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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, 11 January 2018**

**10.00-11.30**

**Room JAN 6Q2- Brussels**

**RESULTS**

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The meeting opened at 9.45 and closed at 10.40 with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair	Mrs Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair,
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes Jongerius, 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

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, Chair
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator



## **1. Chair's announcements**

### **1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]**

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

### **1.2. Update on Brexit [EC]**

Coordinators took note of the latest developments including that a comprehensive EP resolution on the future EU/UK relationship was expected to be adopted in the first quarter of 2018. For the the joint LIBE/EMPL/PETI hearing see point 2.3 of the agenda.

### **1.3. European Parliamentary days - 19 and 20 February 2018 [EC/CF]**

The 2018 European Semester Conference (Article 13) will take place on 19-20 February 2018 in Brussels. It will include three plenary sessions as well as an interparliamentary committee meeting organised by EMPL on the **afternoon of 19 February**. An updated draft of the structure, prepared at a technical level , and a questionnaire for each topic to be discussed at the EMPL meeting were among the meeting documents.

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

### **2.1. EMPL delegation to Canada in week 14 [RS/LS]**

On 8 November 2017, the CoP authorized the EMPL Committee delegation of 7 Members including the Chair to Ottawa and Toronto, in the week of 3 to 7 April 2018 (5 days including travel time). On 7 December, Coordinators confirmed these dates.

The composition according to the d'Hondt system would be as follows:

- 1. 1 EPP**
- 2. 1 S&D**
- 3. 1 Greens /EFA**
- 4. 1 GUE /NGL**
- 5. 1 EFDD**
- 6. 1 ENF**
- 7. 1 ALDE**

#### **Decision:**

##### *The Coordinators*

- *invited political groups to communicate to the Secretariat the names of Members taking part in the delegation, at the latest by Thursday 18 January 2018, 12.00.*
- *Noted that, if places were still available after this deadline, the following political groups, according to d'Hond, would be able to nominate a participant.*

- 9. EPP
- 10. S&D
- 11. EPP
- 12. ECR
- 13. GUE/NGL

## **2.2. EMPL delegation to Cedefop 12-13 February 2018 [JuB]**

Coordinators noted that the delegation to Cedefop in Thessaloniki would take place on 12-13 February 2018 with the following Members participating:

S&D Mr Emilian Pavel

EPP Ms Anne Sander

## **2.3 Hearing on Citizens' rights after Brexit (01 February 2018)- selection of EMPL speakers [EC]**

EMPL will be associated to the hearing on citizens' rights after Brexit (jointly organised by LIBE, EMPL and PETI), to take place on Thursday 1 February 2018 in the afternoon.

### **Decision:**

*Invite:*

- *Following a proposal by the Acting Chair, which was approved in a written procedure by the Coordinators on , it has been decided to replace "Eurocitizens2020" by "British in Europe"*
- *Ms. Esther Lynch, Confederal Secretary, ETUC*

*If these speakers were not available, substitute speakers would be:*

- *Ms Elspeth Guild. Centre European Policy Studies*
- *Dr Anthony Valcke, European Citizens' Action Service and the EU Rights Clinic*
- *Prof. Christopher McCrudden, Professor of Equality and Human Rights Law at Queens University in Belfast*

*Those not based in Brussels would have their expenses reimbursed.*

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

### **3.1. Apprenticeship Framework - request from CULT [BM]**

By letter of 1 December 2017 the CULT Chair made the following request:

“[...] I would appreciate it very much if the CULT Committee could be associated to this oral question and the potential motion for resolution.”

Coordinators took note of the Acting Chair’s letter of 20 December inviting the CULT committee to table amendments to the resolution only.

### **3.2. FEMM own-initiative report “EU funds to improve work-life balance” [JuB]**

#### **Decision:**

To maintain the objection to this FEMM report if that Committee offered to narrow its scope to encompass only the following Commission priority area (as laid down in the communication): “2. Improving the Quality, Affordability and Access To Childcare and Long-Term Care” and the related non-legislative measures.

## **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 ECR: Jana Žitňanská - Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment (TV)	12.10.2017	07.11.2017	14.11.2017	06.12.2017	25-26 April 2018
Renate Weber - The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed (BM)	21.11.2017				

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

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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}
7	Helga Stevens -	Progress Report on the implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2010 - 2020)	19 octobre 2017, plénière 30 novembre 2017	
8	Romana Tomc	The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States (	4 décembre, plénière janvier 2018	

{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)

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### **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](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
		<del>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</del>	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



		<p><del>S&amp;D group expressed reservations about this title change) [The ECR Group expressed its opposition to those reservations.]</del></p> <p><b>Agreed title : Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment</b></p>	<p>ECR opposition as shown in the minutes of 6.4.2017</p> <p>Coordinators' decision of 17 October 2017</p>		
		<p>The role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed</p>	<p>Coordinators' decision of 15.10.2015</p>		ALDE
1		<p>The campaign of the International Labour Organisation to ratify the Protocol on Forced Labour and to contemporary forms of severe labour exploitation</p>	<p>Coordinators' decision of 1.9.2016</p>		Chair

#### Reports

none

#### Opinions

### **5.1. Strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the European Union: the 7th report of the European Commission (MM)**

#### **Decision:**

Appoint the Acting Chair as rapporteur and confirm the timetable for the opinion as follows:

Send draft opinion to translation	5 February 2018
Consideration of draft opinion	21-22 February 2018
Deadline AMs	27 February 2018, noon only in EN
Shadows meetings	Weeks 10 and 11
<b>Vote in EMPL</b>	21-22 March 2018

**5.2. Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States (MP tbc)**

**Decision:**

*The Rapporteur for opinion would be nominated by the EPP Group.*

**5.3. Increase of the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective (MP tbc)**

COM(2017)0825

**Decision:**

*The Rapporteur for opinion would be nominated by the EPP Group.*

**5.4. Strengthening fiscal responsibility and the medium-term budgetary orientation in the Member States (CF tbc)**

COM(2017)0824

**Decision:**

*No opinion.*

**5.5. Proposal for a Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union**

COM(2017)797

**Decision:**

*Invite Commissioner Thyssen to present this proposal, adopted on 21 December 2017, to a future Committee meeting.*

**Documents for information**

none

**6. Public consultation for the evaluation of the 4 Agencies- request by the ALDE group [CF/BM/JuB]**

Mail from the ALDE Coordinator, Mr Calvet Chambon, of 9.01.2017, raising concerns about Parliament's role in the validation seminar for the evaluation of the EU agencies under the remit of DG EMPL.

**Decision:**

*The Coordinators*

- *Asked the Secretariat to clarify the timetable for the evaluation and the documents that are currently available;*
- *Instruct the Chair to send a letter on behalf of EMPL to point out this issue and to invite the Commission to present the results of the evaluation to a Committee meeting as soon as possible.*

**7. Motions for Resolutions - decision on procedure [CF]**

none

**8. Petitions [CF]**

**A. Petitions received for opinion**

none

**B. Petitions received for information**

1. Petition No 0696/2016 by L.M. (Italian) on behalf of the local Police Department of the CSA, including 1 additional signature, on the need for a new classification of the local police by the Italian State
2. Petition No 0029/2017 by Matthieu Guillaume Chatelin (French) on ensuring the dignity of people with disabilities and access to toilet facilities
3. Petition No 0640/2017 by Carlo Pari (Italian) on the abuse of fixed-term contracts in music and fine arts academies in Italy
4. Petition 0651/2017 by Fotios Batsios (Greek) concerning the admissibility of Greek military personnel refusing to work extra hours
5. Petition 0658/2017 by G.Ch. (Greek) on approval of her application for increased disability benefits following injuries sustained by her at work as the result of a terrorist attack
6. Petition No 0729/2017 by Michael Ashbrook (German) on equal rights for EU Institutions employers

## 9. Points for information [ADs concerned]

*EMPL opinion to CULT report on EU Youth Strategy: please note the revised deadline for amendments in light of Coordinators' meeting.*

### Timetables Reports:

**REV 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,**

Rapporteur: Guillaume Balas, COM(2016)815, 2016/0397 (COD) (RS/JuB)

EMPL Coordinators - appointment of rapporteur	9 February 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	<del>10</del> 12 January 2018, 12h00
Consideration of amendments	<del>21/22</del> 27 February
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	March, April, May, June
Adoption EMPL	19 June
Plenary	tbc

### **Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States**

**Rapporteur: Tatjana Zdanoka**

Exchange of views without document	22-23 January 2018
Send draft report to translation	1 February 2018
Consideration of draft report	21-22 February 2018
Deadline AMs	27 February 2018, noon

Availability of AMs in all languages	14 March 2018 tbc
Shadows meetings	Weeks 12, 13, 15 and 16
Consideration of AMs tabled	21-22 March 2018
<b>Vote in EMPL</b>	25-26 April 2018
Vote plenary	May II
General approach by EPSCO Council	21-22 June 2018

### **Timetables Opinions:**

**Revised timetable of BUDG report on the INI report “Next MFF: preparing the Parliament’s position on the MFF post-2020” (EMPL Rapporteur: M. Ulvskog), rule 53(4)<sup>1</sup> - *still subject to further changes if BUDG postpones its vote***

Draft report tabled by BUDG Co-Rapporteurs available (in EN)	<del>14/12/2018</del> 11 or 12 /01/2018
AM deadline EMPL (in EN only <sup>2</sup> )	<del>08/01/2018 noon</del> 16/01/2018 at noon (by email)
Shadows meetings EMPL	<del>11/01 morning and 16/01 afternoon</del> 18/01/2018 ; 10h30-12h (with videoconference)
consideration of the draft report in BUDG	24-25/01/2018
Adoption EMPL AMs	22-23/01/2018 (to be tabled to BUDG on behalf of EMPL within the BUDG deadline)
AM deadline BUDG	31/1/2018
vote in BUDG	21-22/02/2018
vote in plenary	March 2018

<sup>1</sup> See coordinators decision (meeting of 17 October 2017):

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”.<sup>1</sup>
- 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)<sup>1</sup>, that is the adoption of amendments by EMPL committee, the rapporteur being the Acting Chair.

<sup>2</sup> In order for EMPL to adopt the AMs on 22-23/01 and table them by 31/1/2018, AMs must be tabled in EN.

**Rapporteur M. Harkin - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities**

**Rapporteur M. Šojdrová - Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card introduced by Regulation ....[ESC regulation]....**

**Revised common timetable:**

Send text to TO/Translation	7 September
Debate(s) in Committee	28 September
Deadline AMs	25 October, noon
Consideration of AMs tabled	20/21 November
Shadows meetings	2017: Weeks 48-49-50 / 2018 : Weeks 2-3
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>26/27 February</b>
Vote lead committee	March (date tbc)
Vote plenary	Tdb

**EMPL opinion to CULT report on EU Youth Strategy - rapp. Joao Pimenta Lopes**

Send text to TO/Translation	1 February
Consideration of draft opinion	21/22 February
<b>Deadline AMs</b>	<b>27 February – noon</b>
Shadows meetings	Weeks 11 - 12
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>27/28 March</b>
Vote lead committee CULT	25/26 April
Vote plenary	Tdb

**Use of EMPL annual translation reserve**

On 8.1.2017, the EMPL Committee had 100% of its annual translation reserve (45 pages) available.

## **10. Any Other Business**

*Coordinators agreed to convene the CULT and EMPL committees (under Rule 55) on **23 January at 9.00 to vote** on the agreement on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (**Europass**) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC (first reading agreement). This would be followed by the EMPL Committee votes.*



## 11. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK/LE]

### Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 February (10.00-11.30), room tbc

- *The Secretariat was asked to check whether the date of the next meeting could be changed from 1 February. However, limitations on availability of rooms for Committee meetings during Group weeks mean that the only other possibility would be Monday afternoon (29 January).*

### Coordinator's meeting dates in 2018

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