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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

## **EMPL COORDINATORS**

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# 1. Chair's announcements

## 1.1.Interpretation languages (JK)

Interpretation was provided in: FR DE IT EN PL

## 1.2. List of EMPL Coordinators

## (For information)

(New numbers as of 1st February 2020.)

EMPL Coordinators/Deputies				
<b>EPP</b> (15)	Dennis Radtke	Sara Skyttedal		
S&D (12)	Agnes Jongerius			
<b>RE</b> (8)	Dragoş Pîslaru	Sylvie Brunet		
ID (6)	France Jamet	Elena Lizzi (replacing Ms Jamet on 13.04)		
Greens/EFA (4)	Kira Marie Peter-Hansen	Katrin Langensiepen		
ECR (5)	Elżbieta Rafalska	Helmut Geuking		
GUE/NGL (4)	Nikolaj Villumsen			

Please note that the above order of political groups reflects their strength in the Chamber, not in the committee.1

## **Exchanges of views/Decisions:**

## 2. Evaluation of the hearing of the Executive Director of Eurofound [TV]

## **Decision:**

#### **Coordinators**

- Unanimously gave positive feedback on the performance of the candidate.
- Instructed the Chair to prepare a draft letter, to be circulated to the Coordinators for comments and to be finalised in a written procedure.

## 3. Preparation of the Porto Social Summit, 7-8 May 2021 [MP/EC]

## **Decision**

Coordinators welcomed the Chair's proposal (on behalf of EMPL) to President Sassoli, viz.:

- to appoint the Chair, Dennis Radtke (EPP) and Agnes Jongerius (S&D) as EP "sherpas";
- to allow the participation of the other EMPL Coordinators at least as observers, with the possibility for them to have a more active role, if allowed by the agenda and organisational arrangements;
- to send to the Presidency the resolution on a strong social Europe for Just Transitions as EP input for the Summit. The resolution could be introduced by a short letter, highlighting the most relevant aspects of the report (e.g. paragraph 3 thereof) and mentioning the upcoming resolution on the Child Guarantee (which will be adopted in EMPL on 19 April in view of the April plenary), which is one key initiatives of the Action Plan.

They also noted that the Chair expressed EMPL willingness to contribute further, if so decided by the Conference of Presidents, even at short notice and within a very tight timeframe.

Coordinators hold an exchange of view during which they:

- deplored the scarcity of information available on the Summit;
- regretted that currently no role is foreseen for the European Parliament on May 8;
- deplored in particular that no Inter-institutional declaration is currently foreseen;
- noted that, given the timeframe, a possible solution could be to have a such a declaration at a later stage (e.g. in June);
- reiterated their support to the Chair's proposal to appoint the Chair, Dennis Radtke (EPP) and Agnes Jongerius (S&D) as EP sherpas, and commanded her efforts to have other groups represented, if possible (participating, for instance, in parallel panels);
- agreed that any EMPL input will be done through an inclusive process involving all Coordinators, under the leadership of the 3 sherpas;
- noted that EMPL will wait for further instructions from the President before starting work on EP input:
- agreed to hold an extraordinary Coordinators meeting on 19 April afternoon.

4. Public hearings and activities with national parliaments during the second half of 2021 (July-December). [EC]

## **Decision**

Coordinators noted that the deadline set by the CCC Secretariat (15 April) cannot be postponed and decided that:

- the EMPL Secretariat will circulate an updated list, in which some of the current proposals will have been merged
- the decision will then be taken in a written procedure (deadline to reply: 14 April cob or 15 April morning)

# 5. Appointment of EMPL Standing Rapporteur on EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement [ABR/SM]

## **Decision**

Coordinators decided to appoint the Chair as standing Rapporteur in EMPL to monitor the implementation of the Agreement in the policy areas covered by EMPL.

## 6. Allocation of reports and opinions

6.1. Decisions on new reports and opinions

Reports	
None	
Opinions	
6.1.1.	Budgetary opinio

## **Decision**

Coordinators decided to appoint the Chair as Rapporteur for the budgetary opinion.

*NB*: the Rapporteur for the opinion on the budgetary guidelines (February 2021) was the Chair.

6.1.2. The shrinking space of civil society in Europe [SM]

## **Decision**

No opinion

NB: EMPL Members were invited to table amendments in the lead Committee (LIBE) - such amendments would need to be co-signed by at least a LIBE Member (full or substitute).

## **6.2.** Possible launch of new own-initiative/implementation reports [EC]

## **Reserve rolling list for INIS (in order of priority)**

- 1. Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era
- 2. 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)
- 3. European Action Plan for the Social Economy
- 4. Job creation: just transition and impact investment
- 5. 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
- 6. Access to child care a way to enhance labour market participation

## **Decision**

## **Option B:**

- launch of an INI
- Decision on a possible launch on an implementation report will be postponed to a later stage of the legislature.

The topic of the INI will be reconfirmed in a written procedure.

# 7. Discussion on the New European Bauhaus Initiative - EMPL involvement [JB]

## **Decision**

**Coordinators appointed:** 

- Maria Walsh (EPP)
- Estrella Dura Ferrandis (S&D)
- Dragos Pislaru (RE)

(substitute: Katrin Langensiepen)

to participate on behalf of EMPL in the ITRE-CULT Coordinators meeting on 14 April.

# 8. Appointment of EP independent experts to the ETF Governing Board [SM]

## **Decision:**

**Coordinators decided that:** 

- a. political groups will propose candidates by the end of April 2021 (i.e., 26 April 2021) and a shortlist of suitable candidates could be established;
- b. shortlisted candidates will be invited for a hearing and selected candidates could be confirmed at the EMPL committee meeting in May 2021 (i.e., 26-27 May 2021), followed by a Committee vote:
- c. the Chair will then recommend them to the CoP for formal appointment.

## 9. Follow-up of previous Coordinators decisions

9.1. Update on the hearings [JB, MP, MM, EC]

## **Decision**

Coordinator took note of the state-of-play

9.2. Commission Directive (EU) 2020/739 of 3 June 2020 amending Annex III to Directive 2000/54/EC as regards the inclusion of SARS-CoV-2 in the list of biological agents known to infect humans and amending Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1833: the follow-up on the Commission statement (CK/EC)

## **Decision**

The Coordinators welcome the draft letter and decided that it would be finalised in a written procedure.

9.3. Proposal for an EMPL resolution on the Child Guarantee

## **Decision**

Since the Conference of President endorses the final plenary session agendas, Coordinators were invited to call on their Group's leaders to support this EMPL Committee initiative.

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

(As appropriate, to be followed up by information emails to all the groups, coordinators, rapporteurs & shadows)

10.1. Pay transparency [JB/TV]

## **Decision**

Coordinators took note of the state of play and congratulated the Chair for the agreement with FEMM.

## 11. Expertise budget [PolDep A]

#### **Decision**

Point postponed to a future meeting

## 12. Motions for Resolutions<sup>2</sup> - decision on procedure [ABR]

None

## 13. Petitions received for decision (see the annexes): [MP/NH]

• Petition No 0940/2020 by D.A. (Polish), on behalf of Aterima Group, on alleged barriers to cross-border trade by a Polish law company.

## **Decision**

Coordinators agreed that the petition will be dealt with in a written procedure. The RE Coordinator highlighted its importance and emphasized that involvement of the Members following the Social Security Coordination file would be appropriate.

<u>Note</u>: Petition 0940/2020 is confidential and the data contained therein can by no means be shared outside a restricted audience (Coordinators, political groups and administrative staff of the European Parliament).

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.

- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rule 143 - Motions for resolutions

<sup>2.</sup> Such a motion may not:

<sup>-</sup> deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.

<sup>3.</sup> Each Member may table no more than one such motion per month.

<sup>4.</sup> 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.

<sup>5.</sup> 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.

<sup>6.</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8.</sup> 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.

<sup>9.</sup> 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.

## Points for decision without debate

Unless a Coordinators explicitly asks for an exchange of views, the actions proposed in this section are <u>deemed adopted</u>

# 14. 2022 Budgetary procedure [EC/NH] - opinion and budgetary Amendments

## **Decision**

Coordinators took note of the updated draft timetable.

## 15. Employment and social policies of the euro area 2021 [MM]

## **Decision**

Coordinators took note that in line with past practice and the Coordinators' decision of 28 October 2020, Ms Gálvez Muñoz (tbc by S&D) is the rapporteur of this report.

## **Items for information**

Coordinators were invited to take note of the information provided in this section

- 16. Commission follow-up on the Parliament resolution under Article 225 on the right to disconnect [TV]
- 17. Commissionners' trackers for EMPL committee and Structured dialogue [MM]
- 18. Launch of the public consultation on the Commission's initiative on collective bargaining of self-employed and EU competition law [ABR]
- 19. Conference on the future of Europe [ABR/MP]
- 20. General report on the activities of the European Union
- 21. Cedefop: report on the budgetary and financial management for 2020 [JB]
- 22. EU-OSHA: report on the budgetary and financial management for 2020 (CK)
- 23. Indicative timetable of the European Court of Auditors' (ECA) reports [TV]
- 24. Committees' suggestions for the 2022 ECA work programme [TV]

## 25. Upcoming EPRS reports

## 26. Documents for information [ADs concerned]

## COM(2021)0139

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Council Directive 2000/43/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('the Racial Equality Directive') and of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ('the Employment Equality Directive') [JB]

#### SWD(2021)0063

Commission staff working document Equality bodies and the implementation of the Commission Recommendation on standards for equality bodies Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and Council on the application of Council Directive 2000/43/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('the Racial Equality Directive') and of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ('the Employment Equality Directive') [JB]

This **staff working document** accompanies the report on the application of Directive 2000/43/EC 1 ('Racial Equality Directive') and of Directive 2000/78/EC 2 ('Employment Equality Directive').

#### COM(2021)0148

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Report on the European instrument for Temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak pursuant to Article 14 of Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 SURE: Taking Stock After Six Months [JB]

## COM(2021)0046

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on EURES activity July 2018 - June 2020 submitted pursuant to Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2016/589 [MP]

#### COM(2021)0050

Green paper on ageing: Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations [MM]

### COM(2021)0101

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Union of Equality: Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 [SM/MM]

### COM(2021)0102

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan [MP]

## **SWD(2021)0046**

Commission staff working document Accompanying the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan [MP]

## COM(2021)0104

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Estonia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## COM(2021)0163

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1352 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Malta to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## **COM(2021)0164**

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1350 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Lithuania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## COM(2021)0165

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Latvia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## COM(2021)0166

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1346 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Hellenic Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

### COM(2021)0167

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1344 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Cyprus to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## COM(2021)0168

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1342 granting temporary support pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Kingdom of Belgium to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak [JB]

## 27. Timetables

## **Timetables of reports:**

INI report on "Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive" (Rapporteur: Gabriele BISCHOFF)

Draft report ready	3 May 2021
Consideration of draft report	26-27 May
Deadline AMs	3 June, noon
Consideration of AMs	28 June
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings COMPs	Weeks 24 – 27
Vote in EMPL	14 July
Plenary	September / back up plan October I or October II

## **Updated timetable:**

INI report on "Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development" (Rapporteur: Sylvie Brunet) (JB)

Exchange of views with stakeholders in EMPL	30 November 2020
Draft report to be sent to translation	9 February 2021
Consideration of draft report	4 March 2021
Deadline for AMs	12 March 2021, 12.00
Consideration of AMs	<del>13 April</del> 26/27 May 2021
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	Weeks 15-Weeks 21-26
Vote in EMPL	
	14/15 June 14/15 July 2021
Vote in Plenary	Tbc

# Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 - rapp: SZYDLO (update)

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	10 November
Shadows meetings	Weeks 49, 50, 51, 1-7
Vote in EMPL	<del>22 April</del> 26 May 2021
Plenary	tbc

## 28. Future EMPL meetings dates [JK]

## Future EMPL meetings dates

The concrete EMPL meeting dates will be subject to availability of resources (the logistical capacities are limited to twelve two hour Interactio meeting slots parallel).

The following meeting slots have been requested for April-July 2021

#### Week 16

19/04/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45 22/04/2021 (Thu) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

#### Week 17

26/04/2021 (Mon) 18:30 - 19:30

#### Week 21

25/05/2021 (Tue) 09:00 - 12:00 Joint AIDA-EMPL Hearing 26/05/2021 (Wed) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45 27/05/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:45 - 15:45

#### Week 22

03/06/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

#### Week 23

07/06/2021 (Mon) 18:30 - 19:30

#### Week 24

14/06/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45 15/06/2021 (Tue) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

#### Week 26

28/06/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45 01/07/2021 (Thu) 13:45 - 15:45

#### Week 28

14/07/2021 (Wed) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45 15/07/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:45 - 16:15

Coordinators were invited to note that, due to the current situation (shortage of room equipped with interactio, scarcity of interpretation resources, creation of 5 new Committees, and priority trilogues), neither rooms nor interpretation can currently be guaranteed until the very last moment (even when they have been booked months in advance).

# 29. Use of the annual page reserve in 2020 (JK)

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

FdR	Deadline	Doc. Type	Part	Characters	Pages	Rapporteur	AD	Subject
1214093	01/03/2021	PR	Motion for a resolution	2914	1,94	Brunet	ЈВ	Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers
1227287	08/04/2021	PA	Suggestions	1276	0,85	Maxova	SM	The European Education Area
1226855	15/04/2021	PR	Part A	4840	3,23	Villumsen	СК	Protecting workers from asbestos
1227225	15/04/2021	RE	Motion for a resolution	3975	2,65	Multiple	MP	European Child Guarantee
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Total:

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## 30. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK]

Coordinators' meeting dates in 2021

- > Please note that owing to the Coronavirus crisis, Coordinators' meetings will only be convened when this is necessary and technically feasible (availability of Interactio).
- > Next Coordinators' meetings are tentatively scheduled for (to be confirmed), possibly:
  - Tuesday 19 April (16:45-18:15) (preparation of Porto Summit)
  - Wednesday 26 May 16:45-18:15