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**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, 6 April 2017, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs**

**Room S 4.1. Strasbourg**

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The meeting started at 10:06 hrs and closed at 11:41 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	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Tatjana Ždanoka
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator,
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

Also present:

## 1. Chair's announcements

### 1.1 Interpretation

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

### 1.2 Availability of the notes for the Coordinators' meeting

The Coordinators took note of Ms Steinruck's complaint that the meeting documents had been sent to the Coordinators only the day before and of her suggestion to circulate only the pages concerned should updates become necessary.

*Note: Owing to a regrettable oversight, the draft notes and the revised draft notes had only been sent to the group advisors on the Friday and the Monday before the Coordinators' meeting.*

### 1.3 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

The CCC held an exchange of views with Mr Verhofstadt on 4 April 2017. A motion for a resolution, prepared by political groups was adopted on 5 April 2017. Mr Verhofstadt had informed Committees Chair on 14 March that Committees should not hesitate to forward him any update or complement they would consider useful. He also said that he intended to contact Committee Chairs directly for any further contributions, which may need to be made at relatively short notice depending on the dynamics of negotiations.

Update and Chair's proposal:

- European Parliament resolution on negotiations with the United Kingdom following its notification that it intends to withdraw from the European Union was adopted on 5 April.
- at CCC meeting of 4 April 2017, Mr Verhofstadt informed committee Chairs that the EP might adopt in the autumn a number of topical resolutions, including one on free movement of workers in September.

#### **Decision:**

**The Coordinators took note of the above information and decided to return to the issue of a possible EMPL contribution to the possible EP resolution. A draft timetable shall be circulated by the secretariat after approval by the Chair/Acting Chair.**

***Note: A majority of groups rejected the draft timetable.***

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

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

The exchange of views was held with Mr Martins on 5 December 2016. The Memorandum of Understanding imposes labour market reforms.<sup>1</sup> The expert group took a position on the proposed reforms.<sup>2</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.

#### Update:

The following representatives will take part in an exchange of views, in EMPL, on Monday, 29 May, 17.00-18.30:

- EC: Mr Declan Costello, DG ECFIN, chief negotiator
- Council of Europe: Mr Petros Stangos, Member of the Committee of Social Rights
- ILO: Mr Heinz Koller, regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
- General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE): Mr Yannis Panagopoulos, President

Mr Dijsselbloem (Eurogroup) rejected the invitation. Mr Dijsselbloem was due to attend a plenary debate on a "*Statement by the President of the Eurogroup - State of play of the second review of the economic adjustment programme for Greece*" on 4 April 2017 p.m.

#### Decision:

##### The Coordinators

- noted that all invitees were male and
- instructed the secretariat, acting under the political authority of the Chair/Acting Chair to approach the above institutions to nominate female speakers with a view to achieving a gender balance
- insisted on the presence of the Chair of the Eurogroup and decided to invite Mr Dijsselbloem again.

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<sup>1</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>2</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)

## 2.2 **Joint EMPL- LIBE-PETI public hearing on the situation and the rights of EU nationals in the UK to be held on 4 May 2017 in Brussels (EC/PR)**

At their meeting of 9 March 2017, the coordinators agreed on the principle of holding a joint LIBE/EMPL/PETI hearing on 'The situation and the rights of EU nationals in the UK' on the understanding that the meeting room of the bigger LIBE Committee will be used during a LIBE meeting slot which does not clash with an EMPL meeting slot. LIBE has proposed that the meeting take place on 4th May pm.

EMPL can invite up to 2 paid guests.

### **Decision:**

#### **The Coordinators**

- **noted the request from the LIBE Chair to postpone the hearing from 4 May to 8 May in view of the UK local elections**
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- **decided to maintain the agreed date (4 May) in view of previous commitments in the constituency in the context of armistice celebrations on 8 May and Europe Day celebrations on 9 May**
- **decided to invite (in alphabetical order)**
  - **Mr Jonathan Portes, principal research fellow at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research**
  - **Ms Elspeth Guild, associate senior research fellow at CEPS****on the understanding that Mr Laszlo Andor, Senior Fellow at Hertie School of Governance (Berlin) and Visiting Professor at ULB (Brussels), and Lindsay Barras, Director at PriceWaterhouseCoopers Legal, would be approached as male and female substitutes if necessary.**

### **Note:**

- (1) The date of the hearing was subsequently postponed at the request of LIBE and with the agreement of the coordinators in a written follow-up procedure to 11 May, 15:00 - 18:30 hrs.**
- (2) Since neither Ms Guild nor Ms Barras were available, the Chair decided to approach Mr Andor, who was also not available.**

## 2.3 **Update on budget (Rapporteur: Deirdre Clune) (EC)**

### **Pilot projects/preparatory actions**

At their meeting of 9 March, the coordinators endorsed the following timetable

<b>Timetable</b>	
1 March	First interim report from COM

<b>25 April, 12h</b>	<b>Deadline for transmission to EMPL SECRETARIAT of preliminary proposals of Pilot Projects-Preparatory Actions by political groups</b>
<b>3 May, noon</b>	<b>Deadline for transmission by Committees of a preliminary list of PP-PAs to BUDG</b>
End June (tbc)	Result of the Commission's assessment will be available
10-11 July	Possible exchange of views on Ps/PAs in BUDG
<b>13 July</b>	<b>Discussion of the proposals in EMPL coordinators - Coordinators select a limited number of proposals taking into account the assessment made by DG EMPL</b>  <i>N.B: Members whose PPs/PAs have not been selected can table them again in EMPL, or directly to BUDG (deadline 31 August noon, see below)</i>
<b>14 July noon</b>	<b>Selected PPs/PAs are transformed into budgetary amendments by the EMPL budget Rapporteur</b>
<b>14 July, noon</b>	<b>Deadline for other Members to table PPs/PAS as budgetary AMs</b>
<b>31 August morning</b>	<b>Vote in EMPL</b>
31 August, 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary AMs (including PPs and PAs) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by individual Members to BUDG</li> <li>• by Committees and MEPs (38 signatures) to plenary</li> </ul>
7 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments (including PPs and PAs) by groups to Plenary
Week 39: 25-28 September	BUDG vote on budgetary amendments (including PPs and PAs)

and decided to invite the Commission to present the state-of-play on the ongoing Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions.

### Update:

- the Commission will present the state-of-play on the ongoing Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions at the next EMPL meeting, on 12 April morning
- to continue the previous EMPL practice, coordinators will be invited to decide at the end of April, which PPs/PAs will be sent for assessment on behalf of EMPL. For this purpose, the procedure will be as follows (written consultation):
  - Groups (also EMPL individual Members) must send their proposal to the EMPL Secretariat by 25 April noon
  - On 26 April, the EMPL Secretariat will circulate to coordinators an excel sheet summarising the main features (title, summary, budget) of each PP/PA proposed and **each group will be requested to indicate, by 2 May cob, which PPs/PAs they support.**
  - PPs/PAs which will have received the support of groups representing the majority will be sent by EMPL Secretariat to BUDG Secretariat as PPs/PAS proposed by EMPL Committee
  - The rest will be sent also by the EMPL Secretariat, but as PPs/PAS supported by individual Member(s) only

### Decision:

**The Coordinators took note of this important information (deadline 2 May above).**

### Draft opinion: mandate for the trilogue

At their meeting of 9 March, the coordinators endorsed the following timetable, with the understanding that the EMPL Secretariat may communicate later on update on the BUDG timetable:

Timetable	
Draft opinion ready	5 April
Exchange of view with the General Rapporteur for 2018 Budget	2-3 May tbc (alternatively 25 April)
Consideration of draft opinion (containing the committee's priorities)	2-3 May
<b>Deadline for tabling amendments in EMPL</b>	<b>4 May, 17h</b>
29-30 May	Presentation in BUDG of the draft report on the mandate for the trilogue
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>29-30 May</b>

Vote BUDG	19-20 June
Vote plenary	Week 27 : 3-6 July 2017

**UPDATE:**

The EMPL Secretariat has been informed that the draft budget (“DB”) will be available, at the earliest, on 24 May.

In order for the EMPL opinion to be as accurate as possible, it is therefore proposed to amend the timetable as follows:

Timetable	
Draft opinion ready	5 April
Exchange of view with the General Rapporteur for 2018 Budget	2-3 May tbc (alternatively 25 April)
Consideration of draft opinion (containing the committee’s priorities)	2-3 May
Deadline for tabling amendments in EMPL	4 May, 17h
29-30 May	Presentation in BUDG of the draft report on the mandate for the trilogue
Vote EMPL	<p>29-30 May</p> <p>8 June (extraordinary EMPL meeting)</p> <p><i>With possibility to update the compromises with oral amendments (in EN only)referring to figures of the DB</i></p>
Vote BUDG	19-20 June
Vote plenary	Week 27 : 3-6 July 2017

**Decision**

**Coordinators endorsed the revised timetable.**

**BUDGET 2018 section III**

At their meeting of 9 March, the coordinators endorsed the following timetable, with the understanding that the EMPL Secretariat may communicate later on update on the BUDG timetable:

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE - EMPL Draft opinion**

Timetable	
Exchange of view with the General Rapporteur for 2017 Budget	2-3 May tbc (alternatively 25 April)
Draft opinion ready	16 May tbc
Consideration draft opinion in EMPL	11-12 July
COREPER ADOPTION Of Council's position	Mid July
<b>Deadline for amendments in EMPL</b>	<b>14 July at noon</b>
Vote EMPL	31 August

**UPDATE:**

The EMPL Secretariat has been informed that the Council's position will not be available mid-July as initially announced, but on 24 or 25 July.

In view of the turquoise week and the summer holidays, it is proposed not to change the deadline for budgetary AMs; **instead, the Rapporteur could table, as soon as the Council's position is known, AMs restoring DB in all budgetary lines under EMPL's remit that the Council would have cut.**

**Decision**

Coordinators endorsed the **above modifications** to the timetable.

***Note: It is technically possible that also shadow rapporteurs table such amendments if they are prepared to do so in the week of 24 July.***



### **3. Pending conflicts of competence**

#### **3.1. Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the AFCO report on the implementation of the EU Fundamental Rights Charter (RS)**

EMPL Coordinators, at their meeting of 15 December 2016, requested the application of Rule 54. Accordingly, the EMPL Chair, by letter of 16 January 2017 to the CCC Chair, requested the application of Rule 54. By letters of 10 January 2017 and 15 December 2016, the CCC Chair was informed by the Chairs of AFCO, PETI and LIBE that they agreed on a 53+ arrangement (initially PETI and LIBE asked for the application of Rule 55). By letter of 8 February 2017, the AFCO Chair asked the CCC to help to find a similar 53+ arrangement with EMPL. According to information from the AFCO Secretariat of 27 March, this request is still pending at CCC level.

#### **3.2. Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the JURI report regarding the Proposal for a Directive of the EP 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 (JuB)**

The position of the EMPL coordinators of 15 December 2016, namely to apply rule 54 regarding the EMPL fields of responsibility, was communicated by letter of 31 January 2017 from the EMPL Chair to the CCC.

At its meeting on 1 February 2017, the CCC invited EMPL and JURI to find an agreement by 10 February 2017.

By letter of 9 February 2017 (letter included in the meeting documents), the JURI Chair opposes the EMPL request for rule 54.

#### Update:

The conflict of competence is still pending. The CCC is currently drafting a recommendation to the CoP.

#### **3.3. Request by EMPL to apply Rule 54 to the IMCO report regarding the Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions (MM)**

Letter from IMCO to CCC for the rule 54 on the directive on a proportionality test.

*EMPL/8/09036*

*\*\*\*I 2016/0404(COD) COM(2016)0822 – C8-0012/2017*

*Responsible: IMCO*

On 9 February the Coordinators decided to request Rule 54. By letter of 13 March, IMCO rejected the EMPL request. The IMCO letter and the EMPL reply can be found among the annexes.

#### Decision

The Coordinators decided to insist on Rule 54 and instructed the Chair/Acting Chair to write a letter detailing the EMPL position.

***Note: Next step: In the absence of an agreement between EMPL and IMCO, the Chair of the CCC will issue a recommendation to the CoP (Rule 201a(2)).***

### **3.4. Request by PETI to apply Rule 54 to the EMPL implementation report on ‘Implementation of the European Disability Strategy’**

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs requested a report on the ‘Implementation of the European Disability Strategy’.

PETI requested Rule 54 (letter in the meeting papers).

#### **Decision**

##### **The Coordinators**

- **decided to reject the request for Rule 54 and to offer cooperation on the basis of Rule 53 instead**
- **instructed the Chair/Acting Chair to communicate the EMPL position by a letter.**

## **4. Letters for information:**

1. Letter from Teresa May to Donald Tusk on the triggering of the Art. 50
2. Letter from Mr Rebege to President Tajani on the exploitation of low cost migrant workforce (circulated together with the revised Coordinators’ notes.)

## 5. Allocation of reports and opinions

*For information: own-initiative reports for which authorisation was requested*

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**(no more than 3 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>postponed</b>
<b>Neoklis SYLKIOTIS</b> -Working conditions and precarious employment (JuB)	09.06.2016	14.06.2016	5.7.2016	8.9.2016	<b>30.5.2017</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 EFDD Laura Agea</b> - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (MA)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016	4.10.2016	27.10.2016	<b>22.06.2017</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>10.10.2017<sup>3</sup></b>

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<sup>3</sup> The ALDE Coordinator expressed his preference for a speedier timetable.

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		9th of March 2017	
<b>Rapporteur Helga Stevens</b> - Progress Report on the implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2010 - 2020)	09.03.2017	14.03.2017			

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Rapports d'application <b>adoptés</b> en Commission EMPL				
	Rapporteur	Titre du rapport	Date d'adoption	Dossier
1	Eduard 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)

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### Decisions on new own-initiative reports

- The regular INI quota is down to 3 (from previously 6).
- Applicable immediately, no fresh INIs will be authorised until we are below the threshold of three.
- Implementation reports are not affected.

"[...] During the second half of a parliamentary term, each parliamentary committee may simultaneously draft up to three own-initiative reports. [...]"

[http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10\\_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.1/422604\\_net\\_en.pdf](http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.1/422604_net_en.pdf)

### *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		<del>Delivering sustainable long-term employment through re-shoring</del> The role of employer led vocational education and	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ECR

		training for growth and employment (new title as suggested by ECR; the S&D group expressed reservations about this title change) [The ECR Group expressed its opposition to those reservations.] <sup>4</sup>			
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

**Action proposed:**

Since there is currently no free slot, it is proposed to postpone the decision on new own-initiative reports to the next meeting.

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<sup>4</sup> Note: Both groups reiterated their conflicting points of views.

**We are currently working on 14 reports and 19 opinions.**

**Reports**

*none*

**Opinions**

**1. Fundamental rights aspects in Roma integration in the EU: fighting anti-Gypsyism (LS)**

EMPL/8/09429

2017/2038(INI)

Responsible: LIBE

**Observations:**

The aim of the LIBE report is to analyse the deficiencies in the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies and the gaps in the application of EU law that result in the non-respect of the rights of Roma people in the Member States and to propose lines of action to improve the situation. The report will take into account the Communication by the Commission “Assessing the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies and the Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States - 2016” and the Council Conclusions on “Accelerating the Process of Roma Integration” and will focus on the fundamental rights and citizenship rights perspective of Roma integration in the EU.

**Decision:**

**No opinion.**

**Documents received for information**

none

## **6. The potential role of impact assessments of Parliament's substantive amendments in the legislative process of the EMPL Committee (RS)**

The papers for the meeting included an Impact Assessment Handbook and a summary thereof.

Additional documents were circulated together with the revised Coordinators' notes.:

- list of the six impact assessments of substantial amendments undertaken by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit
- names of the contractors in lot 3 of our Framework Contract, which covers the fields of employment and social affairs.
- two most recent activity reports, covering the periods July 2014-December 2015 and January-December 2016

At their previous meeting of 9th March 2017, the Coordinators

- heard Ms McIntyre, Coordinator of the ECR Group, who invited the Coordinators to reflect upon ways and means of using impact assessments at committee level as part of the legislative process
- decided to hold an exchange of views at their next meeting in the presence of representatives of DG EPRS.

By letter of 24 March 2017, the Chair invited the EPRS to attend the next meeting of EMPL Coordinators.

### **Decision:**

**The Coordinators heard Mr Teasdale, Director-General of DG EPRS, and held an exchange of views.**



## **7. Structure and timetable of structured dialogue (MM)**

The papers for the meeting include a letter from Ms Wikström on the structured dialogue procedure.

Under the structured dialogue exercise each committee has to adopt a maximum of 10 key messages to the Commission, in terms of requests for new proposals, expression of dissatisfaction with the delivery by the Commission or Council, reminders, regrets etc., indicating amongst them maximum two or three absolute priorities to be delivered/adopted still in the 8th parliamentary term.

The 10 points shall be drafted in English, max 1 page, resolution style, no subparagraphs. Committee contributions have to be submitted to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs on 19 May 2017 at the latest. (The letter from the Chair of CCC can be found among the annexes.)

Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Thyssen will participate in an exchange of views in EMPL under the Structured Dialogue exercise on 2 May, from 15:00 to 17:00.

Vice-President Katainen will participate in an exchange of views in EMPL on 22 June, from 9:00 to 10:30.

Preparatory documents (extracts from Commission Work Programme 2017 and extracts from EMPL resolutions) can be found among the annexes.

### **Decision**

**The Coordinators agreed on the following procedure**

- **draft EMPL contribution will be circulated by the secretariat, acting under the political authority of the Chair/Acting Chair**
- **amendments by the groups can be submitted by 12 April, noon**
- **shadows or technical meeting to be held in week 17 or 18**
- **Finalisation of the EMPL contribution to the structured dialogue at the Coordinators' meeting on 11 May**
- **vote in EMPL on 30 May (if needed)**

**The Coordinators also agreed that compromise amendments should be drawn. (Details to be circulated by the secretariat acting under the political guidance of the Chair/Vice-Chair.)**

## 8. EMPL contribution to ECON resolution on country-specific recommendations in the European Semester exercise (MM)

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter of 14 October 2017 from ECON to the CCC
- a letter of ... March 2017 from EMPL to the CCC

By letter dated 14 October 2016 ECON Committee suggested a revised structure of the Parliament input in the European Semester procedure. They proposed:

- an 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 allowing 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.

On 25 October 2016 the Conference of Committee Chairs discussed the above proposal and the related EMPL request to maintain its annual INI report on the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) and its Rule 54 opinion to the 2nd proposed annual ECON INI report in the Semester procedure on the economic policies of the euro area. Following the discussion at the CCC meeting EMPL Committee requested by a letter dated 8 November 2016:

- either authorisation for an annual EMPL INI report on the employment and social developments of the euro area, to be adopted in plenary in October before the Commission presents its recommendations for the euro area in November; in parallel with the INI report on the economic policies of the euro area suggested by ECON;
- or to modify the scope of the proposed ECON INI report on the economic policies of the euro area, adding employment and social aspects to the topics to be covered; in this case EMPL would like to obtain an automatic Rule 55 arrangement;
- and to keep the 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.

On 13 December representatives of the ECON, EMPL and BUDG committees provisionally agreed to have an annual ECON INI report on the euro area to be adopted in October in plenary, with EMPL and BUDG associated under Rule 54, without determining the details of the cooperation.

On 15 December, EMPL 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.
- This agreement was approved by the EMPL Coordinators. In addition EMPL Coordinators decided to maintain the tradition of drawing up two parallel annual INI reports, one by ECON and one by EMPL on the Annual growth survey.

At the CCC meeting of 4 April the request for the new ECON annual INI on the economic policies of the Euro area will be again on the agenda. (Related EMPL letter can be found among the annexes.) According to ECON Secretariat the new ECON INI would also include reactions to the country-specific recommendations and ECON Committee does not plan anything in addition related to the country-specific recommendations.

## **Decision**

### **The Coordinators**

- **decided that an EMPL opinion pursuant to Rule 54 should be given on the annual ECON INI with a new title (according to the letter of 14 October on “the economic policies of the Euro area”)**
- **called for a clear delimitation of powers and responsibilities between the two committees, permitting to safeguard the EMPL prerogatives vis-à-vis ECON once the EMPL position would have been adopted**
- **instructed the secretariat, acting under the political guidance of the Chair/Acting Chair, to elucidate the state of play of ECON’s intentions regarding a possible annual resolution on country-specific recommendations.**

## **9. Proposals for PoIDep Studies (LS/PoIDep)**

The papers for the meeting included an analytical summary dated 30 March 2017 of the most recent proposals submitted by the groups

A revised analytical summary dated 3 April 2017 was circulated together with the revised Coordinators' notes.

The note from the policy department includes an annex on

- Requested notes / workshops (Expertise budget 2017)
- Ongoing notes and studies

### **Decision:**

**The Coordinators approved the work programme as detailed in the analytical summary table.**

## 10. Implementation report YEI: fact-finding delegation to Zagreb, Croatia 21-22 September (PR)

The Conference of Presidents at its meeting on the 9th of March has authorised the EMPL Committee to draw up an Implementation Report about the Youth Employment Initiative under the title "The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States". Rapporteur for the report is Ms Romana Tomc (EPP).

After having had the Policy Department Workshop on "Youth Guarantee And Youth Employment Initiative: Lessons From Implementation" in EMPL on the 23rd of March and having the Presentation of the European Court of Auditors' Special Report on the Youth Employment Initiative on the 25th of April, the rapporteur intends to present her draft report in July (for the proposed timetable see item 16) and to organise a fact-finding mission to Croatia on 21-22 September.

During their meeting in February the EMPL Coordinators agreed in principle on sending the rapporteur and any shadow rapporteurs who might be interested, all using annual Group quota, on a fact finding mission while noting that any fact-finding missions had to fit in with the existing d'Hondt system.

The proposed choice for Croatia as destination for the fact-finding mission is underpinned by various observations. In 2013, in the midst of the financial and economic crisis, Croatia was the Member State with the third highest rate of youth unemployment: 53.9%, in the first quarter 2013 (with rates being higher only in Greece 59.9% and Spain 56%). Since then, the youth unemployment rate has fallen to 30% in the third quarter of 2016. The Commission, in the staff working document to its Communication "The Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative three years on", observes that "Croatia's very high youth unemployment rate decreased strongly, compared to the adult population. A (relatively) high participation rate of NEETs in the Youth Guarantee (YG) scheme might have contributed to this. Implementing the YG has led to steps being taken to improve outreach to non-registered NEETs (including a NEET tracking system, dedicated Career Guidance Centres for outreach and activation) and policies have been launched to improve the labour market relevance of education (although implementation is still at its initial stages)."

The European Court of Auditors has included Croatia in its 7 Member States country sample on which it bases its upcoming Special Report on YEI that will be presented during the EMPL meeting on 25 April. **ECA has requested EMPL to join a fact finding mission to Croatia.**

The draft outline for the programme of the fact-finding mission:

- Meeting Minister of Labour and Pensions
- Stakeholder dialogue at the EP information Office
- Field visit to a YEI financed youth employment project
- Meeting with ESF/YEI management authority
- Academic presentation on youth employment policies at Zagreb University
- visit to a dedicated Career Guidance Centres for outreach and activation of NEETs

### **Decision:**

## The Coordinators

- held an exchange of views
- noted the doubts of the S&D Group as to the country chosen based on the negative report of the Court of Auditors<sup>5</sup> regarding Croatia and to the association of the ECA in this mission
- noted the position of two groups that the programme had been agreed among shadow rapporteurs and also noted the position of one group that expressed doubts about the effectiveness of that decision<sup>6</sup>
- noted that all committee missions required a decision by the Coordinators
- agreed that further information should be circulated by the secretariat acting under the authority of the Chair/Acting Chair.

## 11. Delegation to OSHA - 18-19 July 2017 (CF)

Committees are entitled to send three Members to visit an agency. There is no additional place, outside the quota, for the Committee Chair. The three Groups who have places for OSHA are: [S&D, EPP, ECR.]

### Decision:

**Deadline for nomination of members 3 May 2017.**

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<sup>5</sup> Note: The complete ECA report can be found here:

[http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR17\\_5/SR\\_YOUTH\\_GUARANTEE\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR17_5/SR_YOUTH_GUARANTEE_EN.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> *Note: Following a verification of the exchange of emails the secretariat confirms that neither messages of opposition to nor of support of the rapporteur's proposal to travel to Croatia had been received.*

## 12. Delegation to Estonia, 22-24 May 2016 (EC)

On 14 December 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 Tallin, Estonia, during the May turquoise week. On 16 January 2017, the Bureau confirmed this authorisation.

The main purpose of the delegation visit is to study the employment and social effects of a highly advanced digital economy and to establish contacts with social partners and other stakeholders on the establishment of a European Pillar of Social Rights and the most recent developments regarding the free movement of persons in the EU, including posting of workers and the issue of the so-called brain-drain. Also, the functioning of the ESF and YEI will be inspected.

The composition of the delegation is as follows:

<b>Reimbursed Members</b>	Agnieszka KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ	EPP
	Sven SCHULZE	EPP
	Elena GENTILE	S&D
	Emilian PAVEL	S&D
	Enrique CALVET CHAMBON	ALDE
<b>Local Member</b>	Yana TOOM	ALDE
<b>Pol Groups</b>	Kätlin JOALA	ALDE
<b>Secretariat</b>	Elodie CARMONA	AD
	Artemissia KEFALOPOULOU	AD

Yana TOOM (ALDE) has moreover expressed interest to join the delegation as a local Member.

The draft programme is among the annexes.

### Decision

#### The Coordinators

- noted that Ms Yana Toom had helped considerably in drawing up the draft programme and should therefore be listed explicitly in the list of participants
- instructed the secretariat, acting under the authority of the Chair/Acting chair, to circulate the draft programme
- set 7 April COB as deadline for possible further suggestions.





### **13. Replacement of one of the EMPL representatives to the STOA panel (LS)**

At their meeting of 9 February 2017, the Coordinators decided to confirm the previous EMPL representatives to the STOA Panel (Tiziana BEGHIN (EFDD), Danuta JAZŁOWIECKA (EPP), Georgi PIRINSKI (S&D))

for the second half of the term.

The Secretariat was informed on 21 March 2017 that Georgi Pirinski cannot continue with his STOA work due to his busy agenda.

The S&D group would like to suggest that Jan Keller replace him.

#### **Decision:**

**The Coordinators agreed to replace Mr Pirinski with Mr Keller and instructed the Chair to inform the STOA panel of that change by letter.**

## **14. Report on the Mainstreaming of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) within the Parliament (MM)**

In December 2013 the Conference of Presidents invited the EMPL Committee to submit a report to the Conference of Presidents - on a yearly basis - on the mainstreaming of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the Parliament. In March 2016 EMPL Committee submitted the first annual report.

**The second report can be found annexed to these notes.**

***Decision:*** *The Coordinators took note of the report, agreed to add a paragraph suggested by Mr Kósa and approved the report thus amended.*

## **15. Possible cancellation of Delegation to Sweden (PR)**

The number of participants has dropped to 2 (Ms Ulvskog and Ms Jongerius).

**Decision:**

Owing to the low number of participants the delegation was cancelled.

## **16. Procedure regarding OQ and Resolution on European Solidarity Corps - request by Mr Calvet Chambon (AH)**

**Decision:**

Postponed so as to allow for more time for discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

The Coordinators heard Ms Steinruck who informed them about a hearing of the CULT committee on the European Solidarity Corps and about her wish that EMPL be associated to that hearing.

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

none

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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.

## 18. Petitions (CF)

### 18.1. Report on Petitions network

On 21 March the first bi-annual meeting of the Petitions Network took place. Mrs Tatjana Ždanoka, the EMPL representative is invited to report back from this meeting.

#### Decision:

Postponed to the next meeting, owing to lack of time.

### 18.2. Petitions received for opinion

**Petition No 0019/2016** by Amel Kefti (French) on behalf of the federation of commerce and the CGT (Confédération Générale du Travail), on working conditions and trade union representation at McDonald's in France

**Petition No 0020/2016** by Yvan De Jonge (Belgian) on behalf of ABBV Horval, on working conditions in Belgian restaurants, particularly in McDonald's

Petition No 0021/2016 by Ian Hodson (British) on behalf of the BFAWU, on working conditions at McDonald's in the UK

#### Decision

***The Coordinators instructed the Secretariat, acting under the political authority of the Chair/Acting Chair, to submit a draft letter to PETI based on previous resolutions addressing these issues, letter to be adopted by the Coordinators in a written procedure.***

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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.

## 18.3. Petitions received for information

**Petition No 1106/2016** by E. R. (German) on the alleged violation of the right to equal treatment in matters of social security

**Petition No 1108/2016** by M.S. (German) on the use of fixed-term contracts by a university body in Hamburg, Germany

**Petition 1132/2016** by Robert Schuen (Austrian) on behalf of Jugend am Werk Steiermark GmbH, regarding the participation of people with mental health conditions in the democratic life of the European Union

## 19. Hearing on the Carcinogens II file (EC)

### Decision

At the request of Mr Casa and Mr Rolin (rapporteur), the Coordinators agreed to hold a hearing on the Carcinogens II file on 12-13 July 2017, however without there being a possibility to reimburse external experts on the basis of the committee quota (16) which had been fully allocated.

## 20. Replacement of the Chair by the Acting Chair

### The Coordinators

- heard a statement by Ms Ulvskog, noting that she had not been informed about the informal meeting of EPSCO Ministers in Malta on 3 and 4 April 2017
- noted her wish to be informed of all invitations and activities to the same extent as the Chair in order to assume her role as Acting Chair to the full extent
- noted that all outgoing letters would be signed by the Chair after having been submitted also to the Acting Chair so as to ensure consistency
- heard Mr Casa who said that the other Vice-Chairs should also be kept abreast fully
- expressed their full solidarity with Mr Händel and wished him a speedy recovery
- thanked Ms Ulvskog for her work.

## 21. Points for information

### 21.1 Timetables Reports:

Rapporteur Romana Tomc

EMPL Implementation Report on the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

Coordinators decision	13 July 2016
PolDep Workshop	23 March

Presentation of European Court of Auditors' Special Report on Youth Employment Initiative in EMPL	25 April
European Court of Auditors' conference "Youth Employment - confronting challenges & finding solutions"	10 May
<i>Deadline sending draft report to translation</i>	27 June
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	12-13 July
Fact finding mission	TBC
Deadline AMs	26 September
Consideration of amendments	10 October
Adoption EMPL	4 December
Plenary	Tbc

**Revised timetable INI Report on "the new Skills Agenda" (Rule 55 with CULT) – Rapporteur: Martina Dlabajova (EC) - decision taken jointly by the CULT and EMPL Chairs on 23 March**

Exchange of views without document & PolDep Presentation <sup>8</sup>	<u>27-28</u> February 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Draft report ready	<u>3 March 2017</u>
Consideration of draft report	<u>22-23 March 2017</u> (EMPL meeting room)
Deadline for AMs	<del>30 March</del> <u>6 April 2017, noon</u>
<del>Consideration of AMs</del>	<del>25 April 2017 (CULT meeting room)</del>
Adoption	21-22 June (EMPL meeting room)

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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)

**Revised timetable - Report Better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) 2016/0304 (COD)  
(Rule 55 with LIBE) – Rapporteur Thomas Mann (EC) -- decision taken jointly by the CULT and EMPL  
Chairs on 23 March**

Exchange of views without document	<b><u>27-28</u></b> February 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Draft report ready	<b><u>3 March 2017</u></b> noon
Consideration of draft report	<b><u>22-23 March 2017</u></b> (EMPL meeting room)
Deadline for AMs	<b><u>30 March 10 April 2017, noon</u></b>
Consideration of AMs	<b><u>25</u></b> April 2017 (CULT meeting room)
Adoption	21-22 June (EMPL meeting room)

**Updated timetable** (date of adoption postponed by the shadow rapporteurs at their meeting of 5 April pm):

**INI on Working conditions and precarious employment, EMPL/8/04582 - rapp. N. Sylikiotis (JuB)**

Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	25-26 January 2017
Deadline for tabling amendments	2 February 2017, 12.00
Consideration of amendments	22/23 March 2017
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting in view of compromises	Weeks 10-13 2017
Sending out of final voting list	
<b>Adoption EMPL</b>	25 April 2017 <del>2-3 May 2017</del> <b>29- 30 May</b>
Plenary estimate	tbc

**21.2. Timetables Opinions:**

**EMPL opinion to JURI report on Public limited liability companies: preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures**

**Rapporteur: Edouard Martin**

Deadline to send draft text to translation	5 April 2017
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	2-3 May 2017
Deadline for AMs	10 May 2017, 12.00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Week 22-26
Adoption in EMPL	12 July 2017
Adoption in JURI	tbc
Plenary	tbc

**Žitňanská - EMPL opinion to the CONT report on "Control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth Guarantee schemes cost-effectiveness"**

Sending draft to translation	30 March
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	11-12 April
Deadline AMs	25 April
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	weeks 19-20-22-23-24
Adoption EMPL	21-22 June
Adoption in lead committee ITRE	12-13 July
Plenary	tbc

**Casa - Opinion on Legitimate measures to protect whistle-blowers acting in the public interest when disclosing the confidential information of companies and public bodies - revised timetable**

Send draft opinion to translation	22 March 2017
Consideration of draft opinion	11-12 April 2017
Deadline for tabling amendments	26 April 2017 at 12.00
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	Weeks 20-21-22
Vote in EMPL	30 May 2017
Vote JURI	June 2017 tbc

**21.3. Use of EMPL annual translation reserve**

*So far, EMPL has used 3.48 pages out of 45 pages in total (1.59 for the Agea PR on on minimum income policies as a tool for fighting poverty and 1.90 for the joint CULT/EMPL report on a new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness ) - summary table is annexed to the notes*

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## **22. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings (JK/LE)**

*The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on*

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

*The coordinators took note of the wish of Mr Dominique Martin to hold Coordinators' meetings rather during Session or Committee Weeks that during Group weeks.*

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<sup>9</sup> As part of an EMPL meeting

<sup>10</sup> Meeting in Strasbourg