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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 12 October 2017

10.00-11.30

Room ASP 5G2 - Brussels

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The meeting opened at 10.06 hrs and closed at 11:33 hrs with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair	Mrs Marita Ulvskog, EMPL 1st Vice-Chair
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes Jongerius, replacing the S&D Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Tatjana Ždanoka, replacing the Greens/EFA Coordinator

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, Chair
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, S&D Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator,
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

EFDD Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

ENF Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Also present:

Mr Claude Rolin, 2nd Vice-Chair

Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom Vandenkendelaere for item 1.5.

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Chairing the Coordinators' meeting - arrangements during Chair's sick leave

Decision

The Coordinators

- noted that in the absence of Chairman Thomas Händel owing to sick-leave, the meeting would be chaired by Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair
- noted that all meetings until the end of 2017 would be chaired by the Acting Chair and that all letters would be signed by the Acting Chair
- decided to send their good wishes to the Chairman.

1.2 Interpretation

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

1.3 Organisation of trilogues on the Cedefop, EU-OSHA and Eurofound regulations (JuB/CF/PR)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- heard the Legal Service and the Codecision Unit
- held an extensive exchange of views
- decided that a final position should be agreed at an extraordinary coordinators meeting on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 10 a.m. in the presence of the three rapporteurs.

1.4 **Update on Brexit (EC/PR)**

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the information included in the notes.

1.5 Possible follow-up to the Commission’s reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe & Social Pillar Proclamation Process (EC/TV) - in the presence of the “sherpas” appointed by the Conference of Presidents to represent the EP in the negotiations process, Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom Vandenkendelaere

The papers for the meeting included

- *the draft Proclamation of a European Pillar of Social Rights*
- *the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe*
- *an analytical note on proclamations from the secretariat*
- *a legal opinion on the proposed Proclamation from the Legal Service*

New documents since the last coordinators’ meeting:

- *a legal opinion of the Council’s Legal Service*
- *a document distributed by the Council Presidency in view of the Coreper meeting of 4 October and the draft revised following the tripartite meeting of 6 October*
- *minutes of the inter-institutional meetings of 26 and 27 September and 6 October*

Timeline:

- Conference of Presidents decision of 7 September: appoint the following three persons to represent the EP in the process: the Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the rapporteur on the relevant file from the S&D Group and the shadow rapporteur from the EPP Group.¹
- Presentation of the text of the Proclamation at the **EPSCO Council of 23 October 2017** for agreement,
- Signature of the Proclamation at the Social Summit for fair jobs and growth by President Tajani, President Juncker and PM Ratas in Gothenburg on **17 November 2017**.

Decision:

¹ https://epintranet.in.ep.europa.eu/SibData/02_Cpg/06_PV-Minutes/2017/2017-09-07/pv%202017-09-07-final_en.pdf

The Coordinators

- instructed the Acting Chair to write to the President of the European Parliament requesting that
 - a Vice-Chair should replace Mr Händel in his function as ‘Sherpa’ for the time of his sick-leave
 - the Conference of Presidents change its decision of 7 September and allow every group represented in the EMPL committee to appoint one representative;
[draft letter: EC]
- heard a debriefing by Ms Maria-João Rodrigues and Mr Tom about the outcome of the negotiations and the next steps;
- decided to hold an exchange of views in the EMPL Committee on 19 October 2017 from 11:15 to 12:30 hrs in the presence of Ms Rodrigues and Mr Vandenkendelaere to inform EMPL Members of the state of play of the negotiations.

[agenda item: JK/EC/TV]

1.5 Economic dialogue with the Commission on the Annual Growth Survey 2018 [MM]

The joint ECON-EMPL exchange of views with the Commission on the Annual Growth Survey 2018 will be held on 27 November 2017, in the afternoon, with the participation of Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Moscovici. Commissioner Thyssen is unable to attend the meeting, her portfolio will be presented by Vice-President Dombrovskis.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the above information.

1.6 Invitation to the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment [LS]

The Chair has been invited to the Tripartite Social Summit, which will take place in the Europa building, 155 Rue de la Loi, Brussels, from **14.00 to 17.00** on **18 October 2017** (the invitation letter was among the annexes).

The Coordinators will be debriefed after the Summit.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the fact that EMPL Chair Mr Händel would be replaced by Ms Ulvskog at the TSS on 18 October 2017.

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

Annex: Draft letter to the ECON Chair

2.1 Draft letter to ECON Chair - Economic policies of the euro area (MM)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- heard the acting S&D Coordinator who said that the Chair should in the future write letters defending the EMPL powers without consulting the Coordinators where the facts were clear; this approach was endorsed by the GUE/NGL and by the Greens/EFA groups;
- heard the EPP Coordinator who said that the Coordinators should be consulted every time in advance of such letters being sent; this approach was endorsed by the ALDE group;
- took note of the Chairs suggestion that Mr Casa provide input for an alternative letter to ECON, thus defending those conclusions of the EMPL opinion which fell under the exclusive EMPL remit.

[Note: ECON vote on 16 October/ draft letter by MM]

3. Pending conflicts of competence

3.1. Road package (CF/TV/LS)

Annex: Letter from TRAN Chair to CCC

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the information contained in the file and of the fact that the ALDE group could accept Rule 55 as a possible solution.

4. Documents for information

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 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		10.10.2017² 28.9.2017 19.10.2017

² 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	Edurard 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 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 these reservations.] Fresh title ("Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment") agreed by Coordinators on 12.10.2017	Original title as per Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015 Title change as shown in the minutes of 9.2.2017 S&D reservation as shown in the minutes of 9.3.2017 ECR opposition as shown in the minutes of 6.4.2017 Final decision on 12.10.2017		ECR
2		The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed	Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015		ALDE
3		The campaign of the International Labour Organisation to ratify the	Coordinators' decision of 1.9.2016		Chair

		Protocol on Forced Labour and to contemporary forms of severe labour exploitation			
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5.0 - New own-initiative report

Decision:

1. The Coordinators:

- took note of the latest proposal for the title of the next own-initiative as submitted by the ECR Group on 11 October (“Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment”)
- *heard the acting S&D coordinator who said she could accept the new title as suggested by the ECR but reminded that procedure-wise changing titles after coordinators’ decision by one group is unacceptable as the title is always part of the package deal.*
- decided that the ECR group shall nominate the rapporteur.
- Instructed the Chair to request authorisation of that own-initiative report by means of a letter to the CCC Chair.

[TV]

2. The Coordinators also decided that, regarding the Commission’s “Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships” (2017/0244 (NLE)).³ an oral question with a resolution shall be drawn up, under the authority of the Acting Chair, with one co-sponsor to be appointed by each group.

[Responsible AD TBD]

Reports

5.1 European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2018 (MM)

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions:

Decision:

Rapporteur for the INI report and subsequent Rule 54 opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2873&furtherNews=yes>

Opinions

5.2. Modernisation of education in the European Union (EC)

Responsible: CULT

Opinions: EMPL

Decision:

Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.3. E-commerce Sector Inquiry (RS) - COM(2017)0229

Responsible: IMCO

Opinions: JURI, ITRE, EMPL, INTA, CULT

Decision: No opinion

5.4. Gender Equality in the Media Sector in the EU (LS)

Responsible: FEMM

Opinions: JURI, EMPL

Decision:

Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the GUE/NGL group.

Documents for information

None

6. EMPL hearings in the first half of 2018

The papers for the meeting included

a) a table summarising the proposals received from the political groups

b) a table allowing the groups to rank their choices (please start with # 1 for your first choice, # 2 for your second, and so on)

Decision:

Owing to the lack of time the Coordinators agreed to take the final decision on EMPL hearings at an ad hoc extraordinary meeting taking place on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

7. EMPL expertise programme - 4th quarter of 2017 (LS/Poldep)

The papers for the meeting included a table on ongoing work.

Decision:

Owing to the lack of time the Coordinators agreed to take the final decision at an ad hoc extraordinary meeting taking place on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Africa Week - possible items on committee agenda (LS)

Decision:

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9. EMPL delegation to Sofia (week 44) (LS/LE)

Decision:

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10. European Parliamentary Days 2018 - 19 and 20 February 2018

Decision:

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11. Petitions (CF)

A. Petitions received for opinion

1. Petition No 0442/2017 by R.G. (Austrian) on the non-implementation of EU law on free movement and discrepancies in social security systems for seasonal employees, and on the Austrian NOVA tax

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0106/2017 by M.B. (Italian) on the failure to recognise services provided by teachers at Italian accredited private schools prior to becoming State employees
2. Petition No 0113/2017 by Simon Baraldi (Italian) on delays in the Italian postal system and the incorrect application of the EU directive on postal services
3. Petition No 0119/2017 by Vincenzo Solla (Italian) on free healthcare in another Member State
4. Petition No 0126/2017 by D.M. (Romanian) on a dispute relating to German labour law and social security
5. Petition No 0223/2017 by N.G. (Greek) on behalf of the Pan-Hellenic Union of Firefighters on Five-Year Contracts (PA.SO.P.P.Y.) on problems faced by fire-fighters falling in that category
6. Petition No 0268/2017 by Michele Chimienti (Italian) on the abuse by the Italian State of fixed-term contracts in schools
7. Petition No 0277/2017 by Annunziata Stano (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration
8. Petition No 0278/2017 by Cosmery Calò (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within Italian public administration
9. Petition No 0279/2017 Caterina Pavone (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration
10. Petition No 0283/2017 by Letizia Spaventa (Italian) on the misuse of fixed-term contracts within the Italian public administration
11. Petition 0299/2017 by V.V. (Belgian), on the different application of the Directive on the Coordination of Social Security Systems in Ireland and Belgium
12. Petition No 0178/2017 by Michael Ashbrook (German), on behalf of the Non-permanent Staff Forum, bearing 108 signatures, on the implementation of non-discriminatory employment conditions and career prospects for the non-permanent employees and contractual agents at the European institutions

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12. Points for information

1 Timetables Reports:

Revised timetable

Proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on **the coordination of social security systems** and regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Reg. (EC) No 883/2004, COM(2016)815 - 2016/0397 (COD),

Rapporteur: Guillaume Balas (S&D)

EMPL Coordinators - appointment of rapporteur	9 Feb 2017
Presentation of the Commission's proposal in Committee	23 March
Public hearing	11 April
Presentation Commission's impact assessment + EPRS initial appraisal on this impact assessment	21 June
Deadline to send draft report to translation	7 November
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	27/28 November
Deadline AMs	10 January , 12h00
Consideration of amendments	22/23 January 2018
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	Feb, Mar, Apr, May
Adoption EMPL	19 June
Plenary	tbc

Revised timetable: EMPL report on the Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work ("CMD 2" - Rapporteur Claude Rolin (EPP))

Draft report ready	7 November
Consideration draft report	27-28 November
Deadline AMs	5 December noon

Consideration of AMs tabled	22-23 January
Shadows meetings	Week 5, 6, 8
Vote EMPL	21-22 February

2 Timetables Opinions:

6 EMPL opinions on the 2016 discharge (rapporteur: Claude Rolin, EPP)

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	7 September 2017
Deadline to send texts to translation	8 November
Consideration of draft opinions	27/28 November
Deadline for amendments	5 December, 12.00
Shadows' meetings	Week 50 (2017) and week 2 (2018)
Vote in EMPL	23 January 2018
<i>Deadline for opinion-giving committees</i>	<i>6 February 2018</i>
<i>Vote in the lead committee CONT</i>	<i>19 March (general budget), 20 March 2018 (agencies)</i>
Vote in Plenary	April 2018

3 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

So far, EMPL has used 6,95 pages out of 45 pages in total. A summary table was annexed to the notes

4 *Program of EMPL-TRAN joint hearing on "Working conditions of mobile workers in transport" - 16 October 2017 15:00-17:00*

See Annex - for information only

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

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs (ASP 5G2; languages FR, EN, IT, ES, EL, PL)
- Tuesday, 21 November, during the EMPL meeting (15:00-16:30 hrs, tbc)
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

Coordinator's meeting dates in 2018

Thursday, 11 January (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 1 February (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 8 March (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 12 April (10.00-11.30)

~~Tuesday, 15 May (pm) - as part of EMPL meeting~~

Thursday, 17 May (am) - as part of EMPL meeting (following the decision of moving the committee meeting on that week from Monday/Tuesday to Wednesday/Thursday - JK)

Thursday, 7 June (am) - as part of EMPL meeting

Thursday, 12 July (am) - as part of EMPL meeting

Thursday, 6 September (am) - as part of EMPL meeting

Thursday, 27 September (10.00-11.30)

Thursday, 8 November (10.00-11.30) - to be confirmed

Thursday, 6 December (10.00-11.30) - to be