



**EMPL Coordinators' meeting  
17 September 2014, 15:00 - 17:00 hrs  
Strasbourg, LOW S 4.4 (in camera)**

**RESULTS**

*17.9.2014*

The meeting started at 15:00 hrs and closed at 17:00 hrs. In the Chair: Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair in the absence of Mr Thomas Händel.

Present

EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

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**1. Chair announcements**

The Chair announced the likely timing of hearings and informed the Coordinators about the practical arrangements as they were known at that point in time

THYSSEN - 1 October, 9h00 - 12h00

DOMBROVSKIS - 6 October, 14h30 - 17h30

KATINEN - 7 October, 9h00 - 12h00 - note: later starting time 10h00 requested by EMPL and ECON, to have more time for evaluation process Dombrovskis

The Chair would update coordinators as and when we further details would emerge.

## 2. Proposals for decisions without debate

### 2.1 Method for the allocation of reports and opinions

#### Decision:

*The method for allocation of reports and opinions was confirmed, together with the two clarifying footnotes below. The Secretariat was instructed to clarify the notion 'more favourable relative usage rate' in a footnote.*

## 3. Allocation of reports and opinions

### Reports

- 3.1 Authorisation for Member States to **ratify the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention of the ILO** with regard to matters related to social policy – 2014/0259(NLE) –COM(2014)0563 (RS)

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion: LIBE

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group.*

### Opinions

- 3.2 **Statute for a European Foundation (FE)** - 2012/0022(APP)  
COM(2012)0035 (AC)

Resp.: JURI

Decision: *The decision was postponed until Council position is referred to EP.*

- 3.3 **Transparency of measures regulating the prices of medicinal products for human use and their inclusion in the scope of public health insurance systems** – 2012/0035(COD) – COM(2013)0168 (ZP)

Resp.: ENVI

Opinion: EMPL, IMCO, JURI, ITRE

Decision: *No opinion.*

- 3.4 **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** – 2012/0060(COD) – COM(2012)0124 (RS)

Resp.: INTA

Decision: *No (new) opinion.*

**3.5 Establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) – 2012/0159(COD) – COM(2012)0329 (CO)**

**Resp.: AFET**

**Decision: No action needed.**

**3.6 Market access to port services and financial transparency of ports – 2013/0157(COD) – COM(2013)0296 (ZP)**

**Resp.: TRAN**

**Decision: Postpone the decision until further procedure is clarified in TRAN Committee.**

**3.7 Statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure – 2013/0181(COD) – COM(2013)0342 (KS)**

**Resp.: ECON**

**Decision: No decision needed at this stage.**

**3.8 European Long-term Investment Funds – 2013/0214(COD) – COM(2013)0462 (PR)**

**Resp.: ECON**

**Opinion: BUDG, CONT, JURI, EMPL**

**Decision: No opinion.**

**3.9 Maximum permitted levels of radioactive contamination of food and feed following a nuclear accident or any other case of radiological emergency – 2013/0451(NLE) – COM(2013)0943 (MA)**

**Resp.: ENVI**

**Opinion:**

**Decision: No opinion.**

**3.10 Personal protective equipment – 2014/0108(COD) – COM(2014)0186 (CO)**

**Resp.: IMCO**

**Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EFDD Group.**

- 3.11 Proposal for a **DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision (recast)** - COM(2014) 167; SWD(2014) 102, 103, 104; 2014/0091 (COD) (PR)

**Resp:** ECON

**Opinion:** EMPL, FEMM, JURI

***Decision:*** *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.*

- 3.12 **Draft amending budget No 3/2014:** Revenue from fines and interest payments - revenue from reimbursements and repayments to FEMIP (Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership) - Redeployment of appropriations to the European Fisheries Fund - Increase in payment appropriations for commitments corresponding to previous annual budgets - Unforeseen actions in accordance with Article 13 of the MFF Regulation - Staff of the European Commission, the Offices, the Committee of the Regions and the European Data Protection Supervisor (ZP)

**Resp.:** BUDG

***Decision:*** *No opinion.*

- 3.13 Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council **on the mobilisation of the contingency margin in 2014** - COM (2014) 328, (MA)

**Resp.:** BUDG

**Opinion:** CONT, AGRI, REGI, PECH, ITRE, AFET, EMPL

***Decision:*** *No opinion*

- 3.14 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 on the **financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union** - COM(2014) 358, 2014/0180 (COD) (MA)

**Resp.:** BUDG

**Opinion:** IMCO, AFET, INTA, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, TRAN, REGI, JURI, LIBE, CULT, CONT

***Decision:*** *No opinion*

- 3.15 Authorisation for Member States to ratify the **Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention of the ILO with regard to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters** – 2014/0258(NLE) – COM(2014)0559 (RS)

**Resp.:** LIBE

**Opinion:** EMPL

***Decision:*** *No opinion, since EMPL already deals with this Protocol in the framework of a report, see item 4.1.*

## Documents received for information

3.16 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Joint Report on the application of Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of **equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('Racial Equality Directive')** and of Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for **equal treatment in employment and occupation ('Employment Equality Directive')** – COM(2014)0002 (MA)

**Resp.:** EMPL                      **Opinion:** ITRE, JURI, LIBE, FEMM

***Decision:*** *Oral Question in plenary. The issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on own-initiative reports.*

3.17 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the establishment of a **European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training** – COM(2014)0030 (CO)

**Resp.:** EMPL                      **Opinion:** CULT

***Decision:*** *No report at this stage, the issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on own-initiative reports.*

3.18 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: **Taking stock of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth** – COM(2014)0130 (KS)

**Resp.:** EMPL –                      **Opinions:** AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, CONT, ECON, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCO, FEMM, PETI

***Just for the record - decision already taken on 22 July 2014:***

3.19 Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the **103rd session of the International Labour Conference concerning amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention** – COM(2014)0161 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                      **Opinion:** TRAN

***Decision:*** *No further action, since the position was proposed in view of the 103rd session of the International Labour Conference, which already took place from 28 May - 12 June 2014.*

3.20 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the **application of Directive 2008/104/EC on temporary agency work** – COM(2014)0176 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                    **Opinion:** IMCO, FEMM

***Decision:*** *The Commission shall be invited to the Committee. The issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on own-initiative reports.*

3.21 Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to **Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms** – COM(2014)0197 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                    **Opinion:** INTA

***Decision:*** *Letter by the Chair to the President, asking for a statement to be made by the Commission.*

3.22 Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the **103rd session of the International Labour Conference concerning a Recommendation to supplement the Forced Labour Convention n° 29, 1930**, of the International Labour Organisation – COM(2014)0239 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                    **Opinion:** LIBE, FEMM

***Decision:*** *No further action, since the position was proposed in view of the 103rd session of the International Labour Conference, which already took place from 28 May - 12 June 2014.*

3.23 Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to **Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms** – COM(2014)0262 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                    **Opinion:** INTA

***Decision:*** *Letter by the Chair to the President, asking for a statement to be made by the Commission.*

3.24 COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS on an **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020** - COM(2014) 332 (MA)

**Resp.:** EMPL

***Decision:*** *Oral question in plenary; the issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on own-initiative reports.*

- 3.25 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of the **derogation provided for in Article 8(6a) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (12-day rule)** – COM(2014)0337 (ZP)

**Resp.:** EMPL                      **Opinion:** TRAN

***Decision:*** *Invite new Commissioner to the Committee, the issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on hearings.*

- 3.26 COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS on a **Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy** - COM(2014) 0446 (AC)

**Resp.:** EMPL    **Opinion:** DEVE, INTA, ECON, ENVI, ITRE

***Decision:*** *The issue could be taken into account in the context of decisions on own-initiative reports.*

- 3.27 Proposal for a Council directive implementing the European Agreement concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) concerning **certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport** – COM(2014)0452 (RS)

**Resp.:** EMPL                      **Opinion:** TRAN

***Decision:*** *Motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 101(3), tabled by the Chair on behalf of the Committee, recommending the adoption of the request. Rule 50 on simplified procedure to be applied.*

<b>Possible additional decisions</b>
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- 3.28 **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT): State of Play and Outlook** – COM(2014)368 (RS)

**Resp:** JURI  
TRAN

**Opinion:** EMPL, ECON, ENVI, IMCO,

**Decision:** *Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the ECR Group.*

3.29 **Annual Tax Report (KS)**

**Resp:** ECON

**Opinion:** CONT

**Decision:** *No opinion*



**3.30 The review of the economic governance framework: stocktaking and challenges (KS)**

**Resp:** ECON

**Opinion:**

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.***

**3.31 Annual report on EU Competition Policy - COM(2014) 249 final (ZP)**

**Resp:** ECON

**Opinion:**

***Decision: No opinion.***

**3.32 Report on the application of Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (ZP)**

**Resp:** FEMM

**Opinion:**

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the S&D Group. Request Rule 54.***

**3.33 Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part - COM(2014)0104, 2006/0048 (APP) (MM)**

**Resp.:** TRAN

**Opinion:** EMPL

***Decision: No opinion***

**3.34 Single-member private limited liability companies – COM(2014)0212 (ZP)**

**Resp.:** JURI

**Opinion:** ECON, ITRE, IMCO

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the S&D Group. Request Rule 54.***

**3.35 European Investment Bank - Annual Report 2013**

**Resp.:** ECON

**Opinion:** CONT

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.***

**3.36 European Central Bank Annual Report for 2013 ECON/8/00962**

**Resp.:** ECON

**Opinion:**

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.***

3.37 The EU Strategy for equality between women and men post 2015

**Resp.:** FEMM

**Opinion:** EMPL

***Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.***

#### 4. EMPL Committee work programme for 2014-2015

##### A) Own-initiative reports

###### Decision:

###### *The Coordinators*

- *Agreed on the principle that the two large groups would be entitled to have each two reports short-listed, and the smaller groups one report each*
- *Agreed to take the decision at their next (possibly extraordinary) meeting.*

##### B) Public hearings

###### Decision: Postponed

##### C) Delegation visits in 2015

###### Decision:

###### *The Coordinators took the following decision:*

Overall programme for 2015 - final requests which will be made on behalf of EMPL for 1st half of 2015, highlighted in yellow

- Delegations within the EU:
  - Denmark (positive examples skills, youth employment) - 1st half of 2015, week of 16-20 March 2015, +/- 8 places
  - Portugal (post programme country) - second half of 2015, e.g. week of 20 July 2015, +/- 8 places

###### Additions

- Non-formal delegation to Luxembourg ahead of presidency, on a Monday of a Strasbourg session - first half of 2015, e.g. 18 May 2015
  - Non-formal delegation to ECB (Frankfurt) , on a Monday of a Strasbourg session - second half of 2015, e.g. 7 September 2015
- Delegations outside the EU: 9 places for the following two:
    - Washington DC (detailed programme focussing on TTIP-issues to be elaborated in close cooperation between the political groups) - first half of 2015, week of 7-10 April 2015, up to 9 MEPs

- Possibly, ILO (Geneva) - second half of 2015, one-day study trip meeting ILO experts, , e.g. 24-25 September 2015, using the remaining places and taking account of all other forms of engaging with the ILO
- Agencies:
  - Eurofound (Dublin, last visited in 2013) - first half of 2015, 18-19 June 2015 // 3 places outside quota
  - EU-OSHA (Bilbao, last visited in 2013) - endorsed by majority - second half of 2015, e.g. week of 3 November 2015 // 3 places outside quota

### C) Studies and workshops

#### **Decision: Postponed**

**The decisions on all other issues were postponed owing to a lack of time.**

## **5. Points for information**

### **5.1 Timetables**

*None received.*

### **5.2 Outgoing letters**

The following letters sent by the Chairman are annexed to the Coordinators' notes:

- Nomination of EMPL standing rapporteur to the INTA's US Monitoring Group of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – to the INTA Chair
- Request to authorize a hearing on the “Employment and social aspects of the TTIP” – to President Schulz
- Unfinished business from the 7th legislature – to Jerzy Buzek, Chair of the CCC
- Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission – to Commissioner Andor
- EMPL questionnaire for the Commissioner-designates – to Jerzy Buzek, Chair of the CCC
- Feedback on the questionnaire for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bi-annual Report of COSAC – to Jerzy Buzek, Chair of the CCC

### **5.3 Documents for information**

The following documents can be found annexed to the notes:

- European Trade Union Committee for Education message on Investing in Education

**6. Possible dates of next Coordinators' meeting**

- Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday, 23 September 2014, from 10:30 to 12:30 in Altiero Spinelli A1E1.
- Tuesday, 30 September 2014, 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. (TBC)