

Introductory words by Thomas Händel



The first committee meeting of the month will take place on 15 and 16 June. An exchange of views will be held with Maroš Šefčovič, Vice President of the European Commission, focused on the consequences for employment triggered by the energy transition and its impact on unemployment. The committee meeting will count as well with the consideration and adoption of

the question for oral answer on minimum income. There will be the consideration of amendments on the draft report on How best to harness the job creation potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). Commissioner Günther Oettinger will exchange views with EMPL Members on the impact of the Commission's Digital Agenda on the EMPL Committee's field of responsibilities, in particular with regard to employment, wages and skills. Co-Rapporteurs will present their EMPL-FEMM draft report on Creating Labour Market Conditions Favourable for Work-Life Balance. There will be a presentation of the Opinion of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights on requirements under Article 33 (2) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the EU context, and a presentation by the Commission on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020.

The meeting agenda for 21 June will start with a joint hearing of EMPL and ECON on reasons, repercussions and remedies of economic inequality in the EU. An exchange of views will be held with Jyrki Katainen, Vice President of the Commission, as part of the structured dialogue. This meeting will include the consideration of amendments of the draft report on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States. Finally, the meeting will include the votes of the oral question on Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative, and the draft reports on Protocol to the EC/ Switzerland Agreement on the free movement of persons, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU, the draft report on Employment Equality Directive and the draft report on activities, impact and added of EGF 2007-2014.

At the plenary, Commissioner Thyssen presented the New Skills Agenda for Europe with an exchange of views with the Members.

I thank you for your attention.

Thomas Händel, Chair

POINTS ON THE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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Exchange of views

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Presentation

[Requirements under Article 33 \(2\) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the EU context](#)

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Meeting dates and venues:

15.6.2016 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30 in Brussels, PHS 1A002

16.6.2016 9.00-10.00 in Brussels, JAN 4Q1 and 10.00-12.30 in PHS 1A002

21.6.2016 9.00-11.00 and 15.00-18.30 in Brussels, JAN 4Q1



Public hearing on Reasons, repercussions and remedies of economic inequality in the EU

ECON and EMPL Committees will jointly hold a hearing that will discuss with several experts the Reasons, repercussions and remedies of economic inequality in the European Union.

Exchange of views with Vice President Šefčovič

This exchange of views with Vice President Šefčovič will focus on the consequences for employment triggered by the energy transition and its impact on unemployment, as well as the developments within the Energy Union, including the approach of the "5Ds model" transition especially linked with a social fair transition and with tackling energy poverty.

Exchange of views with Commissioner Oettinger

Commissioner Oettinger and EMPL Members will discuss about the impact of the Commission's Digital Agenda on the EMPL Committee's field of responsibilities, in particular with regard to employment, wages and skills.



Exchange of views with Vice President Katainen

The exchange of views is part of the structured dialogue and will focus on the implementation of the Commission Work Programme 2016 as well as the priorities for the forthcoming Commission Work Programme in the field of employment and social affairs.

How best to harness the job creation potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)?

Consideration of amendments

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 19 April, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 358 [amendments](#), which will be discussed at EMPL meeting on 15 June.



Rapporteur: Zdzisław Krasnodębski (ECR, PL)

Creating labour market conditions favourable to work-life balance

Consideration of amendments

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 24 May, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 464 amendments ([first](#) and [second](#) part), which will be discussed at EMPL meeting on 16 June.

Rapporteur: Tatjana Ždanoka (Greens/EFA, LV)

Guidelines for employment policies of the Member States

Consideration of amendments

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 30 May, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 39 amendments, which will be discussed on 21 June.



Rapporteur: Laura Agea (EFDD, IT)

Protocol to the EC/ Switzerland Agreement on the free movement of persons, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU

Adoption of draft recommendation

As part of the consent procedure, the rapporteur drafted this [recommendation](#) to the Council decision. The recommendation will be voted on 21 June.

Rapporteur: Danuta Jazłowiecka (EPP, PL)

Application of the Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation (Employment Equality Directive)

Adoption of draft report

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 17 February, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 310 [amendments](#), which were discussed at the EMPL meeting on 19 April. The Rapporteur and Shadows Rapporteurs negotiated 40 compromises that will be voted on 21 June.

Rapporteur: Renate Weber (ALDE, RO)

Workers representation on board level in Europe

Adoption of draft report

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 16 March, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 282 [amendments](#), which were discussed at the EMPL meeting on 26 April. The Rapporteur and Shadows Rapporteurs negotiated 40 compromises that will be voted on 21 June.

Rapporteur: Thomas Händel (Chair)

Activities, impact and added value of EGF 2007-2014

Adoption of draft report

This [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on April 18, when a deadline for amendments was set. Members tabled 163 [amendments](#) which were discussed at EMPL meeting on 24 May. The Rapporteur and Shadows Rapporteurs negotiated 37 compromises that will be voted on 21 June.

Rapporteur: Marian Harkin (ALDE, IE)

Minimum income

Consideration and adoption of question for oral answer
EMPL will table an Oral Question to the Commission on a minimum income in the EU.

Rapporteur: Thomas Händel (Chair)

Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative

Adoption of question for oral answer

The Chair, on behalf the EMPL committee, will table an Oral Question to the Commission on Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative.

Rapporteur: [Thomas Händel](#) (Chair)

New opportunities for small transport businesses

Consideration of draft opinion

In her [draft opinion](#), the rapporteur stresses the impact of technological progress and new business models on the transport sector. To take full advantage of the job creation potential of such changes, a regulatory environment encouraging investment is necessary according to the rapporteur. Fair competition and decent jobs should be guaranteed while abuses such as tax avoidance and precarious employment should be prevented.

Rapporteur: [Elena Gentile](#) (S&D, IT)

Requirements under Article 33 (2) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the EU context

Presentation of the opinion of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights



On 18 March, the European Parliament requested the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) to deliver an [opinion](#) concerning requirements under Article 33 (2) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) within the EU context. The opinion aimed to feed into the EMPL

implementation report on CRPD and to support the EU's follow up to the 'Concluding observations on the initial report of the European Union' by the UN CRPD Committee, which were published on 2 October 2015.

Establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020

Presentation by the Commission

The Commission will present the legislative proposal on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme. This legislative proposal was adopted by the Commission on 26 November 2015. The Structural Reform Support Programme will have the objective of strengthening the overall capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing institutional, structural and administrative reforms.

Votes on draft opinions

At its meetings in June EMPL votes on the following opinions:

Adoption of opinion in letter form on EGF application EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery

Rapporteur: [Thomas Händel](#) (Chair)

Lead committee: BUDG

2017 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue

Rapporteur: [Thomas Händel](#) (Chair)

Lead committee: BUDG

Budgetary Control of financing NGOs from the EU Budget

Rapporteur: [Tatjana Ždanoka](#) (Greens/EFA, LV)

Lead committee: CONT

Implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea

Rapporteur: [Siôn Simon](#) (S&D, UK)

Lead committee: INTA

Postal services directive

Rapporteur: [Georges Bach](#) (EPP, LU)

Lead committee: TRAN

Plenary follow-up of EMPL reports



- Presentation of the New Skills agenda for Europe - [debate](#) with the Commission held on 7 June.

News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

A new tool for policy-makers in the area of learning mobility, the mobility scoreboard for initial vocational education and training was presented by Cedefop in Thessaloniki on 3 June. The tool was developed in close cooperation with the European Commission and focuses on 10 key areas for action. A prototype with information on 26 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway is already available while the finalized tool will be launched during the VET week in December. [More.](#)

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

The European Social Services Conference 2016 produced by the European Social Network (ESN) in cooperation with the Dutch Presidency of the EU Council will be held between the 20th and the 22nd of June. This year's edition focuses on the role of local communities and their empowerment. Eurofound will contribute to this conference in particular through the setting up of a workshop. [More.](#)

European Training Foundation (ETF)

As the Commission just released the New Skills Agenda for Europe, the ETF publishes a report on Highlights and insights exploring the contribution of the agency in helping transition and developing countries harness their human capital potential. [More.](#)

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

In the next ten years, the impact of ICT, robotics and artificial intelligence will be particularly important for the nature and location of work. A foresight project has been commissioned by EU-OSHA in order to produce a set of scenarios on potential changes to work and its implications on workers' safety and health. A summary of key issues is already available as well as a short survey to allow stakeholders to share their views. [More.](#)

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