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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

3 September 2019

15:30 - 17:00 hrs

AND

18:30 - 19:30 hrs

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RESULTS OF THE MEETING

03.09.2019

Version 1

The meeting ran from 15:30 to 17:00 hrs and from 18:35 to 19:30 hrs with Ms Lucia *uriš* Nicholsonová in the Chair.

Present

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| EPP | Mr Denis RADTKE, Coordinator |
| S&D | Ms Agnes Jongerius, Coordinator |
| RE | Mr Drago PÍSLARU, Coordinator |
| RE | Ms Sylvie BRUNET, Deputy Coordinator |
| Greens/EFA | Ms Kira Peter-Hansen, Coordinator |
| ID | Ms France JAMET |
| ECR | Ms El bieta RAFALSKA, Coordinator |
| GUE/NGL | Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN; Coordinator |

Also present

Mr Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ, 3rd Vice-Chair.
Ms Katrin LANGENSIEPEN, 4th Vice-Chair
Ms Gaby BISCHOFF, rapporteur, present for item 5.2.1.

1. Chair's announcements

1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]

Interpretation was available in DE, EN, FR and PL.

1.2. Information on hearings of Commissioners-designate [JB]

Background and preliminary timetable

A meeting between the EP and Commission services on the organisation of the hearings of Commissioners-designate took place on Monday 2 September. The following details on the timetable and procedure are known so far:

-) The list with the names of the candidates and portfolios should be received between 3 and 6 September
-) The CCC will meet on 10 September to decide on the roles of the committees (responsible, jointly responsible, responsible plus associated committee(s))
-) Each committee responsible shall submit five written questions. The deadline is between 10 to 16 September (tbc)
-) The responses to the written questions and financial declarations will be sent to the EP by 26 September
-) The hearings will take place from 30 September to 8 October
-) The vote on the Commission will take place during the October II session
-) During the hearings, up to 25 oral questions can be asked. One follow-up question may be asked immediately within the allocated time.
-) The Commissioners-designate opening statements can last up to 15 minutes, the closing remarks up to 5 minutes.

The EP rules on the hearings can be found in annexe VII of the EP rules of procedure: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RULES-9-2019-07-02-ANN-07_EN.html

Written questions – suggested procedure and timeline

According to the EP rules of procedure, the committee responsible shall submit five written questions; sub-questions shall not be allowed. In the case of joint committees, they shall each be given the right to submit three questions.

The deadline for all Committees to finalise the written questions is between 10 and 16 September (exact date tbc).

To meet this deadline, it is suggested that each political group submits two proposals for written questions to the EMPL Secretariat by Monday, 9 September, cob. On the basis of the drafts received, the Secretariat will develop five questions and submit them to the Coordinators for validation in a written procedure.

If need be, an additional Coordinators meeting could be held on Thursday, 12 September, a.m. to finalise the five written questions.

Decision

Coordinators decided to apply the above procedure and timeline.

1.3. Meeting dates of the EMPL Committee in 2020 [JK/LE]

The papers for the meeting include the committee meeting dates for 2020.

Decision

The Coordinators

-) noted that the proposed dates were confirmed by the Calendar Unit, which had to take account of the overlapping needs of 20 standing committees and 2 sub-committees**
-) noted that the proposed list comprises a maximum number of meeting slots. Marginal slots (e.g. Monday afternoons, Thursday afternoons etc.) shall be cancelled in good time if they are not needed**
-) decided to cancel the slot of Monday, 31 August 2020, p.m.**
-) agreed that votes shall not be held on Thursday afternoons and that votes should be scheduled in such manner that the highest possible attendance of Members is possible**
-) adopted the meeting dates subject to the aforementioned conditions.**

2. Constitution of the EGF working group [MiP]

Decision

-) Coordinators decided that the working group shall
- be chaired by Mr Zdechovsky and
 - be composed as follows:

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| EPP | Romana TOMC |
| S&D | Vilija BLINKEVI I T |
| Renew | Jane BROPHY |
| Greens/EFA | Alexandra Louise Rosenfield PHILLIPS |
| ID | Elena LIZZI |
| ECR | El bieta RAFALSKA |
| GUE/NGL | José GUSMÃO |

3. Nomination of experts to the Management Boards of the Agencies under the EMPL remit [LS/JB/TV/BM]

Procedure:

Decision

Coordinators

-) short-listed the following candidates
- Mr Heinz K. Becker for Cedefop
 - Ms Veronica Lope Fontagné for Eurofound
 - Mr Vlad Mixich for EU-OSHA
 - Mr Jan Cremers for ELA
-) invited the short-listed candidates for a presentation on 7/8 October 2019 (*await authorisation for the payment of travel expenses!*).

4. EMPL Work programme for 2019/2020 - deadlines for proposals

A) Decision on composition of possible delegation visits in 2019

On 24 July 2019, the Coordinators decided:

The Coordinators

-)] *decided to send a 10-Member delegation, plus the Chair, to Croatia in Week 44*
-)] *decided to send an ad-hoc delegation composed of 7 Members (including the Chair) to the ILO in Geneva on 31 October*
-)] *instructed the Secretariat to inform the groups about the composition of both delegations under the d'Hondt system*
-)] *instructed Policy Department A to draw up background notes for both missions.*

Decision

The Coordinators

-)] **Noted that the authorisation of both delegations by the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau was still pending.**
-)] **Invited the groups to nominate their representatives by Friday 6 September 2019 COB**

As regards delegations in the first half of 2020

The deadline to make proposals was set for **24 September COB**.

B) Own initiative reports

Decision

-)] **With a view to taking a final decision during the next EMPL Coordinators meeting, the timetable shall as follows:**
 - **The deadline for a first round of proposals is 24 September end of business**
-)] **The coordinators instructed the secretariat to compile a list of proposals based on the suggestions received from the political groups on topics for**
 - **non-legislative own-initiative reports;**
 - **implementation reports;**

- legislative own-initiative reports.

-) **The compiled list of proposals shall be circulated by the secretariat thereafter in order to be discussed during the EMPL Coordinators meeting on 2/3 October 2019**

C) Planning of public hearings for the second half of 2019 and first half of 2020

Applicable Rules:¹ *Please note that the programming cycle is semi-annual.*

Each committee may hear a maximum of 16 guests each year whose expenses will be covered (NB: this does not exclude the possibility to organize workshops and further hearings with non-reimbursed experts).

- It is recommended to organise no more than 2 hearings in 2019 (e.g. one or two per semester +/- 4 paid experts/hearing)
- It is recommended to organise no more than 4 hearings in 2020 (e.g. one or two per semester +/- 4 paid experts/hearing)
- It is recommended to link hearings to ongoing legislative or non-legislative reports,

Decision

-) **The timetable shall be as follows:**

- **The deadline for a first round of proposals is 24 September end of business**

-) **The coordinators instructed the secretariat to compile a list of proposals based on the suggestions received from the political groups on topics for**
- public hearings in 2019
-public hearings for the first half of 2020

-) **The compiled list of proposals will be circulated by the secretariat thereafter in order to be discussed during the EMPL Coordinators meeting on 2/3 October 2019**

¹ Article 1(4) of the Rules on public hearings
http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.3/422597_net_en.pdf

D) EMPL Expertise budget: Analysis and Workshops [LS and PolDep A]

Decision

The Coordinators instructed the Policy Department to launch the procedure for analyses or workshops to be produced using the EMPL expertise budget.

) The procedure shall be as follows:

- Following the Coordinators' meeting to be held 2-3 September, Policy Department A sends out a request for proposals to Coordinators (1 per political group, deadline for proposals is **24 September end of business**).**
- Coordinators' meeting 2-3 October: Based upon a scientific assessment by Policy Department A, Coordinators agree the products for 2019.**

E) EMPL activities with national parliaments in 2019 and 2020

Decision

Political groups were invited to send their proposals to the secretariat by **24 September end of business**

5. Allocation of reports and opinions

5.0 Decision on the application of the auctioning system

Decision

The Coordinators

-) held an exchange of views
-) decided by a vote, with the EPP, S&D, RE and Greens/EFA voting in favour and ID, ECR and GUE/NGL voting against, to clarify the application of the rules on EMPL auctioning system for the allocation of reports and opinions as follows:

*“If a mandatory legislative report meets no offer, it shall be attributed to a political group for zero points by means of a rolling d'Hondt table;² the same applies to opinions where it is found **by a majority** that the allocation of an opinion for zero points is exceptionally justified. **If the group identified according to the d'Hondt table does not use its slot, it shall maintain its slot for the next instance of a zero point allocation.**”*

“The functioning of the auctioning system shall be reviewed in January 2020.”

5.1. General introduction to the resumption of parliamentary business - Note from the Directors-General of DG IPOL and DG EXPO

Annex: Note

The principle of discontinuity of parliamentary business at the end of a legislative term applies to the European Parliament and it is enshrined in **Rule 240** of its Rules of Procedure. However, recognising the specificity of the legislative procedures - ordinary legislative procedure (OLP), consent (NLE/APP) and consultations (CNS) - Rule 229 [new Rule 240] allows the Conference of Presidents (CoP) of the incoming Parliament to decide at the beginning of each legislative term whether or not to resume work on the "unfinished" legislative procedures. This scrutiny goes in parallel with the examination of the EP first reading positions in accordance with Rule 63 [new Rule 61] or Rule 78e [new Rule 84] (renewed referral).

As concerns the legislative procedures, "**unfinished business**" means any legislative proposal referred by the Commission to Parliament on which Parliament **has not yet adopted its first reading position or granted its consent** (depending on the legislative procedure, work on such proposals may be at preparatory phase, (draft) committee report, committee or plenary mandate).

² The item in question is usually allocated to the next political group in the order established by the rolling d'Hondt table; however, that political group may also decide to exercise its choice at a later stage.

Rule 240 stipulates

“Rule 240: Unfinished business

At the end of the last part-session before elections, all Parliament's unfinished business shall be deemed to have lapsed, subject to the provisions of the second paragraph.

*At the beginning of each parliamentary term, the Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on **reasoned requests from parliamentary committees** and other institutions to resume or continue the consideration of such unfinished business.*

These provisions shall not apply to petitions, citizens' initiatives and communications that do not require a decision.”

EP first reading positions do not fall under "unfinished business".

However, **Rule 61** allows Parliament to ask the Commission to refer its proposal back to Parliament where elections have taken place (thus, in theory, also where an EP first reading was adopted and Council has not acted). The Commission is, of course, free to act or not on this request subject to the Treaty limitation highlighted above. Rule 61 has not been used so far for that purpose.

In addition, Parliament can also request the Council to reconsult it in accordance with **Rule 84**.

Resumption of parliamentary business after the European elections

"If the procedure of 2014 described above is to be mirrored, the following steps could be taken as regards the resumption of work on legislative procedures:

- **mid-July 2019:** the EP President could write to the CCC Chair inviting the committees to make their recommendation whether or not to resume work on ongoing legislative procedures (OLP, NLE, APP and CNS);
- **mid-July 2019:** EP President could write to the Commission and to the Finnish Presidency of the Council recalling Rules 229 [*new Rule 240*] and 63 [*new Rule 61*], and announcing the upcoming decision of the Conference of Presidents (CoP) on the resumption of business;
- **mid-July 2019:** the Chair of the CCC could invite the Chairs of the committees to make their recommendations for the CoP decision;
- **end of July/early September 2019:** committee Chairs could communicate their recommendations to the Chair of the CCC; recently fixed deadline for this purpose:

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- **early September 2019:** the Chair of the CCC [17 September!] could transmit committees' recommendations to the President;
- **19 September 2019:** CoP could decide on unfinished business;
- **end of September:** the President could inform the Commission and the Finnish Presidency of the Council about the CoP decision."

5.1a Brexit contingency measure in relation to the EGF [BM/MiP]

The Coordinators

- **Received the following information from the Legislative Affairs Unit:
“We have been informed by the Commission that tomorrow it will adopt a further package of Brexit contingency proposals – a Communication, some legislative proposals and a consent file. Two of the legislative proposals will be on the eligibility criteria for the European Globalisation Fund and the European Solidarity Fund which I wanted to draw to your attention. The Commission is requesting that the co-legislators adopt the proposals swiftly.”**
- **agreed that the rapporteurs and shadows of the EGF file should act as rapporteurs and shadows for this fresh file, too.**

5.2. Decision on continuity/discontinuity in relation to concrete files

Reports

Transition from 8th to the 9th legislature – decision on pending files

Decision to be taken at the latest at the Coordinators' meeting on 3 September 2019!

5.2.1. Coordination of social security systems (RS/JB)

COM(2016)0815; 2016/0397(COD)

See the “background note on the file”, annexed.

- *Ms Gaby Bischoff, rapporteur for Social Security Coordination (Regulation 2004/883) will be present for item 5.2.1. during the second meeting.*

Details on the file can be found here:

[https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/0397\(COD\)&l=en](https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/0397(COD)&l=en)

The EMPL report was adopted on 20 November 2018.³

The plenary authorised the opening of first reading negotiations on 11 December 2018⁴ with 345/287/24 votes.⁵

On 19 March 2019, after 8 trilogue meetings, the EP negotiating team and the Romanian Presidency reached a provisional political agreement^[1] on the proposal on the revision of the coordination of the social security systems.

The Council was unable to endorse the provisional agreement and the EP delegation requested further changes to the provisional agreement.

On 18 April 2019, following a motion calling for the vote be adjourned (Rule 190(4)), presented by ECR, plenary decided by 291 in favour, 284 against, 6 abstentions, to ‘adjourn’ the vote.

Prior to that, on 10 April 2019, the Romanian Council Presidency informed Parliament that it has not succeeded to secure a qualified majority in Council, necessary to approve the provisional political agreement of 19 March 2019.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-8-2018-0386_EN.html?redirect

⁴ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/PV-8-2018-12-11-ITM-005-02_EN.html

⁵ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/PV-8-2018-12-11-RCV_EN.pdf

^[1] <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-7698-2019-ADD-1-REV-1/en/pdf>

Coordinators' decision of 24 July 2019:

Decision

The Coordinators held an exchange of views during which

-) the EPP group requested to postpone the decision until 3 September so as to allow for internal consultations (Option D)*
-) the S&D group endorsed Option C but could also agree to postponing the decision (Option D)*
-) the Renew Europe group endorsed Option C but could also agree to postponing the decision (Option D)*
-) the Greens/EFA group endorsed Option C but could also agree to postponing the decision (Option D)*
-) the ID group endorsed Option C and agreed to postponing the decision (Option D)*
-) the ECR group endorsed Option A and agreed to postponing the decision (Option D)*
-) the GUE/NGL group [was in favour of Options A or B]⁶ and agreed to postponing the decision (Option D).*

The Coordinators

-) confirmed the attribution of the file to the S&D group for the nomination of a rapporteur*
-) decided to take a final decision on 3 September p.m.*
-) invited Commissioner Thyssen to update the whole committee on latest developments on 3 September a.m.*
-) instructed the Secretariat to draw up a background note on the file so that MEPs who had not followed the file during the 8th term may take decisions on the basis of accurate and complete information (RS/JB).*

⁶ Wording corrected on the basis of an email from GUE/NGL of 2 September 2019.

Decision:

The Coordinators

I. attended the exchange of views with Commissioner Thyssen in the full committee on 3 September 2019 from 17:00 to 18:30 hrs

II. took the following decisions on the procedure in camera from 18:30 to 19:30 hrs:

) noted that Rule 240 stipulates:

“Rule 240: Unfinished business

At the end of the last part-session before elections, all Parliament's unfinished business shall be deemed to have lapsed, subject to the provisions of the second paragraph.

*At the beginning of each parliamentary term, the Conference of Presidents shall take a decision on **reasoned requests from parliamentary committees** and other institutions to **resume** or **continue** the consideration of such unfinished business.*

These provisions shall not apply to petitions, citizens' initiatives and communications that do not require a decision.”

) heard the rapporteur, Ms Bischoff,

) decided with the support of EPP, S&D, RE, Greens/EFA and ID that the Committee shall resume the file and continue the trilogue negotiations at the point where they failed.

) instructed the Chair to write to the Chair of the CCC in order to invite the Conference of Presidents to decide that the file be continued and trilogues be resumed at the point where they had failed and to allow, as appropriate, for the necessary flexibility so that the EP negotiating team may agree jointly with the Council at which stage the negotiations should be resumed.

5.2.2. Conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (EC)

COM(2019)0194

COM(2018)0841

COM(2018)0834

COM(2018)0833

2018/0427(NLE) - Consent procedure, Lead Committee AFCO

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) decided by a majority that the allocation of an opinion for zero points was exceptionally justified**
-) invited the Greens/EFA group to appoint a rapporteur.**

5.2.3. Discharge 2018(SR)

Observations: Decision on ALL discharge procedures to be taken under this item

EMPL referrals

- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission
EMPL/9/01031 - 2019/2055(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament
EMPL/9/01011 - 2019/2056(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council
EMPL/9/00991 - 2019/2057(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice
EMPL/9/00971 - 2019/2058(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Auditors
EMPL/9/00951 - 2019/2059(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee
EMPL/9/00931 - 2019/2060(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Committee of the Regions
EMPL/9/00911 - 2019/2061(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman
EMPL/9/00891 - 2019/2062(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
EMPL/9/00869 - 2019/2066(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
EMPL/9/00867 - 2019/2067(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
EMPL/9/00858 - 2019/2071(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)
EMPL/9/00850 - 2019/2075(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2018: performance, financial management and control
EMPL/9/00808 - 2019/2098(DEC)
- J 2018 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)
EMPL/9/00796 - 2019/2091(DEC)

Decision

The Coordinators

- J **decided by a majority that the allocation of an opinion for zero points was exceptionally justified**
- J **invited the EPP group to appoint one single rapporteur for the following six opinions:**

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission

2018 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

2018 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)

2018 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

2018 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)

2018 discharge: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2018: performance, financial management and control

) decided NOT to issue opinions on the following files:

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Auditors

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Committee of the Regions

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

Possible EMPL timetables, to be decided by the rapporteur and the shadow rapporteurs, for those opinions could be:

Option 1:

-)* PA ready: 10 October cob
-)* Exchange of views in EMPL: 4-5 November
-)* Deadline for AMs: 7 November, noon
-)* Possible shadows meetings: weeks 47 and 48
-)* Vote: 4-5 December

Option 2:

-)* PA ready: 24 October
-)* Exchange of views in EMPL: 4 December
-)* Deadline AMs: 10 December, noon
-)* Possible shadows meetings: weeks 2 and 3
-)* Vote: 22 January 2020

**5.2.4. Establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function (MM)
COM(2018)0387; 2018/0212(COD); Lead ECON/BUDG**

Decision:

Wait with the decision until the lead committees' decision on the further procedure.

**5.2.5. Establishment of the Reform Support Programme (MaP)
COM(2018) 0391; 2018/0213 (COD), Lead ECON/BUDG**

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) decided by a majority that the allocation of an opinion for zero points was exceptionally justified**
-) invited the RE group to appoint a rapporteur.**

5.2.6. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a governance framework for the budgetary instrument for convergence and competitiveness for the euro area

COM(2019)354 - EMPL/9/01087 - 2019/0161(COD)

Decision

No opinion.

5.2.7. Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (SR)

COM(2018)0322 ; 2018/0166 (APP); Lead BUDG

Consent procedure (Rules 92 and 105(5) of the Rules of procedure)

Decision

The Coordinators

-) instructed the Chair send EMPL’s views (set of amendments adopted during the 8th parliamentary term) in the form of a letter from the Chair (Rule 56(1)) [*letter to be finalised in a written procedure*]**

5.2.8. Strengthening fiscal responsibility and the medium-term budgetary orientation in the Member States (MM)

COM(2017)0824; CON/2018/0025; 2017/0335(CNS); Lead ECON

Decision:

Await procedural decision of the lead committee (ECON), expected for 9 September.

5.2.9. Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission’s exercise of implementing powers (BM)

COM(2017)0085; 2017/0035(COD); Lead JURI

Decision:

Wait with the decision until JURI has taken a decision on the procedure (“unfinished business”).

5.2.10. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities (LS)

COM(2016)0824; 2016/0403(COD); Lead IMCO

Outgoing committee adopted its opinion (ALDE draftsman) on 26.2.2018.

Decision:

IMCO Coordinators decided to request the Commission to withdraw the proposals on E-card directive (2016/0402(COD)) and regulation (2016/0403(COD)).

Wait with the final decision until the Conference of Presidents has taken a decision on the procedure in accordance with Rule 240 (“unfinished business”).

5.2.11. 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]....(LS)

COM(2016)0823 ; 2016/0402(COD), Lead IMCO

Outgoing committee adopted its opinion (EPP draftsman) on 26.2.2018.

Decision:

IMCO Coordinators decided to request the Commission to withdraw the proposals on E-card directive (2016/0402(COD)) and regulation (2016/0403(COD)).

Wait with the final decision until the Conference of Presidents has taken a decision on the procedure in accordance with Rule 240 (“unfinished business”).

5.2.12. Enforcement of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amending Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (LS)

COM(2016)0821 ; 2016/0398(COD), Lead IMCO

Decision of the outgoing committee (9 February 2017): No opinion.

Decision:

Wait with the decision until IMCO has taken a decision on the procedure (“unfinished business”).

5.2.13. Union Resettlement Framework (MiP)

COM(2016)0468; 2016/0225(COD); Lead LIBE, EP Rapporteur Malin Bjork (GUE, Sweden). Outgoing EMPL committee adopted no opinion.

Partial provisional agreement was reached on 13 June 2018 between the EP and the Council. However the Council did not finally endorse the agreement. Negotiations have been stalled since then as the Council has not yet found agreement on a renewed mandate on this proposal, the file being part of a package including the revision of the Dublin Regulation on which the Council is still to adopt its mandate. The file is included in the list submitted to LIBE coordinators as 'Unfinished business'.

Note: LIBE Coordinators' decision of 11 July 2019: "Coordinators agreed that all ongoing LIBE legislative procedures (OLP, NLE, APP and CNS) that fall under Rule 240 are to be resumed or continued in the IX Legislature".

Decision: No opinion (as it concerns only the procedures - no aspects of EMPL competence)

5.2.14. Standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents (MiP)

COM(2016)0466; 2016/0223(COD), Lead LIBE, EP Rapporteur Tanja Fajon (S&D, Slovenia)

Decision:

LIBE Coordinators decided on 11 July 2019 that all ongoing LIBE legislative procedures (OLP, NLE, APP and CNS) that fall under Rule 240 are to be resumed or continued in the IX Legislature". However, since the EMPL opinion was drafted on the basis of Rule 50, no EMPL involvement is needed in the trialogues.

To sum up, no follow up is needed of the EMPL Committee.

**5.2.15. Standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast)(MiP)
COM(2016)0465; 2016/0222(COD); Lead LIBE**

Decision:

Similarly to the previous item 5.2.14, *LIBE Coordinators decided on 11 July 2019 that all ongoing LIBE legislative procedures (OLP, NLE, APP and CNS) that fall under Rule 240 are to be resumed or continued in the IX Legislature. However, since the EMPL opinion was drafted on the basis of Rule 50, no EMPL involvement is needed in the dialogues.*

To sum up, no follow up is needed of the EMPL Committee.

5.2.16. Conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment (BM)

COM(2016)0378; 2016/0176(COD); Lead LIBE

The outgoing Committee adopted its opinion as associated committee under Rule 54 (new Rule 57) on 30 May 2017. Rapporteur: Jean Lambert (Greens/EFA).

The LIBE Committee has conducted interinstitutional negotiations in 2017, with the participations of the EMPL rapporteur for the parts under the EMPL competence.

The European Parliament has not concluded the first reading in the 8th term. This file is therefore ‘unfinished business’ under Rule 229 [new Rule 240] of the EP Rules of Procedures.

IMPORTANT TECHNICAL DISCLAIMER: Since the EMPL opinion on this file has already been adopted it will not be technically possible to insert the names of the fresh ‘rapporteurs’ and ‘shadows’ into the Oeil database.

Decision:

Following LIBE Coordinators’ decision of 11 July 2019 that all ongoing LIBE legislative procedures (OLP, NLE, APP and CNS) that fall under Rule 240 are to be resumed or continued in the IX Legislature,

EMPL could confirm the attribution to the Greens/EFA for the appointment of a rapporteur, to follow the interinstitutional negotiations on behalf of the EMPL committee, and invited the other groups to nominate shadow rapporteurs in due course.

5.2.17. European Deposit Insurance Scheme (MaP)

COM(2015)0586; 2015/0270(COD); Lead ECON

Decision:

The Coordinators confirmed the EMPL Coordinators' decision of 7 December 2015 not to deliver an opinion.

5.2.18. Crisis relocation mechanism and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person (MiP)

**COM(2015)0450, 2015/0208(COD);Lead LIBE
EP Rapporteur Timothy Kirkhope (ECR, UK)**

The outgoing Committee adopted no opinion. The proposal was withdrawn by the Commission in April 2019 as announced in the Work Programme 2019.⁷

Decision:

The Coordinators took note that the procedure had lapsed since the proposal has been withdrawn.

⁷ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0621\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0621(01))

**5.2.19. Statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure (MM)
COM(2013)0342; 2013/0181(COD), Lead ECON**

Amendments were adopted in March 2014 in plenary. The lead committee, ECON has not taken a decision on the procedure to be followed in the new legislative term yet. ECON Coordinators might discuss the way forward on 9 September.

Decision:

Wait with the decision until the lead committee's decision on the further procedure.

5.2.20. Amended Commission proposal - Access of third-country goods and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries (RS)

COM(2016)0034; COM(2012)0124; 2012/0060(COD) ; Lead INTA

Decision:

No action for the time being, awaiting the decision of Cop (“unfinished business”) and of INTA on how to proceed regarding this file.

5.2.21. Appointment of rapporteur for EMPL opinion on Erasmus under Rule 53+ (now Rule 56+) to follow the ongoing interinstitutional negotiations:

IMPORTANT TECHNICAL DISCLAIMER: Since the EMPL opinion on this file has already been adopted it will not be technically possible to insert the names of the fresh ‘rapporteurs’ and ‘shadows’ into the Oeil database.

- **Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 – 2018/0191(COD)**

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) **Confirmed the previous attribution to S&D**
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-) **Invited the S&D Group to nominate a rapporteur (and the other groups to nominate shadows in due course) to follow the interinstitutional negotiations on behalf of the EMPL committee (note that the first trilogue has been scheduled for 7 October 2019)**

5.2.22. Commission staff working document Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2019 -- SWD(2019)0294

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the document which can be used as a useful reference for the future legislative and non-legislative files.

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

6.1. Delegation to Helsinki, Article 13 conference, 30 Sept-1 Oct [LS]

Decision:

The Coordinators took note that the political groups had been invited to communicate to the EMPL Secretariat the list of Members participating in this delegation by **Wednesday 28 August at the latest.**

Please note that this is a Parliament delegation, there is thus no specific quota of Members for EMPL. The composition has been decided by the CoP, with a repartition by political groups and not by committees.

Please note that Members should take care of their own travelling arrangements. Please be informed that participants have to register online by Monday 2 September, following this link for online registration:

- Further details: See email from EMPL Secretariat of 12 July 2019.

7. Appointment of the 3 EMPL representatives to the STOA Panel [LS]

The Coordinators decided, following a vote, to appoint the following three EMPL representatives:

- *Denis Radtke, EPP*
- *Lina Galvez, S&D*
- *Yana Toom, RE*

8. Petitions [MaP]

Decision

The Coordinators

-) set the deadline for sending nominations of members representing EMPL in the Petitions Network on **Friday 6 September** COB (please email the secretariat);
-) agreed that during the next coordinators meeting (date tbc), they would appoint one full member and one substitute to the Petitions Network.

9. Gender mainstreaming network [MM]

Decision

The Coordinators invited the groups to send nominations for the EMPL representatives in the Gender Mainstreaming Network **by 24 September** end of business.

10. Publications of the European Court of Auditors [MM]

Decision

In line with past practice, the Coordinators decide to invite the European Court of Auditors to present the following reports at forthcoming EMPL meetings:

-) Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)
-) European Semester 2
-) Cost of implementing the 2014-2020 ESI Funds

11. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables of reports:

[There were no new timetables]

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

Coordinator's meeting dates in 2019

12 September 2019 a.m. (TBC), *only if* needed for finalising the written questionnaire, item 1.3.

02/03 October 2019, as part of the EMPL Committee meeting (exact time tbc)

04/05 November 2019, as part of the EMPL Committee meeting (exact time tbc)

04/05 December 2019, as part of the EMPL Committee meeting (exact time tbc)