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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs***EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING****Thursday, 14 June 2018****8.15-09.00****Room SDM S5 Strasbourg****RESULTS**

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Version 1

The meeting opened at 08:15 and closed at 9:00 hrs with Marita Ulvskog in the chair.

Present

Acting Chair	Mrs Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair,
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Mr Agnes Jongerius, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Ulrike Trebesius, representative of the Coordinator
ALDE	Mr Enrique Calvet Chambon, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr João Pimenta Lopes, Co-Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, Chair
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

Also present

Invited for Item 2.1.: Ms Lope Fontagné, rapporteur for the ESF+

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

1. Allocation of reports and opinions

Prior to taking the subsequent decisions, the workload was as follows:

- 12 Reports (9 COD, 3 INI)
- 12 Opinions (9 COD, 2 BUD, 1 INI)
- 1 QO/RE

Reports

1.1. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2019 (CF)

EMPL/8/13406 - 2018/2120(INI)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

Opinions

1.2. European Solidarity Corps Programme [BM]

2018/0230 (COD) - COM(2018)0440/*final 2* - Lead CULT

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

Request Rule 54 in line with the past precedent.

1.3. InvestEU programme [CF]

2018/0229(COD) - COM(2018)0439 - Lead ECON/BUDG ?

Decision:

No opinion

1.4. European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund [MM]

EMPL/8/13519 - 2018/0197(COD)- COM(2018)0372 - Lead REGI

Decision:

No opinion

1.5. Establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function [MM]

EMPL/8/13513 - 2018/0212(COD) - COM(2018)0387 - Lead ECON

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

1.6. Establishment of the Reform Support Programme [CF]

EMPL/8/13493 - 2018/0213(COD) - COM(2018)0391- Lead ECON

Decision:

No opinion

1.7. Establishing the Creative Europe programme (2021 to 2027) [LS]

EMPL/8/13471 - 2018/0190(COD) - COM (2018)0366 - Lead CULT

Recommendation:

No opinion.

1.8. Specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments [MM]

EMPL/8/13452 - 2018/0199(COD) - COM (2018)0374- Lead REGI

Decision:

No opinion

1.9. Implementation report on the Trade pillar of the Association Agreement (AA) with Central America [CF]

EMPL/8/13372 - 2018/2106(INI) - Lead INTA

Decision:

No opinion

1.10. A comprehensive European industrial policy on artificial intelligence and robotics [LS]

EMPL/8/13331 - 2018/2088(INI)- Lead ITRE

Decision:

No opinion

1.11. Care services in the EU for improved gender equality (EC)

EMPL/8/13298 - 2018/2077(INI) - Lead FEMM

Observations:

Linked to Work-life Balance file.

Decision

The Coordinators

- *confirmed their decision not to give an opinion, given that the Coordinators decided already on 26.04.2018 not to follow this up*
- *instructed the Secretariat to prepare a firm letter inviting FEMM yet again to stay within their remit*
- *agreed that the letter should be signed by the Acting Chair and by all the Coordinators.*

1.12. Minimum level of training of seafarers (RS)

EMPL/8/13252 - 2018/0162(COD), COM(2018)0315, Lead TRAN

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2. MFF-related spending programmes - cooperation between committees

General information on the dispute settlement process:

“At the meeting of the Conference of Committee Chairs (CCC) on 17 April, the Committee Chairs confirmed their willingness to adopt a pro-active approach as regards the division of competences among the committees for the MFF sector-specific programmes with a view to find an agreement before the summer recess and allow the committees to start working without delay.

In order to attain this objective and allow the Conference of Presidents (CoP) to take a decision before the summer, the CCC would need to prepare its position on the modalities of cooperation between committees regarding the MFF programmes already by the end of June.

CCC expects committees to react and express their requests within a very short deadline after the adoption of the MFF proposals by the Commission.

In view to create as much as possible a suitable environment for agreements between committees within this very tight timeframe, it is proposed that committees’ requests on the MFF proposals are discussed amongst the Committee Chairs concerned (accompanied by their HoU) in ad-hoc meetings. These meetings could be organised in two steps:

- **First step:**
 - *a meeting on 13/06 (16:00-18:00) to discuss committees’ requests in relation to the first batch of proposals that the Commission plans to adopt around 29/05;*
 - *a second meeting on 18/06 (19:00-21:00) in relation to the second batch of proposals that the Commission plans to adopt around 6/06;*
 - *a third meeting on 19/06 (19:00-21:00) in relation to the third batch of proposals that the Commission plans to adopt around 12/06;*
- **Second step:**
 - *a meeting on 25/06 (19:00-21:30) after the regular committee meeting slots to finalise committees’ approach on their modalities of cooperation.*

Interpretation facilities have been requested for the Conference of Committee Chairs language regime, awaiting confirmation by the services.”

Additional information:

- **Third step:**

Failing an agreement between the committees concerned, the CCC Chair will issue a recommendation **by 2 July 2018**

- **Fourth step:**

The Conference of Presidents will take a final decision, as appropriate upon recommendation from the CCC Chair **on 5 July 2018**.

2.1. ESF+ - cooperation with ENVI - Rule 54 and possible splitting off of the Health Strand [MP]

In the presence of the rapporteur for the ESF+, Ms Lope Fontagné, EPP

The papers for the meeting included

- an email from the ENVI Secretariat of 5 June 2018 concerning the requested split
- a letter from Ms Ulvskog to Ms Wikström of 6 June 2018 on the ESF+ cooperation with ENVI
- an email from Ms Blinkeviciute, FEMM Chair, dated 13 June 2018
- a table of 13 June 2018 providing an overview of the state of play in relation of all the proposals bundled in 'Batch 1'.

Decision

The Coordinators

regarding the request from CULT

- took note of the fact that CULT had requested the application of Rule 54 over the entire proposal and
- rejected that request as unfounded;

regarding the request from FEMM

- took note of an email from Ms Blinkeviciute, received on 13.6., in which the FEMM request to apply Rule 54 was detailed;
- rejected that request as unfounded;

regarding the request from ENVI

- took note of the state of play, viz.
 - the request from ENVI and
 - the provisional EMPL position as laid down in the letter from the EMPL Chair

- took note of the latest developments during the conciliation meeting of Ms Wikström with the Chairs of the committees concerned on 13 June 16:00 hrs:
 - *the ENVI representative at the ad hoc CCC on 13.6., Miriam DALLI, had indicated that ‘Scenario B’ was ENVI’s reference scenario, meaning that ENVI wanted EMPL to agree to invite the Commission to submit two new separate proposals.*

- took note of the fact that all the legislative proposals falling under the general procedural framework of the Common Provisions Regulation¹ were being discussed in the *Council Working Party on Structural Measures*² and that that working party was reporting to the *General Affairs Council*

- took note of the fact that a split of a legislative proposal is possible according to various scenarios (Scenarios A, B and C as described in the notes for the coordinators’ meeting)

- took note of the possible practical arrangements to implement Scenarios A, B or C and their potential implications

- held an exchange of views, emphasising inter alia

¹ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/regional-development-and-cohesion_en

² [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2018/6/structural-measures-\(267695\)/](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2018/6/structural-measures-(267695)/)

- the relative financial weight of the Health Strand (EUR 413 million) in relation to the total financial appropriations for the ESF+ over the reference period (EUR 88.6 billion)
 - the extremely tight time-frame available for dealing with the proposal at first reading (last plenary session on 14-18 April 2019)
 - the risk of delays induced by a possible request for a split
- unanimously decided that
 - EMPL shall not agree with the request to split off the Health Strand of the ESF+ proposal,
 - pointed out, regarding EMPL's formal offer to apply Rule 54, which had already made, that this would give ENVI the possibility
 - to conduct trilogues on the parts for which that committee would have exclusive powers, and
 - to be duly involved in the trilogues regarding provisions under shared powers,
 - without, however, affording ENVI the possibility to block the timely conclusion of the ESF+ Regulation
 - instructed the EMPL Chair to draw up a letter to inform the CCC of EMPL's position
 - noted that the draft letter would be circulated to the Coordinators before signature for possible comments.

2.2. Common Provisions Regulation - EMPL's request for Rule 54 with REGI [MM]

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter from Ms Ulvskog to Ms Wikström on the CPR cooperation with REGI
- a letter from Ms Mihaylova to Ms Wikström rejecting the request for Rule 54

Decision

The Coordinators

- **took note of the state of play, viz.**
 - **the provisional EMPL position as laid down in the letter from the EMPL Chair**
 - **possible further developments in the light of the conciliation meeting of Ms Wikström with the Chairs of the concerned committees on 13 June 16:00 hrs, where REGI categorically rejected any Rule 54 arrangements by any committee**
- **decided, while noting the abstention of the ALDE Group, that the claim for Rule 54 should be maintained.**

2.3. Erasmus+ - EMPL's request for Rule 54 with CULT [LS]

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter from Ms Ulvskog to Ms Wikström on the Erasmus+ cooperation with CULT

Decision

The Coordinators

- **took note of the state of play, viz.**
 - **the provisional position as laid down in the letter from the EMPL Chair,**
 - **at the conciliation meeting of Ms Wikström with the Chairs of the concerned committees on 13 June 16:00 hrs, the CULT Chair had announced that CULT would withdraw their Rule 54 request on the ESF+ if EMPL were to withdraw its Rule 54 request regarding Erasmus.**
- **decided to maintain the claim for Rule 54 and instructed the secretariat to draw up a draft letter for the signature of the Chair with detailed arguments corroborating that claim.**

3. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables Reports:

REV Timetables:

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 Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 - COM(2016)815 - 2016/0397 (COD) - Rapporteur: Guillaume Balas (S&D) (RS)

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	12 January 2018, 12h00
Consideration of amendments	27 February
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	March, April, May, June
Adoption EMPL	19 June 24 September
Plenary	tbc

Employment and social policies of the euro area - Rapporteur Krzysztof Hetman [MM/AH]

Send draft report to translation	20 June 2017
Consideration of draft report	11-12 July 2018
Deadline AMs*	17 July 2018–30 August 2018, noon, only in EN

Shadows meetings	Weeks 36, 37, 39 and 40
Consideration of AMs tabled	24 September 2018
Vote in EMPL	8-9 October 2018
Vote plenary	October II (tbc)

** At the previous Coordinators meeting the secretariat was invited to examine whether postponing the deadline until after the summer recess would be possible.*

*As the plenary vote has to take place in October II, postponement of the deadline is only possible if **AMs can be tabled only in EN. Latest possible deadline is 30/08.***

European Labour Authority - Rapporteur Jeroen Lenaers [BM]

Deadline to send draft report to translation	11 June 2018 -21 June 2018
Consideration of draft report	28 June 2018 -11-12 July 2018
Deadline for tabling amendments	10 July 2018, 12.00 17 July 2018, 12.00
Consideration of AMs	29-30 August 2018
Adoption EMPL	18 October 2018

4. Situation of the interpreters at the EP

Decision

The Coordinators

- heard Mr Pimenta Lopes, Co-coordinator of the GUE/NGL group, who asked the chair to allow the interpreters to come to the next meeting and to explain their situation and to express their views
- held an exchange of views
- agreed to invite the representatives of the interpreters to the next EMPL meeting on 19 June 2018 to listen to their concerns and to hold an exchange of views with EMPL Committee Members (tentative timing: 12:00 - 12:30 hrs, TBC).

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

Next meeting:

Coordinator's meeting dates in 2018

Thursday, 12 July (a.m., possibly 9 - 10:30 a.m. TBC) - 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