

Introductory words by Thomas Händel

Let me start this issue by expressing my concerns following the referendum of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. I believe that the democratic expression of the will of British citizens should be respected and that it is necessary to put an end to the uncertainty by launching the negotiations process as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the institutions of the European Union, in particular the Parliament, need to reflect on this choice and use it as an opportunity to reinvent the European project. The European Union now must rebuild the confidence in a social and democratic common project. In order to address these issues, the EMPL Committee and the Parliament as a whole must strengthen its efforts to work towards a fair European Union benefiting all.



This will be one of the main issues to be dealt with at the informal EPSCO meeting in Bratislava at the end of this week, where I will express the position of the European Parliament in this regard.

As one committee meeting was cancelled to allow for an extraordinary plenary session, the workload of this July meeting is important. On 13 July, EMPL will vote to adopt the reports on Social dumping in the EU, How to best harness the job creation potential of SMEs and Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States. The recommendation on the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment will also be submitted to a vote as well as an oral question to the Commission on Corporate Social Responsibility. In addition, the revision of the statute of the agencies for which EMPL is responsible will be discussed during an exchange of views. Another exchange of views will take place on the basis of a motion for a resolution on the agreement concluded between stakeholders on the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention of ILO. Finally, two studies will be presented by the Policy Department analysing the impact of TTIP on jobs and labour respectively to support the work of the Committee.

It is also to be noted that two EMPL reports have been adopted at the plenary: Refugees: social inclusion and integration into the labour market and the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

I thank you for your attention.

Thomas Händel, Chair

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Meeting dates and venues:

13.7.2016 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30 in Brussels, JAN 4Q2

14.7.2016 9.00-10.30 in Brussels, JAN 4Q2



Implementing the Agreement concluded between COGECA, ETF and EUROPÊCHE of 21 May 2012 as amended on 8 May 2013 concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 of the International Labour Organisation

Exchange of views on the basis of motion for a resolution

This is the exchange of views on the draft motion for a resolution by rapporteur Paloma Lopez Bermejo on the proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded between the General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union (COGECA), the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and the Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises (EUROPÊCHE) of 21 May 2012 as amended on 8 May 2013 concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 of the International Labour Organisation



Social dumping in the European Union

Adoption of draft report

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 25 January, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 704 amendments ([first](#) and [second](#) part), which were discussed at EMPL meeting on 16 March. The Rapporteur and Shadow Rapporteurs negotiated 43 compromise amendments which will be voted on 13 July.

Rapporteur: [Guillaume Balas](#) (S&D, FR)

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

Adoption of draft report

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 19 April, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled 358 [amendments](#), which were discussed at EMPL meeting on June 15. The Rapporteur and Shadows Rapporteurs negotiated 27 compromise amendments that will be voted on 13 July.

Rapporteur: [Zdzisław Krasnodębski](#) (ECR, PL)

Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment

Adoption of draft recommendation

This is the adoption of the draft recommendation (consent procedure) on the Tripartite Social Summit by rapporteur Sógor. There were no amendments tabled.

Rapporteur: [Csaba Sógor](#) (EPP, RO)

Guidelines for employment policies of the Member States

Adoption of draft report

The [draft report](#) was presented in EMPL on 30 May, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled [39 amendments](#), which were discussed at EMPL meeting on 21 June. The Rapporteur and shadows rapporteurs negotiated

compromises that will be voted on 13 July.

Rapporteur: [Laura Agea](#) (EFDD, IT)

European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2016 priorities

Consideration of draft opinion

In her [draft opinion](#), the rapporteur outlines the importance for Member States of implementing reforms to strengthen their economies including structural reforms and investment policies. In that regard, the rapporteur underlines the importance of the Juncker Plan and calls on the Commission not to implement sanctions. The rapporteur welcomes the introduction of three social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalance procedure and argues they should have an equal importance with the economic indicators. However, the rapporteur regrets the lack of consideration of the Parliament's position by the Council.

Rapporteur: [Sofia Ribeiro](#) (EPP, PT)

Investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds: an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR

Consideration of draft opinion

The rapporteur expresses firstly in his [draft opinion](#) his surprise as the Commission only submitted a communication instead of a report. However, he underlines the role of the ESIF to boost quality jobs, growth and prosperity in the EU. Yet he regrets the delay in adopting the ESF and calls on the Commission to make the ESF a priority tool to pursue Europe2020 objectives and improve its access by beneficiaries.



Rapporteur: [Georgi Pirinski](#) (S&D, BG)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections

Consideration of budget amendments

Rapporteur: Thomas Händel (Chair, DE)

Budgetary capacity for the Eurozone

Adoption of draft opinion

The [draft opinion](#) was presented in EMPL on 30 May, when a deadline for tabling amendments was set. Members tabled [99 amendments](#). The rapporteur and shadows rapporteurs negotiated compromise amendments that will be voted on 13 July.

Rapporteur: [Neoklis Sylikiotis](#) (GUE/NGL, CY)

Corporate Social Responsibility

Adoption of a question for oral answer

At their meeting of the 26.05, the EMPL coordinators agreed to table a question for oral answer to the Commission on Corporate Social Responsibility.

Revision of the statute of the agencies for which EMPL is responsible

Exchange of views

Upon EMPL Coordinators decision, the Commission was invited to present its work programme for 2016 related to the revision of founding regulations of the agencies Cedefop, OSHA and Eurofound.

Study on TTIP and jobs

This Policy Department A [study](#) on TTIP and Jobs provides the Employment and Social Affairs Committee with an analytical review of literature and calculations of the potential employment impact of TTIP with a view to sectors affected. It provides a snapshot of EU and US trade and labour markets, compares methodologies and results of ex-ante assessments and also uses information from relevant ex-post evaluations of other trade agreements.

Study on TTIP and labour standards

The [study](#) analyses the possible effects of the TTIP on labour conditions in the European Union, the United States and third countries. The study provides also recommendations to increase the chances that TTIP will have positive consequences for labour conditions in the EU, the US and third countries. Theoretically, liberalisation can lead to a race-to-the-top as well as a race-to-the bottom in labour conditions.

Plenary follow-up of EMPL reports



- Report on Refugees: social inclusion and integration into the labour market [adopted](#) on 4 July
- Report on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [adopted](#) on 7 July

News from the Agencies

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Cedefop released the first analytical highlights of its project the Skills Panorama. This project provides insights into the trends

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for skills for 30 occupations as well as the key drivers for change and the potential challenges identified. [More](#).

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

The concept of NEET (young people not in employment, education or training) has been particularly used as a tool in youth policies in the EU. Despite its usefulness in addition to traditional indicators, it concept has been criticised as it captures a heterogeneous population. To make up for those limits, Eurofound analysed the overall NEET population and explored the concept to break down NEETs in seven subgroups. [More](#).

European Training Foundation (ETF)

In order to develop a more entrepreneurial economy, Ukraine is giving increased attention to entrepreneurship promotion in education and training as part of the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework, published by the European Commission. Stakeholders have been gathering in Lviv to determine next steps in integrating entrepreneurship as a key competence within the curriculum. The workshop (8-9 July) is facilitated by ETF. [More](#).

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

Micro and small enterprises (MSEs) are the size group most at risk of occupational accidents and ill-health in Europe. To tackle this issue, EU-OSHA launched a project identifying how policies, strategies and practical solutions can improve occupational safety and health in these enterprises. The results of the first phase of this project are now available. [More](#).

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