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The meeting was chaired by Ms Lucia URIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ, Chair (in the room).

Present (all remotely as per President decision of 27 October 2020)

EPP	Mr Denis RADTKE, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Agnes JONGERIUS, Coordinator
RE	Mr Drago PÍSLARU, Coordinator
ID	Ms France JAMET, Coordinator (as of 17hr)
Greens/EFA	Ms Kira Marie PETER HANSEN, Coordinator and Ms Katrin LANGENSIEPEN, Co-coordinators
ECR	Ms El bieta RAFALSKA, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN; Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

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

2.1. Use of the expertise budget in the second half of 2020 (PolDepA)

Decision:

The Coordinators:

-) Took note of the information provided by the Policy Department A;**
-) Decided that a presentation for both studies on Social Impact Investment, for the Study After Parental Leave: Effective incentives for parents with young children to return to the labour market would be scheduled at an upcoming EMPL meeting.**

2.2. Exchange of views with stakeholders - INI report on "Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development" [JB]

Decision:

The Coordinators decided that:

-) the EMPL Secretariat would check if the format of the hearing could allow for a sixth speaker (representative of cooperative, proposed by the GUE/NGL group);**
-) the procedure would then be finalised in a written procedure.**

3. Evaluation of the hearing of the Executive Director of ELA [BM]

Decision:

All coordinators present gave a positive feedback on the performance of the candidate and his knowledge of the remit of ELA.

The Coordinators:

-) Instructed the Chair to prepare a draft letter, to be circulated to the Coordinators for comments and finalised in a written procedure;**
-) Agreed that this letter should include a list of commitments made by the candidate during the hearing.**

4. Cooperation pursuant to Rules 56+/57/58 - state of play

4.1 The protection of persons with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt

Decision:

Coordinators took note of the state of play and next steps

4.2 CULT request for an INI report on "The European Education Area: a shared holistic approach to education, skills and competences"

Decision:

Coordinators took note and welcomed the good cooperation with CULT.

4.3 PETI draft motion for a resolution on "tackling homelessness rates in the EU" (2020/2802(RSP))

Decision:

The Coordinators were informed during the meeting of PETI decision to postpone the vote to 10 November and:

-)] Decided that the EMPL Committee would provide a short input to this PETI motion for a resolution
-)] Gave mandate the EMPL Rapporteur and Shadow Rapporteurs working on the INI report on Housing to provide EMPL input in the form of paragraphs and submit them in an EMPL letter to the PETI Committee by the end of week 44.

5. Future EMPL meetings dates and commissioners and agencies participation

Decision:

The Coordinators:

-)] took note of the possible future EMPL meeting dates until January 2021 and of participation of Commissioners and agencies representatives;
-)] took note that, due to the current situation (shortage of rooms equipped with interactive, scarcity of interpretation resources, creation of 5 new Committees, and priority meetings linked to MFF negotiations), neither rooms nor interpretation can currently be guaranteed until the very last moment.

6. Update on CCC exchanges of views on staffing situation in Committee Secretariats; current workload, staffing situation of the EMPL [EC/JK]

Decision:

The Coordinators:

-)] Hold on extensive discussion on workload, staffing issue and discussions in CCC;
-)] Concurred that the Parliament is working under business continuity and that the parliamentary work has to be adapted accordingly but deplored that, besides the consequences of the pandemic, the parliamentary work is affected by practical issue (human resources and room/interpretation issues);
-)] Deplored in particular the current working conditions in the EMPL Secretariat, which adversely affects both the health and well-being of the staff and the quality of parliamentary work;
-)] Mandated the Chair to continue raising the issue in CCC and to continue asking for additional staff in EMPL Secretariat, also in view of the Commission WP 2021;
-)] Agreed to also pass on the same message to the highest possible political level within their respective groups.

7. Allocation of reports and opinions

7.1 Overview of pending INIs

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the state-of-play

7.2 Decisions on new reports and opinions

Reports

7.2.1 Amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (“CMD4”) EMPL/9/04211 - 2020/0262(COD). [EC]

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the ID group

7.2.2. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 (hors quota) (MM)

Decision:

Rapporteur for the whole annual process (two EMPL reports) to be nominated by the S&D group

Opinions

7.2.3 “The European Education Area: a shared holistic approach to education, skills and competences” - lead CULT

See also point 4.2 above

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by the RE group

7.2.4 Implementation report on the Agreement on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU EMPL/9/04297 - 2020/2202(INI)- lead AFCO [EC]

Decision:

In view of the Secretariat’s staffing situation - no opinion (EMPL Members are advised to table directly amendments to AFCO)¹

7.2.5 Asylum and migration management and amending Council Directive (EC) 2003/109 and the proposed Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX [Asylum and Migration Fund] EMPL/9/04271 - 2020/0279(COD)- Lead LIBE [BM]

¹ Such amendments must be cosigned by an AFCO full of substitute Member

Decision:

No opinion, since EMPL competences are not concerned

**7.2.6 The impact of organised crime on own resources of the EU and on the misuse of EU funds with a particular focus on shared management
EMPL/9/04475 - 2020/2221(INI) Lead CONT [SR]**

Decision:

In view of the Secretariat's staffing situation - no opinion (EMPL Members are advised to table directly amendments to CONT)²

**Documents for
information**

7.2.7 Proposal for a Council implementing decision granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak COM(2020)0651 [MM]

**7.2.8 REGULATORY SCRUTINY BOARD OPINION Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work SEC(2020)0302
[EC]**

see point 7.2.1 above

7.2.9 COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work SWD(2020)0183 [EC]

see point 7.2.1 above

7.2.10 Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the impact assessment accompanying the document: proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work SWD(2020)0184 [EC]

see point 7.2.1 above

7.2.11 COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION Evaluation of the ESF and YEI Support to Youth Employment SWD(2020)0216 [BM]

² Such amendments must be cosigned by a CONT full of substitute Member

7.2.12 Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation: Executive summary of the evaluation of the ESF and YEI support to youth employment SWD(2020)0217 [BM]

7.2.13 COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT ESDE 2020 (“leaving no one behind and striving for more: Fairness and solidarity in the european social market economy) SWD(2020)0218 [TV]

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the documents for information

8. Voting in EMPL [EC]

Decision:

The Chair informed the Coordinators that the first vote in EMPL with the new system (EPVote) has been successful. They concurred with the Chair’s suggestion that a solution is found for the next voting sessions so that Members can participate in the EMPL meeting and vote. The Coordinators took note of the deployment of EPVote in EMPL.

9. Update on budgetary procedure (EC/SR)

Decision:

The Coordinators decided that all budgetary amendants tabled by EMPL and which have been rejected by BUDG would be retabled within the deadline on behalf of EMPL.

10. Proposal to organize a hearing on the situation in residential institutions for the elderly

Decision:

The Coordinators:

- **Welcomed and endorsed the proposal to organise a hearing jointly with LIBE, with the following changes:**
 - ✓ **inclusion of persons with disabilities living in residential institutions and in the scope of the hearing (Greens/EFA suggestion)**
 - ✓ **inclusion of working conditions of workers of residential institutions in the scope of the hearing (GUE/NGL suggestion)**
 - ✓ **inclusion of acces to healthcare in the scope of the hearing (S&D proposal)**
-) **Noted that, given the current situation (in terms of staff and rooms scarcity), this hearing would be organized while respecting priority of EMPL core files and only when resources such as staff, rooms and interpreters will make it possible.**

) **Noted that the preparation of the hearing (speakers list etc.) would then be finalised in a written procedure.**

11. Presentation of EPRS services for Members/Rapporteurs

Due to bad connection, the services offered by EPRS and of their timeframe will be presented in writing.

12. Motions for Resolutions³ - decision on procedure [SR]

None

13. Petitions [SR]

12.1. Petitions received for information (see the annexes):

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the petition for information, and mandate the Chair to contact the PETI Chair to recall that PETI must inform EMPL Secretariat when PETI decides to draw-up a motion for a resolution on a topic which is in EMPL remit.

12.2. Petitions received for decision (see the annexes):

³ 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.

Decision:

The Coordinators:

-) **took note of the petition for decision**
-) **decided to approve draft answer (to be circulated separately) in a written procedure**

14. Points for information [ADs concerned]

14.1 Commission work programme 2021

14.2 European Court of Auditors' Annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2019

14.3 European Court of Auditors' Special Report 22/2020: Future of EU agencies – Potential for more flexibility and cooperation

14.4 European Court of Auditors special report “Combating child poverty – Better targeting of Commission support required” (No 20/2020). [SR/TV]

14.5 Indicative timetable of the European Court of Auditors' planned publications for the coming 12 months. [SR/TV]

14.6 Policy department publication Fair minimum wages for Europe , State of play and lessons from research [TV]

14.7 EESC opinion on minimum wages

14.8 Policy department publication - The scope of EU labour law

14.9 Policy department publication - Skills and jobs for future labour markets

14.10 Opinion of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) on the Recovery plan for Europe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument

Decision:

The Coordinators took note

15. Timetables

Timetables of reports:

Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital developments (Rapporteur: Sylvie Brunet) [JB]

Exchange of views with stakeholders in EMPL	30 November 2020
Draft report to be sent to translation	End of January 2021 (<i>exact date depends on the meeting date in February</i>)
Consideration of draft report	Week 8 2021, tbc (22-26 February 2021)
Deadline for AMs	Beginning of March 2021, exact date tbc
Consideration of AMs	End of March 2021 or April, meeting dates still tbc
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	Tbc
Vote in EMPL	May or June 2021 (meeting dates still tbc)
Vote in Plenary	Tbc

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 (Rapporteur: Radan Kanev)
Revised timetable

Draft report sent to translation	6 November 2020 9-20 October 2020
Consideration of draft report	30 November/ 1 December 2020 10 November 2020 28 October
Deadline AMs	9 December 2020, 12.00 17 November 2020 10 November 2020
Consideration of AMs	14 January/ 27-28 January 2021 30 November/1 December 2020
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings COMPs	February 2021 (tbc) December 2020, January
Vote in EMPL	February/March 2021 (tbc)
Vote in Plenary	tbc

Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 (Rapporteur: Beata Szydlo)
Revised timetable

Send draft report to translation	11 September
Consideration of draft report	1 October tbc
Deadline for amendments	8 October noon
Availability of AMs in all languages	23 October tbc
Consideration of AMs	28-29 October* 10 November
Shadows meetings	Weeks 44, 46, 47, 48
Vote in EMPL	30 November-1 December tbc
Plenary	January 2021 tbc

INI "reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty" (rapporteur: Özlem Demirel) - amended timetable

Draft report ready	26 June
EoV in EMPL	15-16 July
Deadline for AMs	31 August 2020, 12.00
EoV on AMs	21 September 2020
Vote	15 October —16 November*
Plenary	tbc

* EMPL meeting dates are currently purely indicative and need to be reconfirmed depending on the overall situation

Timetables of Oral Questions and Motions for Resolution:

European Skills Agenda (Rapporteur: Lucia Čerňáková [JB])

Oral question to the Commission

Coordinators' decision	13 July 2020
Send draft to translation	9 October 2020
Consideration of draft QO in EMPL	28/29 October 2020
<i>Deadline for comments from the groups to the EMPL Secretariat, in ENGLISH only</i>	10 November, 12.00
Technical or Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	tbc
Vote in EMPL	Week 4 2021, exact date tbc
Vote in Plenary	February 2021 (tbc)

Motion for a resolution

Coordinators' decision	13 July 2020
Send draft to translation	9 October 2020
Consideration in EMPL	28/29 October 2020
<i>Deadline for amendments</i>	10 November, 12.00
Technical or Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	tbc
Vote in EMPL	Week 4 2021, exact date tbc
Vote in Plenary	February 2021, tbc

Decision:

The Coordinators took note

16. Use of the annual page reserve (JK)

The total annual page reserve amounts to 45 pages à 1500 characters.

FdR	Deadline	Doc. Type	Part	Characters	Pages	Rapporteur	AD	Subject
1196942	23/03/2020	PA	Suggestions	259	0,17	Rodríguez Palop	Bürger	The EU Strategy for Gender Equality
1203804	26/05/2020	PA	Suggestions	1502	1,00	Zdechovský	Petrucci	Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies
1206624	24/06/2020	PA	Suggestions	1792	1,19	Cañas	Vujatovic	A New Industrial Strategy for Europe
1208364	09/07/2020	PA	Suggestions	733	0,49	Alieva-Veli	Radeva	A new strategy for European SMEs
1198318	13/07/2020	PR	Part A	4119	2,75	Demirel	Carmona	Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty
1210732	24/08/2020	PR	Part A	1943	1,30	Van Sparrentak	Makay/Radeva	Access to decent and affordable housing for all
1209952	13/08/2020	PA	Short justification	339	0,23	Pislaru	Vujatovic	Recovery and Resilience Facility
1211582	02/09/2020	PA	Suggestions	653	0,44	Rafalska	Martinello	New Avenues for Legal Labour Migration
1212634	22/09/2020	PA		559	0,37	Zalewska	Bürger	Shaping digital education policy
1213493	25/09//2020	PR	Part A	2700	1,80	Szydło	Makay	Old continent growing older
1212534	08/10/2020	PR	Part A	3197	2,13	Langensiepen	Makay	General framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD
1213614	12/10/2020	PR	Part A	5652	3,77	Radtke, Jongerius	Petrucci	A strong social Europe for Just Transitions
Total:				23448	15,63			

Decision:

The Coordinators took note

17. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK]

Coordinators' meeting dates in 2020

- Please note that owing to the Coronavirus crisis, Coordinators' meetings will only be convened when this is necessary and technically feasible (availability of Interactio).
 -) around 10 NOV (TBC) – as part of EMPL meeting
 -) around 30 NOV/1 DEC – as part of EMPL meeting

Decision:

The Coordinators took note