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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, 15 December 2016, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs**

**Room WIC 200 (in camera), Strasbourg**

**RESULTS**

**21.12.2016**

**Version 2**

**Changes are highlighted in yellow**

The meeting started at 10:09 hrs and closed at 11:37 hrs. In the Chair: Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair

Present

Chair	Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-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 Rina Ronja Kari GUE/NGL Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Also present

Ms Agnes Jongerius 4th Vice-Chair, for item 2.3.

Apologies

Chair Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair



# 1. Chair's announcements

## 1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in the following languages: DE, EN, FR, IT active, DA passive.

## 1.2 Brexit-related issues (EC)

The papers for the meeting included:

- the minutes of the EMPL Brexit Working Party meeting of 14 November 2016
- the minutes of the EMPL Brexit Working Party meeting of 8 December 2016.

Note: As requested by the CCC, the committees' contributions shall reply to the following questions:

1. *What is the possible impact on legislative files currently under discussion of impending UK departure?*
2. *What is the likely impact on these legislative files if they are not concluded pre-Brexit and therefore only concluded post-Brexit?*
3. *Are there policies or EU legislation in force likely to feature as part of the EU-UK withdrawal agreement, and if so in what way?*
4. *Are there policies or EU legislation in force likely to feature as part of the future EU-UK relationship agreement, and if so in what way?*
5. *(Additional question proposed by Mr Lange) Are there other arrangements, presently not part of the acquis, which should feature in the future EU-UK relationship agreement, and if so in what way?*<sup>1</sup>

The EMPL Committee's Brexit Working Party met for the second time on 8 December 2016 and for the third time on 14 December 2016.

A meeting of the Conference of Committee Chairs meeting with Mr Verhofstadt, the EP Coordinator on the Brexit, took place on 13 December 2016.

### **Decision**

#### **The Coordinators,**

- **bearing in mind that, as per CCC request, "[Committees'] expertise should concentrate on facts and analysis only and in no way provide any indication as to what might be a desirable outcome of negotiations"**
- **took note of the main priorities of the Brexit WP in drawing up the document for the CCC which would be due by 12 January 2017 (Freedom of movement for**

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the Brexit WP decided that, due to its very political nature, question 5 could not be answered at this stage

**workers within the Union/ posting of workers; Coordination of Social Security Systems; EU Funds related to employment and social policies)**

- **decided to:**
  - **endorse the following three requests:**
    - **Request for a note by the legal service on the relations between the EU and the European Economic Area (EEA)<sup>2</sup>;**
    - **Request for a note by PolDep/EPRS, with a factual assessment of three different scenarios<sup>3</sup>;**
      - ✓ **Scenario (a) EFTA ((i) UK citizens in another MS and (ii) for EU citizens in the UK)**
      - ✓ **Scenario (b) (a) Switzerland-type agreement with EU / alternatively (a) EEA ((i) UK citizens in another MS and (ii) for EU citizens in the UK)**
      - ✓ **Scenario (c) WTO/USA ((i) UK citizens in another MS and (ii) for EU citizens in the UK)**
    - **Request for a workshop/hearing on the fundamentals of social security coordination / alternatively, on the revision of Regulation 883/2004 (with a part of that workshop being dedicated to Brexit)**
- **held an exchange of views as to the possible extension of the mandate of the Brexit WP beyond 12 January and noted the diverging views among political groups on this issue.**

### **1.3 Documents for information**

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<sup>2</sup> The note will focus on the two following questions:

- How the countries in the EEA implement the Single Market and the 4 liberties regulation and how Brexit will affect those relations?
- Will the UK still be member of the EEA after leaving the EU? If it does, how will the new relationship between the UK and the EU be within that framework?

<sup>3</sup> With implications for cross border workers and cross border businesses in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as well as Gibraltar.

**Northern Ireland:** According to the 2011 census, there were 6456 cross-border workers from Northern Ireland working in Ireland and 8295 from Ireland working in Northern Ireland:  
<http://www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/releasespublications/documents/population/2011/Cen2011IrelandNorthernIreland.pdf> on page 63.

**Gibraltar:** In June 2016, there were 12 361 frontier workers, see  
[https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/images/stories/PDF/statistics\\_topic\\_area/2016/Employment/Frontier\\_Workers/EMP.2.pdf](https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/images/stories/PDF/statistics_topic_area/2016/Employment/Frontier_Workers/EMP.2.pdf) Total population of Gibraltar: 33 140, see  
<https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/faqs-1>

- Letter of 1 December 2016 from President Schulz to Mr Buzek concerning the authorisation of committee delegations in the first half of 2017
- Letter of 28 November 2016 from Mr Buzek to President Schulz insisting on the authorisation of Committee delegations to Estonia.

## 2. Follow-up to previous Coordinators' decisions

### 2.1 Invitation to Commissioner Avramopoulos for a presentation (PR)

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 1 December 2016 from President Schulz to President Juncker.

#### Update

In keeping with institutional practice, the Chair sent a letter to President Schulz, requesting him to address the issue by means of a letter to Commission President Juncker. The letter from President Schulz to President Juncker was sent on 1 December 2016.

### 2.2 European Parliamentary Week 2017 (CF)

Decision of 24 November 2016:

- Combine “Mobility of workers” and “The importance of labour migration” as one topic
- Second topic: “European Pillar of Social Rights - next steps after the consultation”
- Invite groups to propose speakers for the two topics
- Select Speakers (2-3 per topic) in a written procedure
- Secretariat to circulate proposal for two to three questions per topic to form the questionnaire for national Parliaments

**The following speakers and questions were agreed by written procedure:**

<b>"The mobility of workers and the importance of labour migration"</b>	
Isabelle Le Callennec	Députée Les Républicains (PPE), l'Assemblée Nationale française
Frederic Daerden	Deputé, Belgian Federal Parliament, former MEP
Silvia Shahzad	MP, Slovakia

<b>"European Pillar of Social Rights - next steps after the consultation"</b>	
Regina Bastos	Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Spain and former MEP
Angelika Glöckner or Norbert Spinnrath	Both Members of Deutscher Bundestag, Working group "AG Europa" and co-authors of the paper "Soziales Europa"
Dr Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn	Member of the German Bundestag, Committee for European Affairs and substitute Committee for Employment and Social Affairs.

### **Questions related to Topic 1 "The mobility of workers and the importance of labour migration"**

- ~~1. Is the free movement of workers between EU Member States (Article 45 TFEU) a good thing?~~
- ~~2. Can an Economic and Monetary Union function properly without labour mobility?~~
- ~~3. Which additional measures should be put in place to mitigate the adverse side effects of labour migration?~~

### **Questions related to Topic 2 "European Pillar of Social Rights - next steps after the consultation"**

1. What EU action is required with regard to Equal opportunities and access to the labour market? ~~(This includes skills development, life-long learning and active support for employment; to increase employment opportunities, facilitate transitions between different employment statuses and improve the employability of individuals.)~~
2. What EU action is required with regard to Fair working conditions? ~~(an adequate and reliable balance of rights and obligations between workers and employers; evenness between flexibility and security to facilitate job creation, job take-up and the adaptability of firms, and promoting social dialogue)~~
3. What EU action is required with regard to Adequate and sustainable social protection? ~~(access to health, social protection benefits and high quality services, including childcare, healthcare and long-term care)~~

### **Decision**

#### **The Coordinators decided that**

- **the three questions related to Topic 1 should be modified in a written procedure with a view to giving them a more constructive connotation and**
- **the comments in the parenthesis under Topic 2 should be deleted.**

2.3 **Follow-up to exchange of views on 5 December 2016 with with Pedro Martins, member of the expert group on labour market and social reforms in Greece under the Memorandum of Understanding (MM)**

*- in the presence of Ms Jongerius -*

Update:

The exchange of views was held with Mr Martins on 5 December 2016. The Memorandum of Understanding imposes labour market reforms.<sup>4</sup> The expert group took a position on the proposed reforms.<sup>5</sup> Ms Jongerius suggested during the exchange of views to question the 'Troika/Institutions' as to how it would take account of the recommendations of the experts.

**Decision**

**The Coordinators decided to invite**

- **those representatives of the European Commission who are responsible for negotiations on Greek labour market reforms under the MoU**
- **a representative of the ILO**
- **a representative of the Council of Europe**
- **a representative of the Eurogroup**

**to an exchange of views at a future EMPL meeting.**

*Note: The Chair informed the secretariat after the meeting that two other Members of the expert group had approached him announcing that they would submit their position in writing in order to illustrate the views of the majority within that group.*

2.4 **Invitation of experts for the consideration of the draft report on minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (Rapporteur: Laura Agea) - [MA]**

Decision of 24 November 2014:

The Coordinators noted the rapporteur's proposal (Mr Warren Mosler) and invited the groups to nominate up to three more speakers to be invited to the consideration of the draft report

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<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/assistance\\_eu\\_ms/greek\\_loan\\_facility/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/assistance_eu_ms/greek_loan_facility/index_en.htm)

Section 4.1. of the MoU:

[http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/assistance\\_eu\\_ms/greek\\_loan\\_facility/pdf/01\\_mou\\_20150811\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/assistance_eu_ms/greek_loan_facility/pdf/01_mou_20150811_en.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> See the documents listed under item 6:

[http://www.emmeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201612/EMPL/EMPL\(2016\)1205\\_1/sitt-3516886](http://www.emmeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201612/EMPL/EMPL(2016)1205_1/sitt-3516886)

on 'Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty' (on 27-28 February, with no entitlement to claim reimbursement of travel expenses).

**Update:** The deadline for submitting candidates is 13 January, 13:00 hrs.

## 2.5 **Opinion on aviation strategy for Europe (CF)**

### **Decision**

The Coordinators mandated Mr Christensen to continue negotiations with the TRAN Rapporteur to ensure that EMPL's rights under Rule 54 are respected.

## 2.6 **S&D request for Rule 54 on the draft Regulation Amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2018-2020 (2016/0265 (COD)) – Rapporteur for opinion: Maria ARENA (S&D)EMPL/8/07769**

\*\*\*I 2016/0265(COD) COM(2016)0557 – C8-0367/2016

Responsible: ECON

### **Decision**

The Coordinators decided that EMPL shall request the application of Rule 54 for this file, in particular regarding employment and social indicators.

### 3. Pending conflicts of competence

#### 3.1 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 55 to the AFCO report on the implementation of the EU Fundamental Rights Charter (RS)

The position of EMPL coordinators of 29 September 2016 - to apply Rule 55 (procedure with joint committees) - was communicated by letter of 4 October 2016 from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair. This letter overruled the previous EMPL Rule 54 request of 13 June 2016. Note that LIBE and PETI also requested Rule 55.

On 12 December 2016, AFCO informed EMPL on the agreement with LIBE on a Rule 53+ agreement (enhanced cooperation). AFCO offers EMPL similar terms of cooperation.

##### Decision

**The Coordinators decided to request the application of Rule 54.**

#### 3.2 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the IMCO report on the European Agenda for the collaborative economy (RS)

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 7 December 2016 from Mr Buzek with a recommendation on how to settle the conflict: *"2...that the EMPL Committee's request for association under Rule 54 be granted with shared competences for section 2.4 of the Commission's Communication;"*

The final CoP decision can be expected for 8 or 15 December 2016.

##### Decision

**The Coordinators agreed that EMPL should insist on exclusive powers for the definition of the notion of 'worker'.**

#### 3.3 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the LIBE report on the Reception Conditions Directive (COM(2016)465 - rapporteur for opinion Brando Benifei (BM))

The papers for the meeting included:

- a letter of 16 November 2016 in which LIBE has offered Rule 53, with some additional features
- a letter of 21 November 2016 from EMPL insisting on Rule 54
- a letter of 23 November 2016 from LIBE rejecting EMPL's request once again

The EMPL position - to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibilities - was communicated in writing by letter of 4 October 2016, from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair. By letter of 25 October 2016 LIBE rejected the EMPL request for Rule 54. By letter

of 16 November 2016, LIBE has offered Rule 53, with some additional features. A meeting between Mr Moraes and Ms Ulvskog on 16 November 2016 did not allow to reach an agreement, despite the flexibility proposed by EMPL Chair (who proposed, for the sake of compromise, to limit the number of provisions for which joint/exclusive competence is requested). By letter of 21 November 2016, EMPL insisted on the application of Rule 54. By letter of 23 November LIBE reiterated its rejection of EMPL's request

A meeting between the CCC, EMPL and LIBE Chairs took place in Strasbourg on 13 December. The LIBE Chairs indicated that, following the meeting of the LIBE coordinators on 12 December, LIBE can now only offer Rule 53 (with no additional feature). The EMPL Chair developed the arguments put forward by the EMPL committee (pertaining to **employment**).

As no agreement could be found during the meeting, the CCC will draft a recommendation to the Conference of President.

### **Decision**

**The Coordinators decided to maintain the EMPL position (Rule 54).**

#### **3.4 Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the LIBE report on the 'Standards for Qualification' Regulation (COM(2016)466) - rapporteur for opinion Brando Benifei (EC)**

The papers for the meeting included:

- a letter of 16 November 2016 in which LIBE has offered Rule 53, with some additional features
- a letter of 21 November 2016 from EMPL insisting on Rule 54
- a letter of 23 November from LIBE rejecting EMPL's request once again

The EMPL position - to apply Rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibilities - was communicated in writing by letter of 19 October 2016, from the EMPL Chair to the CCC Chair. By letter of 16 November 2016, LIBE has offered Rule 53, with some additional features. A meeting between Mr Moraes and Ms Ulvskog on 16 November did not allow to reach an agreement. By letter of 21 November 2016, EMPL insisted on the application of Rule 54.

A meeting between the CCC, EMPL and LIBE Chairs took place in Strasbourg on 13 December. The LIBE Chairs indicated that, following the meeting of the LIBE coordinators on 12 December, LIBE can now only offer Rule 53 (with no additional feature). The EMPL Chair developed the arguments put forward by the EMPL committee (pertaining to **employment, social security, social assistance, vocational training**).

As no agreement could be found during the meeting, the CCC will draft a recommendation to the Conference of President.

### **Decision**

**The Coordinators decided to maintain the EMPL position (Rule 54).**

3.5 **BUDG request for Rule 54 on EMPL Implementation report “The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States” (PR)**

*On 29 September 2016, the Coordinators instructed the Chair to oppose the announced BUDG request for Rule 54, letter rebutting the BUDG request signed on 19 October 2016.*

**Update:** Since no agreement was found, the CCC-Secretariat is preparing a recommendation for the settlement of the conflict.

3.6 **ECON proposal on the revision of the EP instruments in the context of the European Semester (MM)**

The papers for the meeting include

- ✓ a letter dated 14 October 2016 from the ECON Chair to the CCC Chair suggesting the following new structure of the European Semester related INIs
- ✓ a letter dated 8 November 2016 from Mr Händel to Mr Buzek

ECON suggested the following new structure for the European Semester related INIs

- and annual INI report on the Semester cycle, focusing on the Annual Growth Survey, to be adopted in plenary in February in advance of the Spring European Council, mirroring the structure of the Annual Growth Survey (AGS)
- an annual INI report on the economic policies of the euro area, to be adopted in plenary in October before the Commission presents its recommendations for the euro area in November; this would allow to better reflect the importance of the euro dimension in the European Semester and the importance of the work of the Eurogroup in the coordination of policies of the euro area; the timeframe of this report would be May to September/October

The scope and timing of the first INI report does not imply any change as compared to the current system. However, ECON suggests changing the scope of the 2nd INI. The title of the annual ECON INI in the current system is “European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2016 priorities”. The ECON proposal does not contain anything on the involvement of EMPL.

*Decision of 20 October 2016*

*The Coordinators instructed the Chair to write a letter requesting:*

- *to keep the parallel annual EMPL INI report focusing on the employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey to be adopted in February in plenary on the understanding that, as in the past, that report shall be subject to automatic authorisation and outside of the EMPL quota*
- *to obtain, as in the past, an automatic Rule 54 EMPL opinion to the 2nd annual ECON INI report on the economic policies of the euro area to be adopted in October in plenary.*

By a letter dated 11 November 2016, EMPL requested either Rule 55 to an ECON INI with a modified title taking account of social and employment aspects of the European Semester, or a separate parallel INIs.

On 13 December the ECON, EMPL and BUDG Chairs *provisionally* agreed:

- to have an annual Rule 55 ECON-EMPL INI report focusing on AGS to be adopted in February in plenary; with BUDG associated under Rule 54
- to have an annual ECON INI report on the fiscal policy of the euro area to be adopted in October in plenary, with EMPL and BUDG associated under Rule 54, details to be determined.

## **Decision**

### **The Coordinators agreed upon the following approach**

- **Maintain the tradition of drawing up two parallel annual INI reports, one by ECON and one by EMPL on the Annual growth survey**
- **Accept that an annual ECON INI with a new title (according to the letter of 14 October on “the economic policies of the Euro area”) to which EMPL would be associated under Rule 54 (details to be negotiated between the rapporteurs) be drawn up.**
- **Regarding the planned annual resolution on country-specific recommendations, the Coordinators agreed that it should be drawn up jointly by ECON and EMPL.**

3.7 Agreement with the CULT Committee on Rule 55 for the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications ("Europass"), (2016/0304(COD)) and the INI on a New Skills Agenda for Europe

**The papers for the meeting include a letter dated 18 November 2016 from the EMPL and CULT Chairs to the CCC Chair.**

In view of EMPL's request for Rule 55 on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications ("Europass")<sup>6</sup> and CULT's request for Rule 55 on the INI report on the New Skills Agenda for Europe, the Coordinators mandated the Chair on 20 October 2016 to propose the following deal to CULT: Rule 55 for both New Skills Agenda (INI report) and "Europass" (COD file). At their meeting of 8 November 2016, the CULT coordinators endorsed the proposed deal and a joint letter, signed by the CULT and EMPL Chairs was sent to the CCC accordingly.

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<sup>6</sup> The instrument proposed is a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council repealing the existing Decision No. 2241/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

*Next step: the CULT and EMPL Secretariats have worked on joint timetables for both files (see point 12.1 below)*

## 4. Allocation of reports and opinions

**For information: own-initiative reports for which authorisation was requested (no more than 6 at any given time):**

**The following ordinary INI reports are currently progressing:**

Rapporteur/Title	Date of the Coordinators Decision	Letter asking for authorisation to CCC	Date of the CCC decision	Date of the CoP decision	Indicative date of the vote in EMPL
<b>Thomas Händel</b> - Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)	25.06.2015	01.07.2015	07.07.2015	03.09.2015	<b>8.11.2016</b> <b>postponed</b>
<del><b>Maria João Rodrigues</b></del> - A European Pillar of Social Rights (MK)	14.04.2016 24.04.2016 (title change)	26.04.2016 02.05.2016	10.05.2016	02.06.2016	<b>8.12.2016</b> <b>2016</b>
<b>Neoklis SYLKIOTIS</b> -Working conditions and precarious employment (JuB)	09.06.2016	14.06.2016	5.7.2016	8.9.2016	<b>22.3.2017</b>
<b>Rapporteur ALDE Martina Dlabajová</b> - A new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness (EC)	21.6.2016	5.7.2016	22.11.2016	15.12.2016 (rule 55)	<b>22.6.2017</b>
<b>Rapporteur S&amp;D Javi López</b> - Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)	1.9.2016	15.09.2016	4.10.2016		
<b>Rapporteur EFDD Laura Agea</b> - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (MA)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016	4.10.2016		

The following **implementation** reports are currently in progress:

Rapporteur/Title	Date of the Coordinators Decision	Letter asking for authorisation to CCC	Date of the CCC decision	Date of the CoP decision	Indicative date of the vote in EMPL
<b>Rapporteur EPP, Romana Tomc</b> - The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States (PR)	13 July 2016	26-9-2016	After 13.12.2016 (recommendation by letter)		

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Rapports d'application <b>adoptés</b> en Commission EMPL				
	Rapporteur	Titre du rapport	Date d'adoption	Dossier
1	Edurard Kukan	European Year of Active Ageing	9 septembre 2015	<a href="#">{1}</a>
2	Sven Schulze	Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility - 2013	15 décembre 2015	<a href="#">{2}</a>
3	Renate Weber	Implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive	21 juin 2016	<a href="#">{3}</a>
4	Maria Arena	Report on the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC	16 mars 2016 (plénière 12 mai 2016)	<a href="#">{4}</a>
5	Helga Stevens	Implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	30 mai 2016 (plénière 7 juillet 2016)	<a href="#">{5}</a>
6	Marian Harkin	Implementation report on the activities, impact and added value of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund between 2007 and 2014	21 juin 2016, plénière 7 juillet 2016	<a href="#">{6}</a>

{1} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2255\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2255(INI)&l=en)

{2} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2042\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2042(INI)&l=en)

{3} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2116\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2116(INI)&l=en)

{4} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2097\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2097(INI)&l=en)

{5} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258(INI)&l=en)

{6} [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2015/2258(INI)&l=en)

**Decisions on new own-initiative reports**

**Candidate list for own-initiative reports - updated table:**

Order	Date	INI Title as agreed by Coordinators	Notes	AD	Proposed by
0		Non-legislative aspects of Labour Mobility package, incl. labour mobility in cross-border regions	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015  On 1.9.2016, the item <b>was postponed</b> , pending further clarification as to the contents of the Commission proposal(s)".following a shift in focus (social security) of the announced Commission proposal.		Consensus
		<del>Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth</del>	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015  Request to CCC to be made: 1.9.2016		merged S&D ALDE  Consensus on 1.9.2016
		<del>Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty</del>	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015  Covered by INI on Social pillar etc, Coordinators' decision of 14.4.2016  Reinstated, Coordinators' decision of 26.4.2016  Request to CCC to be made: 1.9.2016		EFDD  Consensus on 1.9.2016
1		Delivering sustainable long-term employment through re-shoring	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ECR
2		The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ALDE
3		The campaign of the International Labour Organisation to ratify the Protocol on Forced Labour and to contemporary forms of severe labour exploitation	Coordinators' decision of 1.9.2016		Chair



## Reports

### 4.1. "Labour mobility package: coordination of social security systems" [RS/JuB]

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

COM(2016) 815 final - 2016/0397 (COD)

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2699&furtherNews=yes>

### Decision

The Coordinators decided

- to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur
- noted the intention of the ALDE and the Greens/EFA groups to bid jointly for a co-rapporteurship
- to request from the Conference of Presidents the authorisation of a potential co-rapporteurship,
- noted that an authorisation from the Conference of Presidents would in no way preclude single groups from bidding for the report and to appoint a single rapporteur should they be successful.

## Opinions

### 4.2. Loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Directive 98/26/EC, Directive 2002/47/EC, Directive 2012/30/EU, Directive 2011/35/EU, Directive 2005/56/EC, Directive 2004/25/EC and Directive 2007/36/EC (PR)

EMPL/8/08587

\*\*\*I 2016/0362(COD) COM(2016)0852 – C8-0481/2016

Responsible: ECON – (PPE)

### Decision

No opinion

- 4.3. **Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures and amending Directive 2012/30/EU (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2016) 357 final} {SWD(2016) 358 final} (RS)**

COM(2016) 723 final - 2016/0359 (COD)

Responsible: JURI

**Decision**

**Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.**

**Request the application of Rule 54.**

**Documents received for information**

[none]

## 5. EMPL Delegation to Washington D.C. 18 - 21 April 2017 (RS/JuB)

On 17 November 2016, the Conference of Presidents granted the authorisation for the EMPL Committee to send an ad-hoc delegation, composed of up to 7 Members to Washington D.C., USA, 18-21 April 2017.

### Decision

The Coordinators decided:

- that the composition of the delegation be as follows: 1. Chair, 2. GUE/NGL, 3. EPP, 4. Greens/EFA, 5. EFDD, 6. ENF, 7. S&D;
- to invite political groups to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, at the latest by Monday 23 January 2017 cob;
- to instruct Policy Department A to provide a briefing note on the employment and social situation in the USA.

## 6. Informal EMPL delegation to the ECB (PR)

In the context of EU inter-institutional relations, the EMPL Committee of the European Parliament visits the European Central Bank biannually to discuss the impact of policies conducted in the context of the European Monetary Union on the employment and social conditions in the Union.

Contacts with the ECB will be established to have the next visit towards summer, on a Strasbourg Session Monday morning.

The last visit took place on 5 October 2015.

### Decision

The Coordinators

- approved an informal EMPL delegation envisaged for the Monday of the June Strasbourg session (month tbc)

## 7. EMPL hearings in the first half of 2017

### Decision

The Secretariat was instructed to submit a new proposal as to the timing of the following hearings which had been authorised for the first half of 2017, **avoiding the afternoons of Mondays and Thursdays so as to ensure the best possible participation:**

- ✓ EMPL/JURI joint hearing - Statute for social and solidarity-based enterprises  
**22 March 2017 [date agreed with JURI]** Max 2 reimbursed experts
- ✓ EMPL Social protection and portability of rights in the labour market "The purpose of this hearing is to shed light on the contents of the expected proposal from the Commission to revise Regulation 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and to gain insights into the appropriateness of EU social security legislation at the onset of digitalisation."  
26 January 2017 **[date to be changed, see item 4.1.]** - Max 4
- ✓ EMPL The impact of business models, including the sharing economy, on employment and social security in the EU "The purpose of this hearing is to deepen the committee's understanding under which circumstances persons employed by way of platforms enjoy worker status (and thus full protection) or are regarded as self-employed service providers and might thus not pay into social security systems and suffer from the short-term and long-term consequences of a precarious status."  
23 March 2017 **[feasibility of date to be verified]** Max 4
- ✓ EMPL Improving the work/life balance for formal and informal careers "The purpose of this hearing is to take stock of a wider stakeholder consultation will probably come out by end of 2016, and to follow up some of the recommendations contained Parliament's resolution on 'Creating labour market conditions favourable for family-work balance' (to be adopted in the September plenary session)." 2  
2 June 2017 **[feasibility of date to be verified]** Max 4

## 8. Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)

The Rapporteur, Mr Javi López requests to hold a hearing linked to his INI report “Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth” at the EMPL meeting of 22-23 March 2017. The hearing is not included in the programme of hearings in the first half of 2017.

The envisaged timetable of the INI report is as follows:

Hearing	22-23 March 2017
Send draft report to translation	3 April 2017
Consideration of draft report	25 April 2017
Deadline AMs	3 May 2017
Consideration of AMs	29-30 May 2017
<b>Vote in EMPL</b>	12-13 July 2017
Vote plenary	September 2017 tbc

**Annual quota for hearings: 16 reimbursed experts.**

### Decision

#### The Coordinators

- approved the Rapporteur’s request on the understanding that it shall take the form of an exchange of views with stakeholders on 22-23 March
- decided that up to 4 guests can be invited without reimbursement of expenses
- set a deadline for submitting proposals for experts by 13 January 2017, 13:00 hrs

## 9. EMPL support to the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in 2017 (MM)

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 26 October 2016 from the EDF to Mr Händel.

### Decision

The Coordinators instructed the Chair to send a letter to President Schulz supporting the EDF request.

## 10. European Solidarity Corps (PR)

*[Item proposed by the S&D Group]*

### Decision

The Coordinators decided to request a legal opinion from Parliament's Legal Service on the ESC initiative in order to obtain clarifications pertaining inter alia to

- the legal basis of the Commission initiative
- the legality of the potential use of existing EU funds (ESF, EaSI, Erasmus etc) for the project in the light of the founding regulations of those funds and in the light of the annual EU budget.

## 11. Timetable for parliamentary work on the European Accessibility Act - Conflict between the lead committee (IMCO) and EMPL (Rule 54, Rapporteur: Adam Kósa, EPP)

*The relevant correspondence is included in the annexes.*

Following a presentation by the Commission and a hearing in September, the EMPL rapporteur decided to revise the timetable for the opinion on the European Accessibility Act (Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services - 2015/0278(COD)).

The new timetable proposed by the EMPL rapporteur is as follows:

Consideration of draft opinion	<del>12-13 October 2016</del> <b>5 December 2016</b>
Deadline for tabling amendments	<del>20 October 2016, noon</del> <b>11 January 2017, noon</b>
Consideration of amendments	<del>29 November 2016</del> <b>27-28 February 2017</b>
<u>Vote in EMPL</u>	<del>January 2017</del> <b>22-23 March 2017</b>

Rule 54 reads: “[...] *the timetable shall be jointly agreed by the committees concerned [...]*”.

The IMCO Committee had originally foreseen a vote on the report in February 2017; in order to get IMCO’s agreement to postpone the vote, contacts were made both directly by the EMPL rapporteur with the new IMCO rapporteur, Mr Morten Løkkegaard (ALDE), appointed last mid-October to replace Mr Robert Rochefort, and via the Committee Secretariats. However the IMCO rapporteur decided not to take the EMPL’s planning into consideration and to re-schedule the vote in IMCO for **21 March 2017**.

The EMPL request was also communicated in writing to the IMCO Chair by letter of 9 November 2016, however the IMCO coordinators rejected it and confirmed the timetable proposed by the IMCO rapporteur.

On a request by the EMPL rapporteur, the EMPL Chair decided to refer the matter to the Chair of the CCC.

### **Decision**

**Insist on postponement of vote in lead committee, as requested.**

## 12. Motions for Resolution<sup>7</sup> - decision on procedure (CF)

[None]

## 13. Petitions (CF)

### A. Petitions received for opinion

Petition No 0287/2015 on behalf of R.B.M. (Spanish) on working conditions for workers on military bases shared with the United States

The petitioner is calling for workers on European military bases shared with the United States to have equal employment conditions, given that they do the same jobs. Particular reference is made to the Morón Air Base and Rota Naval Station (Spain), where the workers in one case are accountable to a private company and, in the other to the Ministry of Defence.

As the Commission's reply points out, the Union sets minimum standards for working conditions but does not have the power to adopt common standards. As a result, neither different rules applying on different bases nor the accountability to a private company are contrary to EU labour law acquis. The Commission also notes that the situation in the two Spanish bases are subject of labour dispute proceedings.

### Decision

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<sup>7</sup> Rule 133

1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. The motion may not comprise more than 200 words.

2. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be adopted.

It may combine the motion for a resolution with other motions for resolutions or reports.

It may adopt an opinion, which may take the form of a letter.

It may decide to draw up a report under Rule 52.

3. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.

4. The report shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

5. Opinions in the form of a letter addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded by the President.

6. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under Rule 123(2), 128(5) or 135(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.

7. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author, authors or first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 2, to draw up a report on it.

Once the motion has been thus taken over by the committee, only the committee shall be empowered to withdraw it up until the opening of the final vote.

8. A withdrawn motion for a resolution may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it.

Committees have a duty to ensure that motions for resolutions tabled under this Rule which meet the requirements laid down are followed up and duly referred to in the resulting documents.

**The Coordinators instructed the Chair to send PETI a letter along the following lines:**

- *acknowledge the points made by the Commission about the powers of the Union and the sensitivity of commenting on matters that are the subject of legal proceedings;*
- *note that Article 151 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union sets as objectives “the promotion of employment, improved living and working conditions, so as to make possible their harmonisation while the improvement is being maintained, ...”. In view of this, the EMPL Committee seeks to promote upward social convergence;*
- *refer to section in resolution on social dumping in the European Union about this topic <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P8-TA-2016-0346>*

**B. Petitions received for information**

None

## 14. Points for information

### 14.1 Timetables reports and opinions:

**Cross-border exchange between the Union and third countries of accessible format copies of certain works and other subject-matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled - COM(2016) 595 - 2016/0279 (COD) - Rapporteur: Helga Stevens**

Send draft report (EN) to translation	5 December 2016
Consideration of draft opinion	8 December 2016 (draft report only available in EN)
Deadline AMs	14 December 2016, noon
Vote in EMPL	25-26 January 2017
Vote in JURI	31 January 2017

**Certain permitted uses of works and other subject-matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled and amending Directive 2001/29/EC on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society - COM(2016) 596 - 2016/0278 (COD) - Rapporteur: Helga Stevens**

Send draft report (EN) to translation	5 December 2016
Consideration of draft opinion	8 December 2016 (draft report only available in EN)
Deadline AMs	14 December 2016, noon
Vote in EMPL	25-26 January 2017
Vote in JURI	31 January 2017

**Report on the proposal for a regulation establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples (2016/0264(COD)) – Rapporteur: Tamas Meszerics (EC)**

Exchange of views in EMPL Committee with the Commission	25-January 2017
Draft report ready	5 February 2017
Consideration of draft report	27-28 February 2017
Deadline for AMs	6 March 2017,noon
Consideration of AMs	22-23 March 2017
Adoption in EMPL	25 April 2017

**INI Report on “the new Skills Agenda” (Rule 55 with CULT) – Rapporteur: Martina Dlabajova (EC)**

Exchange of views without document & PolDep Presentation <sup>8</sup>	27-28 February 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Draft report ready	3 March 2017
Consideration of draft report	22-23 March 2017 (EMPL meeting room)
Deadline for AMs	30 March 2017,noon
Consideration of AMs	25 April 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Adoption	21-22 June (EMPL meeting room)

**Report Better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) 2016/0304 (COD) (Rule 55 with LIBE) – Rapporteur Thomas Mann (EC)**

Exchange of views without document	<b>27-28</b> February 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Draft report ready	<b>3 March 2017</b> noon

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<sup>8</sup> presentation of the following study " The Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning" (prepared by Bertelsmann Foundation study)

Consideration of draft report	<b>22-23 March 2017</b> (EMPL meeting room)
Deadline for AMs	<b>30 March 2017, noon</b>
Consideration of AMs	<b>25 April 2017</b> (CULT meeting room)
Adoption	21-22 June (EMPL meeting room)

**EMPL opinion to the ECON report on the Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2018-2020 (2016/0265 (COD)), Rapporteur: Maria Arena (EC)**

Draft opinion ready	9 January 2017
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	25-26 January 2017
Deadline for AMs	30 January 2017, noon
Consideration of AMS	27-28 February 2017
Adoption in EMPL	22 March 2017
Adoption in ECON	27 March 2017
Plenary	tbc

**Updated timetable: INI report on Working conditions and precarious employment (EMPL/8/04582), rapporteur: Neoklis Sylikiotis (JuB)**

Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	<del>8 December 2016</del> <b>25-26 January 2017</b>
Deadline for tabling amendments	<del>15 December 2016, 12.00</del> <b>2 February 2017, 12.00</b>
Consideration of amendments	<del>25 January</del> <b>27-28 February 2017</b>
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings	Weeks <del>5-7</del> <b>10-13</b> 2017
<b>Adoption EMPL</b>	<del>22 March</del> <b>25 April 2017</b>
Plenary estimate	tbc

**EMPL opinion to the BUDG-ECON report on proposal for a regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) 2015/1017 as regards the extension of the duration of the European Fund**

for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub (COM(2016)0597 – C8-0375/2016 – 2016/0276(COD)), (EMPL/8/08016), rapporteur: Krzysztof Hetman (JuB)

Deadline to send draft text to translation	20 December 2016
Consideration of draft opinion	25/26 January 2017
<b>Deadline for AMs</b>	<b>1 February 2017, 12.00</b>
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Wednesday, 15 February 2017, 14.00-16.00 Thursday, 16 February 2017, 9.00-10.30
<b>Adoption in EMPL</b>	27/28 February 2017
Adoption in BUDG-ECON	20 March 2017
Plenary	

**EMPL Opinion to the ITRE report on "Digitising European Industry" - rapporteur Ms Marju Lauristin, S&D (PR)**

Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	25-26 January
Deadline AMs	31 January
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	weeks 7-9-10-11
Adoption EMPL	22-23 March
Adoption in lead committee ITRE	24 April 2017
Plenary	tbc

**Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (Marita Ulvskog, S&D) - Revised timetable**

Consideration of draft report	8 December 2016
<b>Deadline for tabling amendments</b>	<b>9 January 2017, at 16.00</b>

Consideration of amendments	25-26 January 2017
Vote	27-28 February 2017
Plenary	tbc

#### 14.2 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

See separate table among the annexes to the notes.

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### 15. Date of next Coordinators' meetings (JK)

*The Coordinators meeting of 12 January 2017 was cancelled. The meeting slot (11:30 - 13:00 hrs) shall be used for the last meeting of the Brexit working party.*

*The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on*

- Thursday, 9 February, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 9 March, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 6 April, 10.00-11.30<sup>9</sup>
- Thursday, 11 May, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 8 June, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 13 July, 14.00-15.30<sup>10</sup>
- Thursday, 7 September, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 12 October, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30<sup>11</sup>
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

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<sup>9</sup> Meeting in Strasbourg

<sup>10</sup> As part of an EMPL meeting

<sup>11</sup> Meeting in Strasbourg