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EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

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The meeting ran from 10:45 to 11:32 hrs with Ms Lucia URIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ, in the Chair.

Present

EPP	Mr Denis RADTKE, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes JONGERIUS, Coordinator
RE	Mr Drago PÍŠLARU, Coordinator
ID	Ms France JAMET, Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Kira PETER-HANSEN, Coordinator
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 Sylvie BRUNET, RE Deputy Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1. Interpretation [LE/JK]

Interpretation was available in DE, EN and FR.

1.2. List of EMPL Coordinators

(Old and **new** numbers of seats per group in brackets, **new numbers apply as of 1 February 2020.**)

<u>EMPL Coordinators/Deputies</u>		
EPP (13>15)	Dennis Radtke	Sara Skyttedal
S&D (11>12)	Agnes Jongerius	
RE (8>8)	Drago Píslaru	Sylvie Brunet
ID (5>6)	France Jamet	Elena Lizzi
ECR (4>5)	El bieta Rafalska	Helmut Geuking
Greens/EFA (5>4)	Kira Marie Peter-Hansen	Katrin Langensiepen
GUE/NGL (4>4)	Nikolaj Villumsen	

Please note that the imminent Brexit has an impact on the apportionment of seats - please have **a look at the new distribution of seats per group above.**

The overall strength of the EMPL Committee remains unchanged (55 Members).

1.3. Reminder: modification of the EMPL meeting dates in February (LE/JK)

In reference to the organisation of the European Parliamentary week, taking place on 18-19 February 2020, the EMPL Committee has been asked to cancel the two half days on 19.2., as the Committee cannot convene in parallel of the EPW Plenary session. The EMPL slot on 20 February remains unchanged.

As a compensation, the EMPL Committee could be allocated an additional slot in case of need, on 17 February pm (subject to confirmation). **Thus, the EMPL Committee meeting dates in February shall be: - Monday 17 February pm**

- **Tuesday, 18 February, 17.15-19.00, room ANTALL 6Q2, EMPL Interparliamentary Committee Meeting**
- **Thursday 20 February am + pm**

These slots will be used only to the extent necessary. The EMPL Coordinators already confirmed this slots during the EMPL meeting on 4th December.

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

2.1. European Parliamentary week 2020 - dates and topics (LS)

The European Semester Conference (Article 13¹) will take place on 18-19 February 2020 in Brussels. It will include three plenary sessions as well as **an interparliamentary committee meeting organised by EMPL in the afternoon of 18 February** (starting at 17:15 until 19:00 hrs in room JAN 6Q2).

Following the comments received by the groups, the conclusion for the EMPL ICM looks as follows :

- J Vice-President Dubravka Šuica and Commissioner Nicolas Schmit will be invited to participate in the panel on the Child Guarantee
- J Commissioner Nicolas Schmit will be invited to participate in the panel on the European Minimum Wage
- J Given the limited time (around 50 minutes per topic), only one keynote speaker from a national parliament per panel
- J The panel on the Child Guarantee will be renamed as follows : A European Child Guarantee as a tool to fight poverty

Coordinators were informed in an Annex of the latest draft agenda of the EPW 2020, as well as of the draft agenda of the EMPL ICM.

The Coordinators were informed that Commissioner Schmit had suggested an alternative wording for the exchange of views on the minimum wage. A possible new wording would be agreed in a written procedure.

2.2. EMPL delegations in 2020 - update

2.2.1. EMPL delegation to Slovakia - new dates and call for nominations (MP/MiP)

On 2 October 2019, the EMPL Coordinators decided on a delegation to Slovakia, composed of 7 Members plus Chair in the week of 24-28 February.

After consultation of EMPL Coordinators in written procedure (email 10.1.2020) and approval by the Bureau at its meeting of Monday 13.1.2020, the delegation is postponed to week 15, 6-10 April.

The proposal is to stay as close as possible to preparations already made, meaning in practice:

¹ of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union (TSCG):
“ARTICLE 13

As provided for in Title II of Protocol (No 1) on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union annexed to the European Union Treaties, the European Parliament and the national Parliaments of the Contracting Parties will together determine the organisation and promotion of a conference of representatives of the relevant committees of the European Parliament and representatives of the relevant committees of national Parliaments in order to discuss budgetary policies and other issues covered by this Treaty.”

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/20399/st00tscg26_en12.pdf

1. *To keep the draft programme intact as much as possible (subject to confirmation of the new date from the people/organisations visited in Slovakia). The last version of the draft programme can be found among the annexes*
2. *To plan the delegation again from Monday to Wednesday, namely 6 - 8 April;*
3. *At the EMPL Coordinators meeting of 4 December 2019, the following slots were attributed in accordance with D'Hondt system:*

1	<i>EPP</i>
2	<i>S&D</i>
3	<i>RE</i>
4	<i>EPP</i>
5	<i>S&D</i>
6	<i>Greens/EFA</i>
7	<i>ID</i>

Note that the D'Hondt table has in the meantime been updated (see item 2.2.2 on the delegation to Berlin for the updated table), however, unless the Coordinators object, it is proposed not to revise the slots attributed.

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) approved the arrangements as proposed above, noting that**
 - o the allocation of seats reflected the composition of the EMPL Committee as of 1 February 2020**
 - o the dates would be fine-tuned so as to minimise overlaps with the delegation to Berlin [*Chair's guidance after the meeting: delegation to SK 6-8 April, delegation to Berlin 7-9 April*]**
-) agreed to send to the EMPL Secretariat their updated nominations for participants by 29 January COB.**

2.2.2. EMPL Delegation to Berlin (Germany), 6-8 April 2020 (RS/SR)

The Bureau, by decision of 16 December 2019, authorised the EMPL delegation to Berlin (Germany) as follows: “...*EMPL mission to Berlin, Germany, up to seven Members plus the EMPL Chair, during week 15 (from 7 to 9 April 2020, three days, including travel time), focused on ongoing EMPL files, such as the revision of EU-Regulation 2004/883 on Social Security Coordination, Public Employment Services, the UN Convention for the Rights of people with disabilities, active ageing, the social economy and the German dual education system, a visit of a European Social Fund co-financed project is also foreseen, whereas the priorities of the German presidency in the EMPL field would not be discussed as this would be done during EMPL Committee meetings;*”

Note that the dates 6-8 April (instead of 7-9 April) seem to be more favourable as regards availability of persons to meet, due to the Easter holidays, starting with 9 April (Maundy Thursday).

According to the **rolling d'Hondt table** on “EMPL delegations in 2020” (see below for information), the order of places regarding the Berlin delegation are follows - taking into account the already consumed places regarding the delegation to Slovakia (places 1-7.):

8	ECR
9	S&D
10	Renew
11	GUE/NGL Greens/EF
12	A
13	EPP
14	EPP

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) **approved the arrangements as proposed above, that**
 - o the allocation of seats reflected the composition of the EMPL Committee as of 1 February 2020 and
 - o the dates would be fine-tuned so as to minimise overlaps with the delegation to Slovakia and to realise possible synergies with the delegation from the REGI² committee [*Chair’s guidance after the meeting: delegation to SK 6-8 April, delegation to Berlin 7-9 April*]

-) **agreed to send to the EMPL Secretariat your nominations for participants, taking into account the above d’Hondt distribution of places for delegations by 31 January cob.**

-) **decided to ask the Policy Department to draft a note on “Social and Employment Policies in Germany”, to be delivered in due time before the delegation.**

For information:

EMPL delegations in 2020 (excluding agency visits)						
Order places	of	Group	Participant	Destination	Date	
1		EPP				
2		S&D				

² REGI mission to Berlin, Brandenburg State and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania region, Germany, up to eight Members, plus the REGI Chair, during week 15 (6 to 8 April 2020, three days, including travel time), to examine the implementation of regional development and cohesion policies in the region, public investments and the role of EU funding in addressing climate change, the urban-rural divide and demographic challenges as well as to assess efforts made at local and regional level to improve cross-border cooperation with the Central and Eastern European Member States and with the Eastern Neighbourhood.

3	Renew
4	EPP
5	S&D
6	ID
7	EPP
8	ECR
9	S&D
10	Renew
11	GUE/NGL
12	Greens
13	EPP
14	EPP
15	S&D
16	ID
17	Renew
18	EPP
19	ECR
20	S&D
21	EPP
22	S&D
23	Renew
24	ID
25	GUE/NGL Greens/EF
26	A
27	EPP

2.2.3. EMPL delegation to Chile - authorisation declined by CoP on 11 December 2019 (please see among the annexes the relevant CoP decision) (SR)

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the CoP decision and agreed to return to the matter of a possible ad hoc delegation to Chile or to another destination.

(See also item 7, Ad hoc delegation to the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10-12 June 2020.)

2.3. Requests for Rules 56/56+/57 - arrangements agreed among Committees

Decision:

The Coordinators

-)] heard the S&D Coordinator who suggested to amend the joint EMPL/FEMM letter of 23 October 2019, D314423, on "*The EU Strategy for Gender Equality*" as follows: first bullet point: delete "except gender related aspects"; second bullet point: delete "except those based on gender"; third bullet point: delete "except gender related aspects"
-)] invited the Chair to enter into negotiations in order to seek clarifications with the FEMM Chair;
-)] took note of the following arrangements:

2.3.1. Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 (EMPL/9/01676) (MM)

The EMPL and ECON Chairs agreed as follows:

-)] The scope of the report will not include the aspects of the Pillar 2 and 3 pensions within ECON competences (regulation, supervision), and parts of the draft report and amendments tabled on those aspects will be declared inadmissible. However, the scope of the report will include aspects of the Pillar 2 and 3 pensions within the EMPL competences, related e.g. to workers' rights, freedom of movement, discrimination at the workplace and social protection.
-)] The ECON Committee will deliver a Rule 56 opinion.

2.3.2. Quality traineeships in the EU

-)] the EMPL Committee will be the committee responsible; and
-)] the CULT Committee will be associated on the basis of Rule 56+

2.3.3. 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"

-)] the EMPL Committee will be the committee responsible; and
-)] the IMCO Committee will be associated on the basis of Rule 57

2.3.4. New Avenues for Legal Labour Migration - pursuant to Rule 54, where the EMPL Committee had requested to be associated under Rule 57, the two Committees have reached an agreement on the question of competence as follows:

-)] the LIBE Committee will be the committee responsible; and
-)] the EMPL Committee will be associated on the basis of Rule 57

2.3.5. "Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe" pursuant to Rule 54, where the EMPL Committee had requested to be associated under Rule 57, the two Committees have reached an agreement on the question of competence as follows:

-) the LIBE Committee will be the committee responsible; and
-) the EMPL Committee will be associated on the basis of Rule 57.

2.4 Update on Brexit [EC]

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the following and noted that further details on new developments would be circulated by email.

Annexes:

-) EMPL letter to AFCO as regards the withdrawal agreement (added once adopted on 22.01.)
-) letter from EMPL Chair to President Sassoli
-) letter from CCC Chair to President Sassoli
-) letter from AFET and INTA Chair to CCC Chair

Update on the Withdrawal agreement

Besides EMPL, 9 Committees (IMCO, AGRI, ENVI, LIBE, JURI, TRAN, PETI, INTA, AFET) delivered an opinion to AFCO. While expressing a certain number of concerns, all recommend that the European Parliament gives its consent to the Withdrawal agreement.

Next steps:

-) In the EP: AFCO vote: 23 January pm
Plenary vote: 29 January
-) In UK 22 January: the bill may pass to the Commons for **consideration of any Lords amendments**
Once the Commons and Lords agree on the final version of the Bill, it can receive **Royal Assent** and become an Act of Parliament (the proposals of the Bill now become law).

Update on the future negotiations of a relationship agreement between the Union and the UK

-) The TF50 will become TFUK, under the authority of Michel Barnier.
-) The European Council will adopt its negotiating mandate in February 2020 - the European Parliament will give its input and express its views.
-) Committees have considered at the last CCC meeting that the future agreement with the UK should be dealt with by the parliamentary committees in conformity with the procedure foreseen by the EP Rules of procedure (notably **Rules 114** and **105**) and in accordance with the committee's competences established by **Annex VI**.
-) As a result, AFET and INTA, the committees in charge of relations with third countries, will lead the process within the EP, while other Committees (including EMPL) will deliver formal opinions to them.
-) The Conference of Presidents has still to decide whether a structure similar to the Brexit Steering Group will accompany this new phase.
-) If this is the case, this structure would be a forum of discussion and coordination with a view to facilitate the emergence of a united EP position on the future agreement with the UK (on the model of the MFF Contact Group or of the TTIP Coordination Group).
-) The Chair has informed the President, in a letter dated 19 December 2019, that:

- the EMPL Committee intends to fully exercise its prerogative and follow closely the labour and social aspects of the upcoming negotiations from their very start.
- Should the conference of President decide to establish a horizontal structure to follow these negotiations, the EMPL Committee requests that the EMPL Chair be granted full membership thereof.

2.5 ECON-EMPL Economic Dialogue on the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy (MM)

The Joint Economic Dialogue with Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis, as well as Commissioners Gentiloni and Schmit will take place on Monday, 27 January, 16.00-17.30 hrs. It will be followed by a solely ECON session with Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Gentiloni on the fiscal package of the European Semester, at 17.30-18.30. The structure of the dialogue would follow examples of previous years, e.g. floor to the EMPL and ECON Rapporteurs and a round of questions from the Members of the two respective Committees (a call for nominations will be launched to the political groups in the course of the week).

- **The EMPL Members had already been informed by e-mail about this additional meeting.**

2.6. Request from the Publications office in Luxembourg to present a pilot project (SR/MM)

Decision:

This item was postponed.

3. Changes in the budgetary procedure [EC]

Annexes:

-) A letter from BUDG Chair to EMPL Chair
-) A ppt presentation by BUDG Secretariat (13.12)

See also **point 5.12**

On 12 December BUDG Coordinators decided to change the budgetary procedure. Changes will apply for the DB 2021 procedure. The key changes for all opinion-giving Committees, including EMPL, are as follows:

-) There won't be **more "mandate for budgetary trilogue" anymore** (it could be possibly replaced by Working document by the rapporteur to analyse the Draft Budget) and thus **no opinion** thereof anymore³;

³ Until now, when time allowed, EMPL adopted opinion in June, or sent EMPL input in the form of a letter (like was the case in 2019 due to the elections)

-)] Instead, Committees will be involved in the 1st phase of the budgetary procedure, namely the **EP Guidelines to the budget**;
-)] This means that **the work of opinion-giving Committees will start earlier**;
-)] Visits by the budget rapporteur to the specialised committees (which occurred in April/May) will likely be replaced by meeting(s) with the rapporteurs for opinion (probably in the format used for MFF, but still TBC);
-)] The BUDG Rapporteur will strictly enforce rules as regards admissibility of AMs to the **October resolution**.

For the DB 2021, the draft report on the EP Guidelines for the Budget will be ready (in EN) around 10 February 2020, and the adoption in BUDG is scheduled for 30 March. The timetable will thus be **tight for opinion-giving committees** (see point 5.12).

The changes in the procedure/timetable are summarised below:

2019 budgetary procedure (year 2018)	Event	Possible dates for 2021 budgetary procedure (year 2020)
Week 4: 24 January	Presentation of draft report on Parliament's guidelines (Section III) in BUDG committee	Week 8: 17-18 February
Week 8: 20 February	Adoption of Council conclusions on the 2019 budget guidelines	Week 8: 18 February
Week 10: 8 March	Adoption of EP Guidelines in BUDG committee	Week 17: 30 March
Week 11: March II Plenary	Adoption by the EP plenary of the resolution on the general guidelines for the 2019 budget (Section III)	Week 17: April Plenary
Week 13: 27 March	Trilogue ahead of the presentation of the Draft Budget (EP premises)	Week 18: 27 - 30 April (tbc)
Week 21: 23 May	Presentation of the Commission's Statement of estimates 2019 in BUDG Committee	June
Week 25: 18 June	Presentation of draft report on mandate for the trilogue in BUDG committee	Abolished / replaced by Rapporteur's Working document on DB
Week 26: 28 June	Adoption of mandate report in BUDG committee	
Week 27: July Plenary	Adoption by EP plenary of mandate for the trilogue resolution	Abolished (plenary debate kept?)
Week 28: 11 July	Adoption of Council's position on DB in Coreper	July
Week 28: 12 July	Trilogue (Council's premises)	Week 29: 15-16 July

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) heard the S&D Coordinators who raised concerns about the diminishment of the role of opinion-giving committees**
-) instructed the Chair to raise this matter at the next CCC.**

[EC / Draft letter to the CCC to be finalised in a follow-up written procedure.]

4. The Presidency of the UN-CRPD framework [MM]

➤ **Suggested EMPL position on chairing of the Framework and organisational arrangements:**

A) Chairing by the EP

The EP should take over the chairing role of the Framework.

B) Level of representation by the EP in the Framework

EMPL, LIBE and PETI representatives could decide based on the agenda and their availability whether to attend a Framework meeting. Assistants might participate at the meeting. (However, the number of participants should not be too high, if possible.) At least one of the three committee secretariats should be always represented.

As a general rule, the EMPL CRPD representative (full or substitute) should chair the Framework meetings as the EMPL is the lead committee in the CRPD. Should the EMPL CRPD representatives not be present at a meeting, the LIBE and PETI representatives present at the meeting should decide in advance on a case by case basis who will chair the meeting. Should no Member be present at a meeting, the EMPL, LIBE or PETI Secretariat would stand in. Internal preparatory meetings should be organised before the Framework meetings as necessary.

C) Inputs / agendas to be sent by the EP to the Framework

Draft inputs / agendas should be circulated by the EMPL secretariat for comments to the EMPL, LIBE, PETI representatives and secretariats before sharing them with the Framework.

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) agreed with the above arrangements, emphasising that the Committee should be represented by Ms Langensiepen, or, in her absence, by Ms Al-Sahlani**
-) mandated the Chair to discuss the matter with the LIBE and PETI Chairs.**

5. Allocation of reports and opinions

Rolling list of own-initiative reports:

A) Ordinary INIs

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019/2185(INI)	Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive - MiP			17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019/2186(INI)	Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development - JB		TRAN - rule 56	17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019/2187(INI)	Access to decent and affordable housing for all - LS			17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019/2188(INI)	Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty - EC		FEMM- rule 56	17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019/2212(INI)	European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth			04.12.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	

	Survey 2020 - MM						
2020/2007(INI)	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 - BM		IMCO - rule 57	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	
2020/2008(INI)	Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020		ECON - rule 56 AGRI - rule 56	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	

Reserve rolling list
<i>Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era</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>European Action Plan for the Social Economy</i>
<i>Job creation: just transition and impact investment</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>Access to child care - a way to enhance labour market participation</i>

1. European Semester

On 11 December 2019, the Conference of Presidents endorsed the drawing-up of an own-initiative report by the EMPL Committee entitled “European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2020”.

Following the adoption of the European Green Deal, the Commission has changed the title of this year’s Annual Growth Survey to “Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020” (COM(2019)650).

Accordingly, the EMPL Coordinators decided to request the change of the title of the above-mentioned own-initiative report to “European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020”.

B) Legislative INIs

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinator's decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019(2181)IN L	The right to disconnect -LS			17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019(2182)IN L	Protecting workers from asbestos-EC			17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019(2183)IN L	Revision of European Works Councils Directive - MiP			17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2020(2005)IN L	Quality traineeship in the EU-SR		CULT-rule 56+	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	

C) Implementation reports

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019/2203(INI)	Mid-term evaluation of the EaSi Programme -EC		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	26.11.2019	
	Situation of the youth: employment and EU programme's efficiency		17.10.2019-to start in December 2019			
	Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD		17.10.2019-report to be requested in March 2020			
	Implementation report on the job creation effects of the European Fund for Strategic Investment (Reg. 2017/2396)		17.10.2019-awaiting note from DG EPRS, report to start no later than April 2020			

Reports

-) The Coordinators decided on the appointment of rapporteur for items 5.1. to 5.10 as well as 5.18. and 5.21 as a package for one point each (with the opinion under item 5.18 for xx⁴ points).
-) The decision was taken by a vote with the EPP, S&D, RE, Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL groups voting in favour and the ID group voting against. The ECR Coordinator did not take part in the vote.
-) The Coordinator of the ID group expressed her opposition against this procedure outside the points system.

Non-legislative own-initiative reports

5.1. 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 (EMPL/9/01672) (BM)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group

5.2. Democracy at work: a European framework for employees' participation rights ~~involvement in company matters~~ and the revision of the European Works Council Directive (EMPL/9/01673) (MiP)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group

- The Coordinators agreed that this INI shall be placed on rank one of the waiting list *if* the report under item 5.21 “A strong social Europe for Just Transition - Communication from the Commission” were not authorised outside the quota.

5.3. Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development (EMPL/9/01674) (JB)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the RE Group

5.4. Access to decent and affordable housing for all (EMPL/9/01675) (LS)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the Greens/EFA Group

⁴ Ascertainments were still ongoing at the time of drafting.

5.5. Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 (EMPL/9/01676) (MM)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the ECR Group

5.6. Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty (EMPL/9/0167) (EC)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group

Legislative own-initiative reports

The Coordinators noted that the legislative own-initiative reports had been adopted on 17 October in the following order:

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

The Coordinators agreed that for the time being work should only start on the first legislative own-initiative report.

5.7. The right to disconnect (EMPL/9/01680) (LS/TV)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

5.8. Protecting workers from asbestos (EMPL/9/01679) (EC)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group.

5.9. Revision of European Work Councils Directive (EMPL/9/01681) (MiP)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.10. Quality traineeships in the EU (EMPL/9/01682) (SR)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the RE Group.

Implementation Reports

5.11. Mid-term evaluation of the EaSi Programme (EMPL/9/01683) (EC)

Decision:

Postponed - fresh assessment of feasibility to be carried out by the EPRS.

5.12. Situation of the youth: employment and EU programme's efficiency (TV)

Decision:

Postponed - fresh assessment of feasibility of all implementation reports to be carried out by the EPRS.

Opinions

5.13. Guidelines for the 2021 Budget - Section III (EC) - *urgent*

Decision:

- Chair to act as rapporteur
- procedural Option 2 to be applied.

- ~~J Option 1: normal opinion (*important feature: the draft opinion must be ready shortly after the coordinators' meeting*)~~
 - ~~i. Appointment of Rapporteur: 23.01~~
 - ~~ii. **Draft opinion ready: 30.01**~~
 - ~~iii. Translations ready: 14.02~~
 - ~~iv. Deadline for AMs: 20.02, noon~~
 - ~~v. Finalisation of possible compromise AMs: week 11 (SBG)~~
 - ~~vi. EMPL vote: 17.03~~
 - ~~vii. BUDG vote: 30.03~~
- J Option 2: opinion under rule 56(4)⁵ (*important feature: very condensed timetable between 10.02 and 20.02; AMs can be tabled in EN only, shortly after BUDG report has been issued, and directly to BUDG draft report-EMPL position possibly better reflected in the final report*)
 - i. Appointment of Rapporteur: 23.01
 - ii. BUDG draft report available (in EN): 10.02

⁵ "4. Alternatively, the opinion-giving committee may decide to present its position in the form of amendments to be tabled directly in the committee responsible following their adoption. These amendments shall be tabled by the Chair or the rapporteur on behalf of the opinion-giving committee."

- iii. **Deadline for AM to BUDG draft report under rule 56(4)- EN only (not in AT4AM): 12.02, noon**
- iv. Finalisation of possible compromise AMs: between 13.02 and 18.02 (*shadows meeting: 17.02 pm or 18.02 am*)
- v. EMPL vote: 20.02
- vi. BUDG vote (on all AMs tabled to the draft report, including EMPL AMs): 30.03

5.14. Fishers for the future: Attracting a new generation of labour to the fishing industry and generating employment in coastal communities (MiP)

Lead Committee PECH (2019/2161(INI))

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

5.15. Strengthening the Single Market: the future of free movement of services (LS)

Lead Committee IMCO; 2020/2020(INI)

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group.

5.16. Artificial intelligence in criminal law and its use by the police and judicial authorities in criminal matters (RS)

Lead Committee LIBE; 2020/2016(INI)

Decision:

No opinion

5.17. Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies (LS)

Lead Committee JURI; 2020/2012(INL) - legislative INI

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

5.18. Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Just Transition Fund (MiP)

COM(2020)0022, 2020/0006 (COD)

Lead Committee REGI, Committees referred for opinion: TRAN, ENVI, ITRE, EMPL, BUDG

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the Greens/EFA Group.

Documents for information

5.19. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of apiculture programmes - COM(2019)0635

Decision:

) None (for information only)

5.20. Commission staff working document - Evaluation of the Council Directive 79/7/EEC on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security" - SWD(2019)0450, 20.12.2019

Decision:

) None (for information only)

5.21. A strong social Europe for Just Transition - Communication from the Commission (MiP)

COM(2020)14 + annex

Decision:

Authorisation of a strategic own-initiative report outside the quota to be requested. If not authorised outside the quota, it shall be taken within the quota and the report under item 5.2. on “Democracy at work: a European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive” shall be placed on the first rank of the waiting list.

[MiP / Draft letter to be finalised in a follow-up written procedure]

Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.

5.22. Amended 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 (MM)

COM (2020)0023 + annexes

Decision:

The EMPL CPR rapporteur, Ms Jongerius would present the EMPL position to the CPR negotiating team after having agreed on it with the EMPL shadow rapporteurs.

6. EMPL resolution for the introduction of a European Social Security number - suggestion by the S&D group (RS/JB)

The papers for the meeting included a draft motion for a resolution drawn up by the S&D Group.

Decision:

Postponed

7. Ad hoc delegation to the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10-12 June 2020 [MM]

Decision:

Request authorisation for an ad hoc EMPL delegation composed of 7 Members including the Chair to the 13th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10-12 June 2020.

8. Expertise budget 2020 [PoIDep A]

Coordinators are invited to consider the use of the committee's expertise budget for 2020.

Budget:

The 2020 expertise budget for EMPL (and other committees) is based on effective expenditure at the end of 2019 (an election year with a reduced budget). This results in a significant cut in the EMPL budget, down to EUR 240 000 in 2020 (from EUR 410 000 in 2013 and 280 000 in

2018). It means that PODEP A can launch a maximum of three comprehensive studies this year or a proportionately larger number of smaller products.

Choice of subjects:

There have been some reservations expressed about the current procedure for deciding on expertise subjects.

Option A:

Current practice is to ask Coordinators for proposals in two rounds per year (January and July) in order to adapt to evolving political priorities, lengthy waiting lists of proposals having proved unworkable in the past. In recent years, the practice has been to ask the groups for one proposal each. The proposals are assessed by the policy department before a final decision is taken by the Coordinators.

Option B:

Another option, which has been used in the past, would be for the groups to list all their proposals. The policy department could then do a quick screening for recent publications on the respective subjects before using a written procedure to establish which proposals have the most support across the groups. The Coordinators would then decide on a defined number of proposals to be assessed in-depth by the policy department. Following the assessment, the Coordinators would take the final decision on the projects to be implemented.

Decision:

The Coordinators

-) took note of the reduced expertise budget allocation for 2020.**
-) decided to apply the procedure described in Option B for choosing expertise subjects best meets their needs.**
-) agreed to consider proposals received for the expertise budget for the first half of 2020 at their next meeting.**

9. Motions for Resolutions⁶ - decision on procedure [MaP]

⁶ 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.

None received.

10. Petitions [MaP]

A. Petitions received for information

1. Petition No 0574/2019 by J.P.B.S. (Spanish), on behalf of the Plataforma Logroñesa para la Defensa del Sistema Público de Pensiones (Logroño Platform for the Defence of the Public Pension System), in favour of scrapping pan-European personal pension products (PEPPs)
2. Petition No 0325/2019 by Richard Hajek (Romanian) on the standard of living in Romania

B. Petitions received for opinion

The PETI Committee has sent the following two petitions for opinion to the EMPL Committee:

1. Petition No 0189/2018 by S. B. P (Spanish), on behalf of the European Platform for Consumers and the Environment, on the gender pay gap;
2. Petition No 1116/2018 by Antonio Escobar Flórez (Spanish), on behalf of SITCPLA (Sindicato independiente de Tripulantes de Cabina de Pasajeros – Independent Union for Cabin Crew), on breaches of the law by Ryanair in the EU

Please find the two draft opinions for these petitions and all relevant background document in the annexes of this coordinators meeting.

Decision:

The Coordinators approved the draft letters for the two petitions to be send to the Chair of the PETI Committee. Possible remarks may be sent to the secretariat by email.

11. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables of reports:

Motion for resolution on the EU Disability strategy post 2020

Consideration of draft motion for resolution	22 January 2020 draft available only in EN
Deadline for tabling AMs	30 January 2020 noon, only in EN
'Co-sponsors' meeting (if necessary)	Weeks 6-7
Vote in EMPL	20 February 2020
Vote plenary	March 2020 tbc

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.

European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2020 - Klára Dobrev (MM)

Release of ASGS 2020 by EC	17 December 2019 tbc
Send draft report to translation	15 January 2020 in EN
Consideration of draft report	22-23 January 2020(draft report available only in EN)
Joint ECON-EMPL Economic Dialogue on the AGS 2020	27 January 2020
Deadline for tabling AMs	28 January 2020, noon, only in EN
Shadows meetings	Weeks 6 and 7
Consideration of AMs tabled	-
Vote in EMPL	20 February 2020
Vote plenary	March I 2020 tbc

Timetables of opinions:

Establishment of the Reform Support Programme - Drago Pîslaru [MaP/TV]

The Coordinators decided at the request of Mr Pîslaru to align the EMPL timetable with the timetable of the lead committee (vote: 27-28 May TBC). Procedural proposals to be submitted by the secretariat.

EMPL opinion to the FEMM INI report on an EU Strategy for Gender Equality (Rule 57)

Rapporteur: María Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (GUE/NGL)

Deadline to send draft text to translation	3 March 2020
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	26 March 2020
Deadline for AMs	2 April 2020, 12.00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Weeks 17 - 20
Adoption in EMPL	25/26 May 2020
Adoption in FEMM	23 June 2020
Plenary	tbc

EMPL opinion to the ITRE INI report on A new long-term strategy for Europe's industrial future

Shortly before the Christmas break, EMPL Coordinators decided to draw up an opinion to this report (allocated to the RENEW group).

State of play in the lead committee: The INI is currently blocked, following a request by ENVI. It is understood that the lead committee is waiting for the EC communication in March on an *EU Industrial strategy*, foreseen as part of initiatives under the Green Deal for Europe published on 11 December 2019 (COM (2019) 640).

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

-) 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**