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## Introductory words by Thomas Händel



The EMPL Committee will meet three times in October.

On 10 October, we will hold a joint EMPL-CULT Hearing on the European Solidarity Corps. We will also consider the amendments tabled to the draft report on the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative.

Furthermore, we will vote on the opinion on preventive restructuring frameworks, and the agenda foresees the presentation of a study on the economic benefits of gender equality in the EU.

On 16 October, the Committee will vote on the draft report on the posting of workers and hold a joint hearing with the TRAN Committee on the working conditions of mobile workers.

On 19 October, two draft reports will be put to the vote: the implementation of the European Disability Strategy and combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth. EMPL Members will also vote on an EGF application.

I would like to inform you that the EMPL Network on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) will hold its next meeting on 11 October (9.00-10.00), during which the study "Discrimination and Access to Employment for Female Workers with Disabilities" will be presented.

During the October II plenary session, the EMPL reports on "Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty" and on the "Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work" will be put to the vote.

Thank you for your attention.

Thomas Händel, Chair

## POINTS ON THE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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[Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth \(vote\)](#)

### Opinions

[Preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures \(vote\)](#)  
[EGF application: IT/Almaviva - Italy \(vote\)](#)

### Study presentation

[Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the EU](#)

## MEETING DATES AND VENUES:

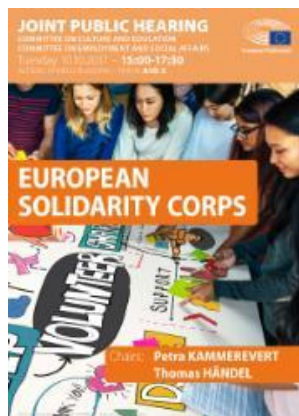
10.10.2017, 9.20-12.30 JAN (4Q1) and 15.00-17.30, ASP (1G-3)  
16.10.2017, 15.00-18.30 JAN (4Q2)  
19.10.2017, 9.00-12.30 ASP (A5G-3)

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## European Solidarity Corps

### EMPL-CULT Hearing

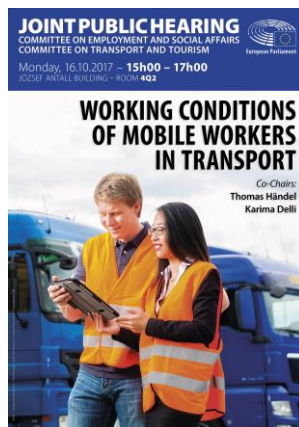


On 10 October, the EMPL and CULT Committees will hold a joint [Hearing](#) on the European Solidarity Corps. The purpose of the Hearing is to discuss the objective and effectiveness of the European Solidarity Corps with a special focus on its format and its implementation. The Hearing will start with several expert presentations, followed by an exchange of views with Members.

**Rapporteur:** [Brando Benifei](#) (S&D, IT)

## Working conditions of mobile workers

### EMPL-TRAN Hearing



On 16 October, the EMPL and TRAN Committees will hold a joint Hearing on 'Working conditions for mobile workers in transport'. The Hearing aims to highlight cross cutting issues concerning both Committees, such as working conditions of mobile workers in the road transport sector, posting of workers, potential circumvention of rules and social dumping. Five experts have been invited to share their views and experience on these

topics. Their presentations will be followed by an exchange of views with Members. The Hearing will feed into the upcoming work of both Committees on a number of recent proposals under the "Mobility Package".

## The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) in the Member States

### Consideration of amendments

On 10 October, EMPL Members will consider the [224 amendments](#) tabled to the [draft report](#) on "The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States". In her draft report, the rapporteur notes that, thanks to the YEI, youth unemployment has become a shared EU policy priority although, in a number of Member States, tackling youth unemployment remains a great challenge. She finds that the YEI is starting to have a positive impact while stressing the need to strictly monitor and evaluate its cost-effectiveness and success. The rapporteur calls for stronger outreach to young people furthest removed from the labour market and for the quality of job offers to be ensured.

**Rapporteur:** [Romana Tomc](#) (EPP, SL)

## Posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

### Adoption of draft report

The vote on the [draft report](#) on the "Posting of workers in the framework of services" is scheduled on 16 October. Members have tabled 523 amendments ([AM24-255](#), [AM 256-523](#)), and the co-rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs have negotiated a number of compromise amendments. Opinions have been tabled by the IMCO and JURI Committees.

**Co-Rapporteurs:** [Elisabeth Morin-Chartier](#) (EPP, FR), [Agnes Jongerius](#) (S&D, NL)

## European Disability Strategy Implementation

### Adoption of draft report

EMPL Members will vote on the [draft report](#) on the "Implementation of the European Disability Strategy" to which [426 amendments](#) were tabled. In her draft report, the rapporteur formulates recommendations related to eight priority areas: accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health and external action. She also looks forward to the new 2030 strategy which is expected to be published upon the expiration of the current strategy in 2020.

**Rapporteur:** [Helga Stevens](#) (ECR, BE)

## Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth

### Adoption of draft report

On 19 October, the [draft report](#) "Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth" will be put to the vote, to which [402 amendments](#) have been tabled. The draft report focuses on the following priorities: establishing European policy coordination for combating inequality; boosting quality job creation; improving working and living conditions; reinforcing trade union and workers' rights; strengthening the welfare state and social protection; combating poverty and social exclusion; achieving a real gender balance; and modernising tax systems.

**Rapporteur:** [Javi López](#) (S&D, ES)

## Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the EU

### Study presentation

On 10 October, Virginija Langbakk, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), will present the EIGE [study](#) on economic benefits of gender equality in the EU to EMPL Members. The study uses a robust econometric model to estimate economic impacts of improved gender equality in several broad areas such as education, labour market activity and wages. It also considers the demographic impact of such improvements.

## Votes on draft opinions

During its meeting on 10 and 19 October, the EMPL Committee will vote on the following opinions:

### Preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures

**Rapporteur:** [Edouard Martin](#) (S&D, FR)

Lead Committee: JURI

### EGF application: IT/Almaviva - Italy

**Rapporteur:** [Thomas Händel](#) (Chair, DE)

Lead Committee: BUDG

## Recent studies and briefing notes

- Social convergence and EU accession - [Briefing](#)
- Introducing a European services e-card - [Briefing](#)
- The Social and Employment Situation in Spain - [In-depth analysis](#)
- European Solidarity Corps - [Briefing](#)

## News from the Agencies

### European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ([Cedefop](#))

Cedefop organised the first policy learning forum on apprenticeships on 7 and 8 September in Thessaloniki. It was attended by stakeholders and national experts directly involved in Cedefop's thematic country reviews (TCRs) on apprenticeships. Cedefop launched the TCRs in 2014 to support cooperation among Member States at European level and to interact with individual countries wishing to develop quality apprenticeships in line with EU policies. [More](#)

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

The EurWORK annual review 2016 is out. It summarises the most recent working life developments, particularly in terms of industrial relations and working conditions, at EU level and in the EU Member States and Norway. It highlights that as Europe has moved out of the unemployment crisis there has been increased focus on wage inequality. This has particularly been the case for young workers. [More](#)

### European Training Foundation ([ETF](#))

The European Training Foundation has released new research mapping the skills policy and support measures in Jordan aimed at emigrants, foreign immigrant workers and refugees. The mapping identifies many innovative support measures but suggests that a common approach to emigration and immigration would further contribute to longer-term economic development. [More](#)

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

The report "Towards age-friendly work in Europe: a life-course perspective on work and ageing from EU Agencies" highlights various challenges associated with an ageing workforce and considers innovative solutions. Coordinated by EU-OSHA in cooperation with Cedefop, EIGE and Eurofound, each EU agency focuses on a different aspect of demographic change and its implications for employment, working conditions and workers' health and education. [More](#)

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