union for Cabin Crew), on breaches of the law by Ryanair in the EU;

- The EMPL Committee received this petition for opinion shortly before this coordinators meeting. For this reason, not yet all relevant background information on the topic was received and/or collected. A draft opinion in the form of a letter will be circulated to coordinators by written procedure or will be placed on the agenda of the next coordinators meeting.
11. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables of reports:

Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) - Manuel Pizarro

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Timetables of opinions:

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12. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK/LE]

Coordinators’ meeting dates in 2020

- 22/23 JAN – as part of EMPL meeting
- 20 FEB – as part of EMPL meeting
- 16 MAR p.m. – as part of EMPL meeting
- 15 APR – as part of a short EMPL meeting or 16 APR – standalone
- 7 MAY – standalone
- 25/26 MAY – as part of EMPL meeting
- 22/23 JUN – as part of EMPL meeting
- 15/16 JUL – as part of EMPL meeting
- 10 SEP – standalone
- 15 OCT – as part of very short EMPL meeting
- 12 NOV – standalone
- 30 NOV/1 DEC – as part of EMPL meeting