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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 17 October 2017

10.00-11.30

Room ASP 5G2 - Brussels

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The meeting opened at 10.06 hrs and closed at 11:07 hrs with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair	Mrs Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair
EPP	Mr Claude Rolin, replacing the EPP Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes Jongerius, Acting S&D Coordinator
ECR	Ms Ulrike Trebesius, Vice Coordinator
ALDE	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

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

Also present:

Ms Anne Sander, for item 7.

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Possible EMPL input for BUDG MFF INI report [EC]

Decision:

The Coordinators

- bearing in mind that EMPL had previously decided not to give an opinion on the "Next MFF: preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020".¹
- were informed of a request from the BUDG rapporteurs Mr Olbrycht and Ms Thomas that EMPL submit a contribution and that BUDG would adopt its report in February 2018
- decided to apply the procedure laid down in Rule 53(4), that is the adoption of amendments by EMPL committee, the rapporteur being the Acting Chair.

1.3 Retabling of EMPL budgetary amendments [EC]

Rule 88(5) provides:

"5. Amendments tabled in Parliament which have been rejected in the committee responsible may only be put to the vote *if this has been requested in writing, before a deadline to be set by the President, by a committee* or by a political group or Members

¹

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2017/2052\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2017/2052(INI)&l=en)

reaching at least the low threshold. That deadline shall not be less than 24 hours before the start of the vote.”²

Decision:

The Acting Chair announced that the secretariat would circulate an email detailing the practicalities for applying the procedure laid down in Rule 88(5).

Note: That email contained the following elements:

- *a table with all the amendments that were rejected in the Committee on Budgets,*
- *a request to all groups to declare which amendments they endorse, deadline 18 October 10 a.m.*
- *a clarification that only amendments receiving support from a number of groups representing a majority of seats (28 out of 55) would be tabled on 18 October at noon on behalf of the committee.*

Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

None

Pending conflicts of competence

None

Documents for information

None

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+RULES-EP+20170116+RULE-088+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN&navigationBar=YES>

Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

None

Opinions

5.1. Changes to the resources for economic, social and territorial cohesion and to the resources for the investment for growth and jobs goal and for the European territorial cooperation goal - COM (2017)0565 [EC]

Responsible: REGI

Opinions: BUDG, EMPL, CULT

Decision: No opinion

Documents for information

None

None

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

At their meeting on 13 July, the Coordinators confirmed that the delegation visit will take place **from 30 October to 1 November**.

The following nominations were received:

S&D	Ms Agnes JONGERIUS
S&D	Mr Georgi PIRINSKI (local Member)
ALDE	Mr Jasenko SELIMOVIC
GUE/NGL	Ms Kostadinka KUNEVA

An outline of the draft programme was included in the Annexes.

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the state of play.

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

- in the presence of Mrs Sander, Cedefop rapporteur, and Mr Calvet Chambon, Eurofound rapporteur (Mr Hoc, EU-OSHA rapporteur, was excused) -

Decision:

The Coordinators

- **heard the Acting Chair who informed them of the state of play following a staff-level preparatory meeting that had been held the day before**
- **held an exchange of views**
- **decided that the negotiations with the Council shall be organised in two phases:**
 - **Phase 1 shall consist of joint trilogues for all three files on the common parts**
 - **Phase 2 shall consist of separate trilogues for the parts specific to each Agency**
- **agreed that the conclusion of the specific parts for an Agency was the prerogative of the negotiating team for that Agency**
- **instructed the Secretariat and the Codecision Unit to submit a paper with practical and methodological information.**

2. 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

- Annual quota for hearings: 16 reimbursed experts.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- held an exchange of views during which the groups indicated their priorities
- decided, on the basis of the support received for the proposals, that the following three public hearings be requested for the first half of the year 2018:
 1. *“Digitalisation and automation: Challenges for the labour market and social security systems”*
 2. *“Working conditions in sectors presenting a high risk of exploitation”*
 3. *A hearing in the context of the legislative proposal “Work-life balance” (rapporteur Mr Casa).*

Additionally, the Coordinators

- noted that the S&D group had made the proposal to invite Commissioner Thyssen to present the state of play on the future ‘European Labour Authority’, the envisaged European Social Security Number ³ and on other priorities such as the revision of the Written Statements Directive and
- instructed the Secretariat to explore when would be the best moment for such an exchange of views, taking account of the progress of preparatory work within the Commission. [LS]

³ “Proposal to establish a European Labour Authority to strengthen cooperation between labour market authorities at all levels and better manage cross-border situations, as well as further initiatives in support of fair mobility, such as a European Social Security Number.”

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/letter-of-intent-2017_en.pdf

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

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

On 6 April 2017, Coordinators decided on a list of subjects for studies, briefings and workshops.

This leaves budgetary and staffing capacities for two more projects in 2017.

On 7 September, Coordinators called for new subjects for the year 2018 to be proposed by the Political Groups by 18 September 2017, cob.

Coordinators will find in Annex an assessment by Policy Department of the proposals received.

Decision

The Coordinators

- **held an exchange of views**
- **asked the Policy Department to submit a revised list of proposals taking account of the remarks and suggestions made during the exchange of views.**

4. European Parliamentary Days 2018 - 19 and 20 February 2018 [CF tbc]

Decision:

The Coordinators:

- 1. agreed on the proposed structure and**
- 2. Invited the Groups to submit proposals by 9 November noon for**
 - Topics to be discussed at the ICM, with draft questions;**
 - Possible names of Members of national Parliaments to be invited as speakers on those topics.**

Coordinators could agree on the topics and on the questionnaire at their next meeting of 21 November in order for the Secretariat to send the questionnaire to national Parliaments by early December.

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

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter from President TAJANI to Ms WIKSTRÖM, Chair of the CCC, asking her to invite Committees to participate in this "Africa Week" by discussing a dedicated point on Africa in their respective committee meetings during this week
- a note on a high-level conference on Africa which will be held on 22 November 2017 in Brussels.

Decision:

The Coordinators:

1) Agreed to allocate a 1 hour slot for this item during the EMPL Committee meeting on 20-21 November.

2) Instructed the Secretariat to identify, until 20 October 2017, noon, suitable available speakers (Commission, World Bank, ACP), subject to confirmation by the Coordinators in a written procedure (deadline 24 October COB).

6. Experts for the Governing Board of the European Training Foundation (ETF) (BM)

Background

Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a European Training Foundation (ETF) includes in its Article 7 the provision that the Governing Board of the ETF shall "consist of one representative of each Member State, three representatives of the European Commission, as well as three non-voting experts appointed by the European Parliament".

The term of office of the three experts

- Mr Jan ANDERSSON from Sweden (sponsored by the S&D group) - will not represent himself
- Ms Edit BAUER, from the Slovakia (sponsored by the EPP group) - availability to be verified
- Mr Jean-Francois MEZIERES from France (sponsored by the ALDE group) - availability to be verified

who were appointed in February 2015, comes to an end in February 2018.

Decision:

The Coordinators

noted that the procedure would be as follows:

- a) political groups may propose candidates by 16 November 2017 and a shortlist of suitable candidates would be established by Coordinators at their following meeting on 21 November;*
- b) shortlisted candidates could be invited for a hearing and selected candidates could be confirmed at the EMPL committee meeting in January 2018;*
- c) the Chair would then recommend the appointment of the selected candidates to the CoP;*

took note of the Chair's announcement on Mr Andersson's unavailability for a new term of office;

decided that

- **the Secretariat shall verify the availability of Ms Bauer and Mr Mezieres**
- **the deadline for submitting proposals for suitable candidates shall be the 16th of November 2017, COB.**

7. Delegated Acts based on the ESF Regulation – possible early non objection and format of presentations [BM]

Decision

The Coordinators instructed the Secretariat to submit a paper with more detailed information with a view to preparing a decision of principle at a future meeting.

8. Points for information

Timetables Opinions:

Commission proposal for a directive on Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions (COM(2016)0822) - rapporteur: Paloma Lopez Bermejo

Revised timetable

Vote in EMPL	20-21 November 2017
Vote in IMCO	4 December 2017
Plenary	tbc

Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps (COM(2017)262) – Rapporteur : Brando Benifei

Send draft opinion to translation	19 October 2017
Consideration of draft opinion	9 November 2017
Deadline for tabling amendments	15 November 2017 at 12.00
Consideration of AMs tabled (tbc)	4 December 2017
Vote in EMPL	11 January 2018 tbc
Vote CULT	22-23 January 2018 tbc

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

The next Coordinators' meetings will take place on

- ~~Thursday, 16 November, 10.00-11.30⁴~~; **Tuesday, 21 November, during the EMPL meeting (time-slot probably 15:00-16:30 hrs tbc)**
- Thursday, 7 December, 10.00-11.30

⁴ Meeting in Strasbourg

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 confirmed