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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

2014 - 2019

**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, 9 July 2015, 10.00 - 11.30**  
**Room LOW N1.3 (in camera), Louise Weiss Building, Strasbourg**  
**RESULTS**

*13.7.2015*

The meeting started at 10.10 hrs and closed at 11.05 hrs. In the Chair: Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair.

Present

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

## **1. Chair's announcements**

### **1.1 Interpretation and new linguistic profile (JK/LE)**

Interpretation was available in German, English, Italian, Danish and French.

### **1.2 Points system (JK)**

Following the formation of the ENF group, the points table was updated. 3.5 points were attributed to the ENF group (60% *pro rata temporis*) whereas 2.5 points were deemed used.

### **1.3 Trilogue negotiating teams (CO/BM)**

In the light of the previous decisions on the mandates for 'Undeclared work' and 'Eures' the coordinators decided, with the agreement of the ENF Group, that since the vote in the EMPL Committee had already taken place, the negotiating team would remain unchanged and thus not include shadow rapporteurs of the ENF Group.

### **1.4 Composition of the EGF Working Group (ZP)**

The Coordinators were informed by the Chair that ENF Group had been invited to nominate a Member to the WG. The next meeting of the working group would take place on 15 July.

### **1.5 Unused interpretation**

At the shadows' meeting of 1 July on the report on the implementation, results and overall assessment of the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (rapporteur Mr Kukan) Portuguese interpretation was not used.

### **1.6 State of play related to conflicts of competence**

- **EMPL and CULT own-initiative report on vocational training (CO)**

#### **Decision:**

*The Coordinators:*

*- agreed with the new title proposed by CULT ("Erasmus+ and other tools to foster mobility in VET – a lifelong learning approach");*

*- agreed that EMPL be associated under Rule 54;*

*- mandated EMPL Secretariat, acting under the authority of the Chair, to discuss with CULT Secretariat on the draft structure of the report and on the distribution of the relevant exclusive competences and to submit to Coordinators, for decision, the respective structure.*

- **FEMM and EMPL (AC / MK)**

#### **Decision:**

The Coordinators were informed as follows:

- The FEMM Committee had requested the application of Rule 54 on the EMPL report "Meeting the antipoverty target in the light of increasing household costs".
- EMPL had requested Rule 54 on the FEMM own-initiative report on "Poverty: A gender perspective".
- During the CCC meeting, the EMPL and FEMM Chairs tentatively agreed that the respective Rule 54 requests were justified and that the details of the arrangement should be prepared by the Secretariats.
- An agreement was reached on the EMPL report "Meeting the antipoverty target in the light of increasing household costs". FEMM will have exclusive competence on the impact of increasing household costs on female-headed households and the gender dimension of Commission measures to reach the antipoverty target. All other issues related to social inclusion and the fight against poverty would remain under EMPL competence.

The Coordinators took note of the reservations of the S&D Group and agreed that the practical value of applying Rule 54 to non-legislative reports should be assessed.

### **1.7 CCC - Pressure exerted by Ryanair on speakers following the EMPL hearing of 7 May on "Employment and Working Conditions in the Civil Aviation Sector" (AC)**

#### **Decision:**

The Coordinators were informed that

- the Chair had raised the issue before the CCC together with the TRAN Chair. The CCC Chair had decided to write to President Schulz on this matter;
- the letter from Ryanair to the Chair and the reply thereto could be found in the documents for information.
- the EPP TRAN Coordinator had written to the EP President regarding the pressure that Ryanair had exerted on the speakers of the hearing.
- Heard Ms Steinruck who encouraged the coordinators to attend a 'Ryanair Breakfast Briefing' with Michael O'Leary, CEO Ryanair, hosted by Ms Deidre Clune MEP on Wednesday 15th July, 8:15am, in the Members Lounges

## **2. Allocation of reports and opinions**

### **Reports**

#### **2.1 Meeting the antipoverty target in light of increasing household costs (AC)**

**Responsible:** EMPL

**Decision:** *Rapporteur to be nominated by the Greens/EFA Group.*

## 2.2 Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)

Responsible: EMPL

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

## 2.3 New own-initiative report

**Decision:**

### *The Coordinators*

- *requested authorisation of the first own-initiative report on the waiting list (Social dumping in Europe [RS]);*
- *decided that the rapporteur be nominated by the S&D Group;*
- *decided that an Oral Question with a resolution be drawn up with regard to the draft Council Recommendation on long-term unemployment which should be proposed by the Commission on 8 September*
- *agreed that each group appoint one MEP as co-sponsor of the OQ and the resolution*
- *instructed the Secretariat, acting under the authority of the Chair, to send out concrete procedural proposals [PR].*

## 2.4 Implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (MM)

**Decision:**

### *The Coordinators*

- *Decided to seek authorisation for an implementation report on the CRPD as lead committee*
- *Took note of the interest of the LIBE and PETI Committees in the matter*
- *Decided that the ECR Group nominate the Rapporteur.*

**Opinions**

*None referred*

## Documents received for information

*None referred*

### 3. Digital Single Market Strategy - briefing note by POLDEP A (Policy Department)

#### **Decision:**

#### ***3.1. The Coordinators agreed that the revised outline for the briefing note on the Digital Agenda, incorporating comments from ECR ALDE and GUE/NGL:***

*"The paper should analyse the effect of digitalisation on job creation, changing working conditions, job losses and job creation by sector, with particular focus on e-commerce, related postal services and crowd-working. It should also identify current and future skills requirements, and provide an overview of existing or planned measures promoting digital entrepreneurship and jobs."*

#### ***3.2. The Coordinators were informed that the CCC Chair had proposed to the CoP that the lead committees be IMCO and ITRE (jointly pursuant to Rule 55) and that JURI, LIBE and CULT be associated under Rule 54 and that EMPL give a normal opinion.<sup>1</sup> The Coordinators strongly agreed that EMPL should also be associated pursuant to Rule 54. [LS]***

#### ***3.3. The Coordinators decided that the EMPL Working group on the employment aspects of digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence, which is composed of one representative per group, plus one representative from each of the following committees: ITRE, IMCO, JURI, should be open to all interested Members.***

### 4. Motions for Resolutions (Rule 130) - decision on procedure (MA)

*Annexes: text of the motions*

#### **4.1 B8-0507/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on fighting poverty in the European Union: an absolute priority by Gianluca Buonanno**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee had repeatedly called on the Commission to make combatting poverty an absolute priority, e.g. in the report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects of the Annual Growth Survey (Rapporteur: Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto) and the report on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Rapporteur: Laura Agea)*

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<sup>1</sup> **Note:** The Conference of Presidents decided the same day to grant Rule 54 status also to EMPL. Preliminary information subject to confirmation of the minutes of the CoP.

**4.2 B8-0508/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Unemployment crisis: pressing need for suitable action by Gianluca Buonanno**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee had repeatedly called on the Commission to make the employment recovery an absolute priority, e.g. in the report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects of the Annual Growth Survey (Rapporteur: Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto) and the report on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Rapporteur: Laura Agea)*

**4.3 B8-0520/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Member States' cuts in funding for the arts by Aldo Patriciello**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes. The main committee in charge of this motion for a resolution is CULT.

***Decision:*** *No action needed*

**4.4 B8-0601/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on issues affecting road hauliers in Europe by Nicola Caputo**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes. The main committee in charge of this motion for a resolution is TRAN.

***Decision:*** *No action needed*

**4.5 B8-0604/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on bringing in guarantees and a monitoring system concerning the use of European funding to pre-finance the Youth Employment Initiative by Dominique Martin, Louis Aliot, Marine Le Pen, Joëlle Mélin, Gilles Lebreton, Sylvie Goddyn, Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Steeve Briois, Dominique Bilde, Mylène Troszczynski, Bernard Monot, Sophie Montel, Aymeric Chauprade, Bruno Gollnisch, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau, Nicolas Bay, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-François Jalkh, Florian Philippot, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghezio, Gianluca Buonanno, Lorenzo Fontana, Gerolf Annemans**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since a monitoring and control system on the use of Union funding for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) was already in place and on several recent occasions the EMPL Committee has already discussed the issue of controls on the effectiveness and transparency in the implementation of the YEI and the programmes co-financed by the European Social Fund.*

*The Coordinators agreed that subject to tangible information becoming available in the future exchanges of views might be organised with representatives of the Commission and the European Court of Auditors.<sup>2</sup> [PR]*

**4.6 B8-0605/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on temporary contracts in schools: the Mascolo judgment by Gianluca Buonanno**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since the European Court of Justice had already ruled on the interpretation of the applicable Union law as well as on compliance by the Italian authorities with the relevant Union law provisions and the issue was well known by the Commission who had already opened an infringement procedure against Italy*

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<sup>2</sup> Note: A presentation of the Eurofound report entitled "Social inclusion of young people" will take place during the EMPL committee meeting of the 23rd of September 2015. The next ECA report with relevance for EMPL is expected to be published by the end of the year; the audit focuses on: (a) the Commission's management of the Youth Action Teams (YATs); and (b) the Commission's actions to ensure a successful implementation of the Youth Guarantee.

[http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/WP2015/WP2015\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/WP2015/WP2015_EN.pdf)

A Commission report is expected for June 2016.

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2013.347.01.0470.01.ENG](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2013.347.01.0470.01.ENG)

## 5. Points for information

### 5.1 Timetables

#### Reports

##### **Skills policies for fighting youth unemployment (Marek Plura)**

Send text to TO/Translation	26 June 2015
Consideration of draft Report	15-16 July 2015
<b>Deadline AMs</b>	<b>8 September 2015 at 12:00</b>
Discussion of amendments	12-13 October 2015
Adoption of CULT opinion	15 October 2015
<b>Adoption in EMPL</b>	<b>10 November 2015</b>
Vote plenary (tentative)	December 2015

##### **Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty (Ines Zuber) *Revised Timetable***

<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>15 September 2015</b>
Vote plenary	October II 2015

#### Opinions:

##### **Women domestic workers and carers (Tania GONZÁLEZ PEÑAS) *Revised Timetable***

Consideration of draft opinion	<b>15 September 2015</b>
Send text to TO/Translation	16 July 2015
Deadline AMs	<b>22 September 2015</b>
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>10 November 2015</b>
Vote lead committee	<b>3 December 2015</b>
Vote plenary	January 2016

#### **5.1.2. Port Services (ZP)**

*The Coordinators agreed that the timetable for the Port Services Opinion (rapporteur Ms Kari) be adjusted so as to allow for more time for compromise amendments. The secretariat was instructed to draw up a revised calendar under the authority of the rapporteur.*



## **5.2 Committee of Regions - Priorities for the sixth term of office 2015-2020**

*The CoR resolution on Priorities for the sixth term of office 2015-2020 can be found in the documents for information*

## **5.3 Ryanair Letter to the EMPL Chair**

*The letter from Ryanair to the EMPL Chair, and its reply, was included in the documents for information. A letter regarding the same issue from the TRAN EPP coordinator to President Schulz was also included in the documents for information.*

## **5.4 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve (JK / LE)**

### **Decision**

*The Chair would from now on inform Coordinators of his executive decisions as to the fair use of the annual translation reserve, thus avoiding systematic previous decisions by the Coordinators.*

## **5.5 Date of next Coordinators' meetings (JK)**

### **Decision**

*Brussels, Thursday 3 September, 10:00 - 11:30, right after the EMPL meeting (vote on Budget amendments at 9:30 hrs); followed by an EGF working group meeting from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs.*

*Regarding the remaining meetings in 2015, the Secretariat was instructed to explore alternative options so as to avoid coordinators' meetings on Mondays.*