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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

17 October 2019

11.30-12.30

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The meeting ran from 11:42 to 12:48 hrs with Ms Lucia Čerňáková in the Chair.

Present

EPP	Mr Denis RADTKE, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes JONGERIUS, Coordinator
RE	Mr Drago PÍSLARU, Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Kira PETER-HANSEN, Coordinator
ID	Mr Guido REIL
ECR	Ms El bieta RAFALSKA, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN; Coordinator

Also present

Ms Katrin LANGENSIEPEN, 4th Vice-Chair

1. Chair's announcements

1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]

Interpretation was available in DE, EN and PL.

1.2. List of EMPL Coordinators

(Number of seats per group in brackets)

<u>EMPL Coordinators/Deputies</u>		
EPP (13)	Dennis Radtke	Sara Skyttedal
S&D (11)	Agnes Jongerius	
RE (8)	Drago Pišlaru	Sylvie Brunet
Greens/EFA (5)	Kira Marie Peter-Hansen	Katrin Langensiepen
ID (5)	France Jamet	
ECR (4)	El bieta Rafalska	Helmut Geuking
GUE/NGL (4)	Nikolaj Villumsen	

The ID Group was represented by Mr Guido REIL.

1.3. Updates on the upcoming EMPL delegations:

-) EMPL delegation visit to the International Labour Organization (31.10.2019) (RS/SR)
 - among the annexes were the participants' list and the draft programme
-) EMPL delegation to Zagreb, Croatia (28-30.10.2019)(LS/LE)
 - among the annexes were the participants' list and the draft programme

1.4. Presentation of ECHA work on occupational health and safety (Occupational Limit Exposures)

Decision

The Coordinators

-) invited the ECHA (with the Commission) for a presentation of ECHA's work on OELs, and a state-of-play on the OSH legislation in a forthcoming EMPL meeting (December tbc);

-)] instructed the Secretariat to act as a facilitator to organise as appropriate subsequent, more thorough, bilateral meetings between ECHA and interested MEPS.

1.5. Establishment of the European Labour Authority (ELA) in Bratislava

Decision

The Coordinators

-)] held an exchange of views
-)] agreed that the ELA should become operational at its future seat in Bratislava as soon as possible
-)] agreed that the action against “Decision (EU) 2019/1199 taken by common accord between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of 13 June 2019 on the location of the seat of the European Labour Authority” should be understood as an act defending Parliament’s prerogatives under the ordinary legislative procedure
-)] decided to ask the President, with the backing of the Conference of Presidents, to write to the President of the Commission inviting the European Commission to submit forthwith a legislative proposal fixing the seat of the Authority in a legally sound way by inserting into the founding Regulation of the ELA an Article to the effect that the seat of the Authority shall be Bratislava.

1.6. Trilogues on the road mobility package

Decision

The Coordinators clarified that EMPL rapporteurs for the mobility package (Ms Maxová, Posting of drivers, and Mr Radtke, Maximum daily and weekly driving times etc, should act, in the context of trilogues, on the basis of the EP position as adopted by the plenary, taking full account of the EMPL position, and that the rapporteurs ought to fully involve and inform the shadow rapporteurs. Agreed that debriefings should be provided to the full committee after each trilogue.

1.7. Possible creation of a non-permanent committee on cancer related issues

Decision

The Coordinators held an exchange of views and agreed to return to the matter.

Note: A letter with the ENVI position was circulated after the meeting.

2. EMPL Work programme for 2020

2.1. Planning of public hearings for the first half of 2020 (TV)

Decision

The Coordinators decided to request authorisation for the following two hearings, with up to four reimbursed experts each

- **The future of labour and the transition to a digital labour market**
- **The employment potential of a Green New Deal and the need for a just transition**

Furthermore, they agreed that a stakeholders' exchange of views should on "New forms of employment - online platform workers" should be organised in the context of the own-initiative report "Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers".

Note: Potential dates for the above hearings would be 17 March 2020 (afternoon), 30 April 2020 (morning), 23 June 2020 (afternoon).

2.2. Own initiative reports

Decision

The Coordinators adopted the list and the additional remark shown overleaf.

EMPL OWN - INITIATIVE REPORTS

First 6 priorities	Reserve rolling list
<i>Impacts of EU rules on the free movements of workers and services: intra-EU labour mobility as a tool to match labour market needs and skills</i>	<i>Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era</i>
<i>Democracy at work: A European framework for employee involvement in company matters and the revision of the European Works Council Directive</i>	<i>A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020(including a better protection of workers from exposure to harmful substances, stress at work and repetitive motion injuries)</i>
<i>Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development¹</i>	<i>European Action Plan for the Social Economy</i>
<i>Access to decent and affordable housing for all</i>	<i>Job creation: just transition and impact investment</i>
<i>Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to aging policy post 2020</i>	<i>Fostering and adapting vocational training as a tool for employees' success and a building block for the EU economy in the new industry 4.0</i>
<i>Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty</i>	<i>Access to child care - a way to enhance labour market participation</i>

Note: Coordinators agree to continue with the best practice used in previous legislative terms as regards urgent INI reports. This practise implies that additional urgent topics can be added at the top of the rolling list (*whenever agreed by the majority of Coordinators, that clearly represents a large majority of the committee, having regards to the respective strengths of the various political groups*) in order for the EMPL committee to be able to react to current developments and potential urgent topics.

¹ Following a written procedure, the EMPL Coordinators agreed to modify the title of the INI, by adding .. “new forms of employment linked to digital development”

EMPL LEGISLATIVE OWN-INITIATIVE REPORTS

1. The right to disconnect
2. Protecting workers from asbestos
3. Revision of European Work Councils directive
4. Quality traineeship in the EU

3. Implementation reports - update on availability of background material and potential timelines

Decision

The Coordinators

) **agreed on the following approach:**

1. **To go ahead immediately (i.e. submit to the CCC meeting in November)** with the Implementation report on **EaSI** mid-term evaluation
2. **To go ahead in March 2020** with the implementation report on the **Employment / UNCRPD**
3. **To put on hold (and possibly revisit at a later stage)** the implementation report on Job creation through **EFSI**
4. **To go ahead in December 2019** with the implementation report re **Youth** employment / programme efficiency

) **decided that authorisations should be requested by three separate letters from the Chair for the dates indicated in points 1, 2, and 4 above.**

) **agreed to return to the issue of job creation through EFSI at a later stage, on the basis of a note from DG EPRS, as and when DG EPRS becomes aware of new developments, but not later then in April 2020 (6 months from now).**

4. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

4.1. Enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) - (BM/SR)

COM(2019)0620 ; 2019/0188(COD)

Decision

Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

Opinions

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

Decision

The Coordinators confirmed that the RE group shall be entitled to nominate the rapporteur to draw up a fresh EMPL opinion (rapporteur during the previous term: Mr Calvet Chambon).

4.3. 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: No possibility to draw up an EMPL opinion

4.4. 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: EMPL action is neither needed nor possible (JURI decided to continue work on the basis of its report)

4.5. 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

Decision: No action

4.6. 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

Decision: No action

4.7. 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: No action

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

Decision: To wait for further details on the procedure

4.9. 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, i.e. awaiting the CoP decision on unfinished business and awaiting further/ concrete steps by INTA.

**4.10. Common procedure for international protection in the Union
COM(2016)0467; 2016/0224(COD) ; Lead Committee LIBE (MiP)**

Decision:

The decision to apply Rule 240 was taken by the CoP on 16 October 2019; the procedure would, therefore, be continued on the basis of the LIBE report. Since the EMPL Coordinators took a decision on 1 September 2016 *not* to deliver an opinion, because of lack of EMPL competences, follow up is neither needed nor possible.

Documents for information

**4.11. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on implementation of Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies (EC)
COM(2019)0368**

Decision: None (for information only)

**4.12. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the activities of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in 2017 and 2018
COM(2019)0415 - (BM/MiP)**

Decision: Taking into account the EMPL implementation report of 15 September 2016 and the continuation of the legislative work on the EGF post 2020, no further follow up on this document is recommended.

**4.13. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation accompanying the document: Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) - (BM/SR)
SWD(2019)0319**

Decision

Take note of the document.

**4.14. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION Accompanying the document Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) - (BM/SR)
SWD(2019)1350**

Decision

Take note of the document.

4.15. For decision: Possible EMPL opinion on INTA report on Vietnam Free Trade Agreement [RS/SR]

Decision

The Coordinators decided not to draw up an EMPL opinion.

4.16. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE on the application and implementation of Directive 2014/67/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services and amending Regulation (EU) 1024/2012 on administrative co-operation through the Internal Market Information System ('the IMI Regulation')
COM(2019) 426 final
{SWD(2019) 337 final}

Decision

To be used as a background document for potential own-initiative or implementation reports.

5. Motions for Resolutions² - decision on procedure [MaP]

) Motion for resolution B[9 0110/2019] by Viktor Uspaskich (RE) on setting a minimum wage threshold of EUR 750 throughout the European Union.

Decision

The Coordinators

-) took note of the draft motion for a resolution;
-) noted that Commission President-elect Von der Leyen stated the following in her political guidelines: “Within the first 100 days of my mandate, I will propose a legal instrument to ensure that every worker in our Union has a fair minimum wage”.³
-) decided that no follow-up on this motion for resolution was needed since a proposal from the Commission on minimum wages was expected soon and the content of the motion for resolution thus deals with a subject of which proceedings in Parliament are expected to be ongoing in short term.

² Rule 143 - Motions for resolutions

1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. That motion may not be more than 200 words long.

2. Such a motion may not:

- contain any decision on matters for which other specific procedures and competences are laid down in these Rules of Procedure, in particular Rule 47, or
- deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.

3. Each Member may table no more than one such motion per month.

4. The motion for a resolution shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether it fulfils the applicable criteria. If the President declares the motion to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible.

5. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be followed, which may include the combination of the motion for a resolution with other motions for a resolution or with reports; the adoption of an opinion, which may take the form of a letter; or the drawing up of a report under Rule 54. The committee responsible may also decide not to follow up the motion for a resolution.

6. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the President, of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.

7. The report referred to in paragraph 5 shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

8. Opinions in the form of a letter referred to in paragraph 5 that are addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded to them by the President.

9. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author or authors or by its first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 5, to draw up a report on it. Once that motion for a resolution has been thus taken over by the committee responsible, only that committee shall have the power to withdraw it. The committee responsible shall retain that power of withdrawal until the opening of the final vote in plenary.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/political-guidelines-next-commission_en.pdf

6. Petitions [MaP]

A. Appointment of Members to PETI Network

Decision

Radan Kanev was appointed full Member and Alex Agius Saliba substitute member of the Petitions Network.

B. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0155/2019 by Norbert Roth (German) on the recognition of pension entitlements
2. Petition No 0178/2019 by E. d. I. C. M. (Spanish) on discrimination against temporary staff in the Spanish public service
3. Petition No 0194/2019 by Silvano Delonghi (Italian) on alleged age-based discrimination against him for recruitment in Italy
4. Petition 0271/2019 by Silvia Oñate Moya (Spanish) on widows' pensions
5. Petition No 0288/2019 by Wolfgang Gerber (German) on discrimination against retired civil servants in Germany
6. Petition No 0290/2019 by E.R. (Cypriot) on discrimination and unfair terms in the indefinite employment of workers by the Cypriot authorities

7. Gender mainstreaming network [MM]

Decision

Alicia Homs Ginel was appointed full Member and Maria Eugenia Rodriguez Palop substitute member of the Gender Mainstreaming Network.

8. CRPD Network [MM]

Decision

Katrin Langensiepen was appointed full Member and Abir Al-Sahlani substitute member of the CRPD network.

The joint EU CRPD Framework contribution on the Disability Strategy should be finalised and approved by the EP representatives in the Framework.

*Update: The new deadline for sending comments to EDF on the draft Framework input on the Disability Strategy is **18 October**. At the time of drafting, the political groups have not sent any comments to the secretariat on the draft input.*

9. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables of reports:

[None for the time being]

Timetables of opinions:

Six EMPL opinions on the 2018 discharge (rapporteur: Tomáš Zdechovský, EPP)

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	3 September 2019
Deadline to send texts to translation	14 November
Consideration of draft opinions	4 December
Deadline for amendments	10 December, 12.00
Shadows' meetings	Week 2 (2020) and week 3 (2020)
Vote in EMPL	22 January 2020
<i>Deadline for opinion-giving committees</i>	<i>23 January 2020</i>
<i>Vote in the lead committee CONT</i>	<i>19-20 February 2020</i>
Vote in Plenary	March II 2020 (week 14) - STR

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

Coordinators' meeting dates in 2019

-) Tuesday, 5 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)

Indicative Coordinators' meeting dates in 2020

-) 22/23 JAN – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 19/20 FEB – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 16/17 MAR – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 15 APR – as part of a short EMPL meeting or 16 APR – standalone
-) 7 MAY – standalone
-) 25/26 MAY – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 22/23 JUN – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 15/16 JUL – as part of EMPL meeting
-) 10 SEP – standalone
-) 15 OCT – as part of very short EMPL meeting
-) 12 NOV – standalone
-) 30 NOV/1 DEC – as part of EMPL meeting or 10 DEC – standalone