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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 15 June 10.00-11.30

Room S4.4 - Strasbourg

RESULTS

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The meeting started at 10:06 hrs and closed at 11:34 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
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator,
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
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Also present:

EPP	Mr Claude Rolin, 2nd Vice-Chair
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1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Update on Brexit (EC/PR)

The Chair informed the Coordinators about the following:

A) State of play re invitation to Mr Verhofstadt [EC/PR]: Planned time-slot 20 June a.m. was not possible for Mr Verhofstadt. **The secretariat is in touch with his office to find a suitable date.**

B) The feedback note of the joint EMPL/LIBE/PETI hearing on the situation and rights of EU citizens in the UK (11 May 2017) was among the Annexes, for information.

C) AFCO would hold a hearing on Brexit on 20 June from 15:00 to 17:00 hrs in Room ASP 3E2. The invitation letter and the programme were among the meeting documents.

1.3 Report back from CCC Away Day of 7 June 2017, by Vice-Chair Claude Rolin (AH)

The Coordinators heard Mr Rolin who informed them about the following matters:

A) cooperation between committees

- Background document: CCC meeting file of 7 June 2017

State of play:

There was a wide range of views among Committee Chairs.

- Some (e.g. TRAN, AFCO, IMCO/Corazza) favoured modifications of the Rules of procedure (Rules 54 and 55, qualified majority required) and of Annex V (powers and responsibilities of the standing committees, simple majority sufficient). ITRE/Henkel in favour of Committee powers mirroring Commission structure (Clusters).
- Others (e.g. ECON, INTA, EMPL/Rolin, AFET, DEVE; REGI regarding Annex V) argued that the current legal framework should not be altered, but that the application of the existing rules should be done with aim and measure, dismissing manifestly unfounded Rule 54 request in a fast track procedure (LIBE), on the basis of mutual trust (EMPL).

There appeared to be a consensus that Rule 53 should be the normal cooperation arrangement (emphasised by LIBE), and that Rules 54 and 55 should remain an exception.

Ms Wikström was mandated to make operational proposals on the basis of the views which had been voiced in the discussions.

Decision:

- **The Coordinators heard Mr Rolin highlighting that**
 - **there had been a general feeling that recourse to Rule 53 should be encouraged**
 - **Ms Wikström had mandated to make operational proposals on the basis of the views which had been voiced in the discussions.**
- **At the request of Mr Calvet Chambon, the Secretariat was instructed to submit statistical information on the use of Rule 54 and 55.**

B) Brexit structure

- Background documents: Slide 1 and Slide 2 from the Commission's Article 50 Task Force

State of play:

1) Mr Barnier presented the two main phases of the negotiations

- Phase 1: Agreement on the principles of Article 50; citizens' rights, financial settlement, borders
- Phase 2: Scoping of future relations, transitional agreements (including possibly phase-out of existing arrangements; but excluding phase-in of future arrangements which are to be negotiated in accordance with Articles 206 etc and 216 etc.)

2) The negotiations will be carried out in 4-week cycles

- Week 1: preparation within EU27 and EU institutions; EP Brexit Steering Group is involved, relevant Committee Chairs where appropriate
- Week 2: Exchange of documents with the UK
- Week 3: Negotiations (Chief negotiators, working groups)
- Week 4: Reporting/debriefing, also to EP Brexit Steering Group, relevant Committee Chairs invited where appropriate

Key messages from the Chief Negotiator:

- **Time is very short.**
- By 30 March 2019 UK will be out, a third country, whatever the outcome.
- **Current EU27 position on citizens' rights is a 'maximalist' position.**
- All issues beyond citizens' rights and financial settlement will only be discussed once Phase 2 has been declared opened by the European Council (EU27)
- It was the choice of the UK to become a third country.
- Impact on EU budget: In the absence of an agreement, the EU27 will have to do without the annual net UK contribution to the tune of EUR 10 billion.
- Negotiations need to be finalised by October 2018, to allow for an orderly ratification process (including EP consent).

Complementary information: Can Article 50 be revoked?

“It is up to the United Kingdom to trigger Article 50. But once triggered, it cannot be unilaterally reversed. Notification is a point of no return. Article 50 does not provide for the unilateral withdrawal of notification.”¹

Operational conclusions at the CCC Away Day:

EMPL Chair likely to be invited to EP Brexit Steering Group meetings during Phase 1.

Relevant Chairs to debrief CCC regularly about Brexit Steering Group meetings.

1.4 Informal EPSCO meeting on 19-20 July in Tallinn (AH)

Mr Händel will participate in the next informal EPSCO meeting. Background:

The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to host an Informal EPSCO Meeting (Employment, Social Affairs, Family and Gender Equality Ministers) on **19-20 July 2017**.

The main theme of the Informal EPSCO Meeting will be **work-life balance**, focusing on new forms of work and different family types, and paying particular attention to men's participation in sharing care responsibilities.

The Informal EPSCO Meeting will commence at 9:00 on the 19 July 2017 and is expected to finish on 20 July with a buffet lunch starting at 12:30. The meeting will take place in the Creative Hub (Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn).

A formal invitation with an agenda and practical and registration information will be circulated in due course.

1.5 Report back from ordinary CCC meeting of 13 June 2017

The Presidents from the three institutions (EP, Council, Commission) will meet on 5 July to discuss the application of the Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities for 2017.²

The Balas report on the revision of Social Security Coordination is the only EMPL file on the list of priority files.³

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-648_en.htm

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/cwp_2017_joint-declaration-legislative-priorities_en.pdf

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/working-document-annex-legislative-priorities-2017-jan2017_en.pdf

The implementation of the Joint Declaration will be monitored jointly and regularly through meetings of the Presidents of the 3 Institutions, next time in November 2017.

By email of 14 June 2017, the Chair of the CCC asked all committees

“...to send by next Wednesday, 21 June 2017, at noon by return email your possible comments as regards:

- *Specific items or files which committee Chairs would want the President to raise with the other institutions (e.g. files on which the Council is not moving or which are considered urgent but are no priority for the (incoming) Presidency, or files which are linked to a certain deadline); please provide as well some background information, why a file should be raised at the presidential meeting.*
- *Comments and observations regarding the general functioning of the Joint Declaration: is the envisaged priority treatment working from Parliament's perspective and providing the expected progress (without going at the expenses of other files not included in the JD)? What could be improved for the implementation in view of the next exercise?*

Decision

The Coordinators decided to request by a letter from the Chair to the Chair of the CCC that the legislative procedures relating to

- **the Posting of Workers Directive [RS/CF] and**
- **the Work-Life Balance Directive [JuB]**

be added to the list of priority files.

1.6 Invitation to attend an EPSCO working lunch on 15 June on the Social Pillar [AH]

The invitation letter dated 12 June 2017 was included in the papers for the meeting.

Decision

The Coordinators

- **were informed that the Chair had asked Ms Joao Rodrigues to represent the Committee at the EPSCO working lunch in Luxembourg on the European Pillar of Social Rights**
- **held an extensive exchange of views**
- **criticised that the Maltese Presidency had written to the President of the European Parliament only on 9 June 2017 and noted that that information had been passed on to the Committee Chairs only on 13 June at 18:53 hrs**
- **decided, by a majority, that in the absence of a clear mandate Ms Rodrigues shall attend the lunch only in a personal capacity**

- instructed the Secretariat to inform Ms Rodrigues and the Maltese Presidency forthwith in writing
- decided that no communication may be done on the proposal for a Proclamation on behalf of the EMPL Committee without agreement of the Coordinators.

Note: The EPSCO Council summarised the deliberations on the EPSR as follows:

“The presidency reported back in public session on the outcome of the lunch debate on the European Pillar of social rights as follows:

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2. Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

2.1 EMPL hearing regarding “The impact of business models, including the platform economy, on employment and social security in the EU” (RS)

Coordinators, at their meeting on 1 September 2016, decided to request the authorisation for a public hearing on “The impact of business models, including the platform economy, on employment and social security in the EU”.

This public hearing is scheduled for 12 July 2017.

Decision of 11 May 2017:

Political groups should submit proposals for a maximum of 4 reimbursed experts to be invited; proposals should be sent to the Secretariat at the latest by 23 May COB.

Update:

4 political groups sent in proposals for experts to be invited. Taking into account the strict timeframe, the Chair selected 4 experts (considering all proposing political groups and gender balance):

- Elizabeth Douet, Senior Global Marketing Consultant, Sharing Economy Ireland Association
- Oliver Roethig, Regional Secretary, UNI Europa

⁴ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/epsco/2017/06/st10376_en17_pdf/

- Mark Pearson, Deputy Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD,
- Prof. Dr. Martin Risak, Institute for Labour and Social Law, Vienna University.

A pre-invitation had been sent to the above experts, pending the official authorisation of this hearing by the Bureau, scheduled for the Bureau meeting of 12 June; the CCC already endorsed the EMPL request.

2.2 EMPL Public Hearing on 'Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work'

Following the consultation that took place on 17 May on alternative suggestions for panel speakers, the draft programme, as proposed by the Rapporteur, was adopted.

An updated version was among the annexes.

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)**

Update:

On 8.6.2017, the Conference of Presidents, following the CCC recommendation, granted EMPL cooperation under Rule 53+ and dismissed EMPL's request for Rule 54 association.

- 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)**

Update:

The EMPL request for Rule 54 was dismissed (CoP decision of 18 May 2017).

- 3.3 **Request by PETI to apply Rule 54 to the EMPL implementation report on "Implementation of the European Disability Strategy" (MM)**

Update:

Ms Ulvskog and Ms Wikström could not reach an agreement. PETI will decide in the coming days whether they still insist on the application of Rule 54 or they accept a Rule 53 opinion. If they insist on Rule 54, a recommendation on the Rule to be applied will be made by the CCC Chair (Ms Wikström). According to the latest information received, PETI withdrew its request.

- 3.4 **Follow-up to EMPL opinion to FEMM report on Gender Pension Gap - application of Rule 54 (PR)**

The papers for the meeting included a letter from the EMPL Chair to CCC regarding breaches of Rule 54 on the Gender pension gap report.

Update:

The EMPL Chair, in close cooperation with the rapporteur, and after having consulted the shadow rapporteurs for additional parts to re-table, tabled 18 EMPL text parts (either falling under exclusive or shared competence) not adopted by FEMM, for the June Plenary vote. Additionally, a letter on the breach of the Rule 54 agreement was sent to the CCC-Chair.

4. Documents for information

4.1. None

5. Allocation of reports and opinions

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

(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
Thomas Händel - Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)	25.06.2015	01.07.2015	07.07.2015	03.09.2015	postponed
Rapporteur ALDE Martina Dlabajová - 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)	22.6.2017
Rapporteur EFDD Laura Agea - Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty (LS)	1.9.2016	26.09.2016	4.10.2016	27.10.2016	12.7.2017
Rapporteur S&D Javi López - Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth (MM)	1.9.2016	15.09.2016	4.10.2016		10.10.2017 ⁵ 28.9.2017

⁵ 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
Rapporteur EPP, Romana Tomc - The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States (PR)	13 July 2016	26-9-2016		9th of March 2017	04.12.2017
Rapporteur Helga Stevens - Progress Report on the implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2010 - 2020)	09.03.2017	14.03.2017			19.10.2017

Rapports d'application adoptés en Commission EMPL				
	Rapporteur	Titre du rapport	Date d'adoption	Dossier
1	Eduard Kukan	European Year of Active Ageing	9 septembre 2015	{1}
2	Sven Schulze	Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility - 2013	15 décembre 2015	{2}
3	Renate Weber	Implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive	21 juin 2016	{3}
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)	{4}
5	Helga Stevens	Implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	30 mai 2016 (plénière 7 juillet 2016)	{5}
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	{6}

{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

- The regular INI quota is down to 3 (from previously 6).
- Applicable since the beginning of the second half of the parliamentary term; 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

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 was postponed , 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
		Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth	Coordinators' decision of 28.9.2015 Request to CCC to be made: 1.9.2016		merged S&D ALDE Consensus on 1.9.2016
		Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty	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	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ECR

		through re-shoring. The role of employer led vocational education and 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.]			
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

Decision of 11 May 2017:

Decision

Since

a) the maximum quota for own-initiative reports has been reduced to three and

b) there will be no free slot in the foreseeable future,

the decision on new own-initiative reports was postponed until such time when the number of ongoing reports would have dropped to two.

Reports

5.1 Work-life balance for parents and carers (JuB)

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 6 June 2017 from the FEMM Chair to the CCC requesting the application of Rule 55.

EMPL/8/09836

***I 2017/0085(COD) COM(2017)0253 – C8-0137/2017

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions: JURI

FEMM

Decision of 11 May 2017:

“A majority of the Coordinators agreed that Rule 53 provided the correct procedural framework for cooperation with FEMM.

Decision on potential request for co-rapporteurship and appointment of rapporteur(s) to be taken once the CCC/CoP have taken a final decision on the cooperation arrangements with FEMM.”

The file was officially referred to EMPL on 15 May 2017.⁶

Decision

The EMPL Coordinators

- noted that the Chair had signed a letter to the CCC in which he rebutted FEMM’s arguments in favour of cooperating on the basis of Rule 55
- held an extensive exchange of views
- noted that three groups (S&D, GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA) would have preferred to apply Rule 55 and
- decided by a majority to insist on the application of Rule 53.

⁶ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+PV+20170515+ITEM-010+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

Opinions

5.2. Annual report on the implementation of the Common Commercial Policy (CF)

EMPL/8/09944

2017/2070(INI)

Responsible: INTA – Tokia Saïfi (PPE)

Decision

No opinion.

5.3. Implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC as regards regulation and the need for reform in professional services (MM)

EMPL/8/09950

2017/2073(INI)

Responsible: IMCO – Nicola Danti (S&D)

Decision

No opinion.

5.4. Draft Amending Budget no 3 to the General Budget 2017 Increasing the budgetary resources of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) to pursue the reduction of youth unemployment across the European Union and updating the staff establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2 (PR/EC)

EMPL/8/10021

2017/2078(BUD)

Responsible: BUDG – Jens Geier (S&D)

Decision

No action (the rapporteur for the budget has been informed).

- 5.5. **Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU (LS)**

EMPL/8/10033

***I 2017/0102(COD) COM(2017)0262 – C8-0162/2017

Responsible: CULT

Decision

The Coordinators

- **decided to request the application of Rule 55**
- **decided to postpone the appoint of a rapporteur until a decision on the above request would have been taken**
- **noted that a joint CULT/EMPL hearing had been scheduled for 10 October (see item 8)**

- 5.6. **Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2006/22/EC as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector (CF)**

COM(2017)278

Decision

The Coordinators

- **decided that EMPL should cooperate with TRAN on the basis of Rule 54 with exclusive EMPL powers for matters pertaining to**
 - **the posting of workers (Article 2 of the proposal and the corresponding recitals)**
 - **social aspects of the protection of drivers⁷**

⁷ Note: The “unaddressed risks of deteriorating working conditions linked with inadequate pay and social protection of drivers working for long periods outside their country of employment” was identified by the Commission through ex-post evaluations/fitness checks of the Enforcement Directive 2006/22/EC, together with the Driving Time Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and Working Time Directive 2002/15/EC, see COM(2017)278, Section 3, pages 4-5.

- noted that the EMPL Coordinators had decided in 2016, that a joint (mini) hearing with TRAN should be held (Coordinators decision of 9 June 2016)⁸; noted that the two secretariats shall try to identify a suitable date in October-November; noted that there were at that point in time no free slots for the reimbursement of experts
- decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until a decision on the above request would have been taken.

5.7. Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector (CF)

COM(2017)281

Decision

The Coordinators decided

- to reserve the right to request Rule 54 as regards non-technical, social aspects of the protections of drivers⁹

⁸ *The Coordinators*

- *held an exchange of views*
- *noted that the Commission had announced specific initiatives for the road transport sector in Recital 10 of the proposal for a directive amending the Posting of Workers Directive and in the explanatory memorandum thereto*
 - *instructed the secretariat to find out when that sector-specific legislation would be proposed [RS]*
 - *agreed that*
 - o *the Petitioners be informed of the current state of play by letter.*
 - o *a mini hearing on working conditions in the road transport sector be held in cooperation with TRAN as and when the sector-specific proposals would be made and that*
 - o *the Petitioners be invited to such a hearing among other speakers and experts and noted the dissenting position of the EPP that petitioners should as a matter of principle not be invited.*

⁹ Note (1): See COM(2017)281 on page 2: "This proposal is part of a broader ongoing review of the road transport legislation. It is closely linked to other existing legal acts concerning road transport, in particular the social legislation for road transport (Regulation (EC) No 561/2006, Directive 2002/15/EC, Directive 2006/22/EC and Regulation (EU) 165/2014). Better enforcement of "market rules", as suggested in the present proposal, will therefore be made easier through existing synergies while, conversely, contributing to the enforcement of social legislation in an indirect manner."

- to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until a decision on the requests for Rule 54 as shown under items 5.6. and 5.8 would have been taken

5.8. Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (CF)

COM(2017)277

Decision

The Coordinators

- decided that EMPL should cooperate with TRAN on the basis of Rule 54 with shared powers regarding driving times and rest periods
- decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur until a decision on the above request would have been taken.

Note (2): The “unaddressed risks of deteriorating working conditions linked with inadequate pay and social protection of drivers working for long periods outside their country of employment” was identified by the Commission through ex-post evaluations/fitness checks of the Enforcement Directive 2006/22/EC, together with the Driving Time Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and Working Time Directive 2002/15/EC, see COM(2017)278, Section 3, pages 4-5.

5.9. The economic policies of the Euro area (MM)

Responsible: ECON Opinion: EMPL

Observations:

According to the Conference of Presidents' decision, one Rapporteur shall be appointed for the whole annual European semester process, i.e. the Rapporteur of the report "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2015" shall also draft the EMPL opinion to the ECON report on the "The economic policies of the Euro area", as part of the 2nd phase of the annual cycle 2016.

On 6 October 2016 Coordinators decided to attribute the report to "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2015" to ALDE and subsequently Ms Yana Toom was appointed as rapporteur.

ECON is willing to accept the EMPL request for the application of Rule 54, negotiations on the delimitation of competences are ongoing.

A joint letter containing a settlement was signed by the ECON Committee Chairs during the session week; signature by EMPL Chair to follow.

Decision

In line with an established practice, the Coordinators confirmed the attribution to ALDE and the rapporteur, Ms Toom.

Documents for information

5.10. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Application of Decision 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) (BM)

Decision

The Coordinators took note of the report.

6. Social Pillar: The "Pillar Proclamation Process" [CF/MK]

Decision

With regard to the 'Pillar Proclamation Process' (PPP), the Coordinators

- held an exchange of views and
- agreed that further information, in particular
 - the conclusions of the EPSCO Council
 - a Legal Opinion from Parliaments Legal Service on the Pillar Proclamation Process
 - a succinct analysis of similar previous 'proclamation processes'should be awaited;
- decided that no communication may be done on the proposal for a Proclamation on behalf of the EMPL Committee without agreement of the Coordinators.

➤ *Note: On the same day (15 June 2017), the Conference of Presidents¹⁰ and the EPSCO Council¹¹ took procedural decisions concerning the European Pillar of Social Rights.*

¹⁰ It is understood that during that CoP meeting the President suggested that Parliament reflect on its representation in the Gothenburg Social Summit in November and that the President proposed that the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs be tasked to select an MEP and, potentially, a substitute. The decision is to be taken in the next Conference of Presidents on 29 June 2017.

¹¹ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/epsco/2017/06/st10376_en17_pdf/

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7. EMPL delegation to Madrid (BM/MM)

Decision

The Coordinators

- confirmed that the delegation visit would take place from 20 to 22 September
- invited political groups to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, at the latest by Thursday 22 June 2017 noon;
 - *The Secretariat was instructed to clarify whether the ECR would have a seat on this delegation.*
 - *Further suggestions as to the programme should be sent to the Secretariat.*
- instructed Policy Department A to provide a briefing note on the employment and social situation in Spain, with a special focus on EMPL files such as the Accessibility Act, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, active ageing, the social economy and the New Skills Agenda.

8. Involvement of EMPL Committee in the CULT Committee hearing on European Solidarity Corps Initiative (LS)

At their meeting on 11 May, Coordinators were invited to submit proposals for a maximum of 2 experts (without reimbursement)¹² to be invited to the CULT hearing on the European Solidarity Corps Initiative which will take place in the autumn. Proposals were to be sent to the Secretariat at the latest by 7 June COB, in view of a decision by Coordinators on 15 June.

Decision

The Coordinators

- **decided to invite the following two experts (without reimbursement)**
 1. Mr Pavel Trantina
 2. Ms Gabriella Civico

Reserve candidates:

 3. Mr Thiebaut Weber
 4. Mr Paul Galles
- **confirmed to agree with the date decided by the CULT Coordinators for the hearing, i.e. 10 October in the afternoon.**

¹² Without reimbursement *unless* a smaller number of experts than planned were to be reimbursed at hearings taking place before the joint hearing, *and* the Coordinators agree to allocate those hypothetical places to the ESC hearing.

9. Implementation report YEI: fact-finding delegation to Slovenia and Croatia 19-21 September (PR/LS)

Decision

The Coordinators

- took note that the maximum number of interpretation languages is 5 and that that would require the participation of 10-15 interpreters plus a conference technician
- agreed that In the event of more than 5 languages being requested, the final composition of the linguistic profile will be decided by the Chair on the basis of the objective needs
- instructed Policy Department A to provide a briefing note on the youth unemployment situation and implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in Croatia and Slovenia.
 - *The Secretariat was instructed to clarify whether the ECR would have a seat on this delegation.*
 - *Further suggestions as to the programme should be sent to the Secretariat.*

10. Accessibility Act - exclusive EMPL competences in the IMCO report (MM)

EMPL Committee had exclusive competence inter alia on Article 2(3), i.e. the definition of “persons with functional limitations”. EMPL decided to keep the original definition of the Commission proposal and therefore the EMPL opinion did not contain any amendment related to this definition. In line with the EMPL exclusive competence on this definition the IMCO Committee did not put any amendment to vote on Article 2(3). However, the IMCO Committee deleted this term in all articles of the proposal with the exception of Article 2(3) and in some recitals. The deletion of this term throughout the proposal erodes the EMPL exclusive competence on Article 2(3).

Decision

The Coordinators decided that Options A and C be implemented:

Option A:

to send a letter to CCC suggesting the addition of the words “persons with functional limitations” to IMCO amendments 17, 81, 99, 121, 179, 184, 187, 189, 193, 195, 198, 202, 205, 209, 212, 213, 215, 216, 219 and 220 in order to re-establish the initial attribution of powers and responsibilities
[draft letter among the Annexes]

Option C:

to re-table in plenary the AMs of the EMPL opinion under shared competence that keep the term “persons with functional limitations” of the original Commission text, i.e. AMs 25, 45, 62, 69, 73, 76, 78, 80, 81, 84, 87, 90, 91, 95, 98, 99, 102, 104, 107, 109 and 11

11. Motions for Resolution¹³ - decision on procedure (CF)

None

12. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

none

B. Petitions received for information

- Petition No 0172/2016 by J. M. (Spanish) on reductions to the degree of disability in the Autonomous Community of Valencia
- Petition No 1394/2016 by R.D. (Spanish) on architectural barriers and mobility of the elderly in EU Member States
- Petition No 1447/2016 by Anita Krauß (German) with a request to amend Article 9(2) of Regulation 561/2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport
- Petition No 1451/2016 by T. J. (Polish) on behalf of Solidarność Trade Union, bearing two signatures, on the alleged breach of Directive 2009/38/EC on the establishment of a European Works Council by a Danish company

¹³ 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 withdrawal 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.

- Petition 1492/2016 by Fotios Mpatzios (Greek) on the working hours of military personnel in Greece
- Petition No 1500/2016 by Eduardo Jose Rodríguez Trujillo (Spanish) on the working situation of people with disabilities
- Petition No 1559/2016 by N.A. (Greek) about the difficulty of finding a job in Greece
- Petition No 0570/2016 by G.M. (Croatian) on a breach by Croatian authorities of his fundamental rights as a disabled person

13. Points for information

1 Timetables Reports:

EMPL draft reports on the 3 proposals for regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing

- Cedefop (rapp.: A. Sander)
- Eurofound (rapp.: E. Calvet Chambon)
- EU-OSHA (rapp.: C. Hoc)

Revised timetables:

Deadline to send draft report to translation	28 February 2017
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	22/23 March 2017
Deadline for tabling amendments	30 March 2017, 12.00
Consideration of AMs	25 April 2017
Adoption EMPL	21/22 June 12/13 July 2017
Plenary estimate	TBC

2 Timetables Opinions:

EMPL opinion on Preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures, rapp.: Edouard Martin (JuB)

Revised timetable

Decision by coordinators	
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Deadline to send draft text to translation	5 April 2017
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	3 May 2017
Deadline for AMs	19 31 May 2017, 12.00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Week 22-26 26-28
Adoption in EMPL	12 July 30/31 August 2017
Adoption in JURI	20-21 November 2017
Plenary	tbc

Economic policies of the euro area, rapp: Yana Toom (MM)

Send text to translation	26 June 2017
Consideration of draft opinion in EMPL	12-13 July 2017
Deadline AMs	19 July 2017
Send AM to translation	20 July 2017
Vote EMPL	28 September 2017
Vote lead committee	16 October 2017
Vote plenary	October II

3 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

So far, EMPL has used 4.46 pages out of 45 pages in total (1.59 for the Agea PR on on minimum income policies as a tool for fighting poverty, 1.90 for the joint CULT/EMPL report on a new skills agenda for Europe - Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness and 0.98 pages for Casa PA on legitimate measures to protect whistle-blowers) - summary table is annexed to the notes.

14. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings (JK/LE)

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- Thursday, 13 July, 14.00-15.30¹⁴
- Thursday, 7 September, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 12 October, 10.00-11.30
- Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30¹⁵
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

¹⁴ As part of an EMPL meeting

¹⁵ Meeting in Strasbourg