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A. Chair's announcements

1. Interpretation languages [JK]

Interpretation was provided in: FR DE IT EN PL PT

1.1. List of EMPL Coordinators

(For information)

(New numbers as of 1st February 2020.)

<u>EMPL Coordinators/Deputies</u>		
EPP (15)	Dennis Radtke	Sara Skyttedal
S&D (12)	Agnes Jongerius	
RE (8)	Dragoş Pîslaru	Sylvie Brunet
ID (6)	France Jamet	Elena Lizzi
Greens/EFA (4)	Kira Marie	Katrin Langensiepen
ECR (5)	Elżbieta Rafalska	
The Left/NGL (4)	Nikolaj Villumsen (absent on 27.05)	Sandra Pereira (present on 27.05)

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

- The Coordinators warmly welcomes Makbule Sahan, Greens/EFA, and Susan Soll in the secretariat; they welcomed Laurence Smajda, back in the Secretariat after a long leave.
- The Chair announced that her advisor Jozef Ksinan is leaving to join ELA.

B. Exchanges of views/Decisions

1. New title of INI report "Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era"[CK]

Groups amended the title as follows:

Mental health in the digital world of work
and endorsed the request letter for CCC.

¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/search/table>

Plenary (29.6.2020): EPP 187, S&D 147, RE 98, ID 76, Greens/EFA 67, ECR 62, GUE/NGL 39, ID 29

2. 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)

No pending conflict of competence

3. Allocation of reports and opinions

3.1. Decisions on new reports and opinions

Reports

None

Opinions

3.1.1. Regulation on machinery products [SM]

EMPL/9/0XXXX - 2021/0105(COD) - lead Committee: IMCO

A : Opinion / Others

Coordinators representing the majority agreed to request the **application of rule 57** (with exclusive competence on article 7, 17, 18, 23, 43 and Annex III as well as several recitals). The Chair will first approach bilaterally the IMCO Chair ahead of the CCC request.

The file will be allocated to a group at a subsequent EMPL meeting.

3.1.2. Amending Directive 2013/34/EU, Directive 2004/109/EC, Directive 2006/43/EC and Regulation (EU) No 537/2014, as regards corporate sustainability reporting (“Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive”) [ABR]

EMPL/9/05890 - 2021/0104(COD) - lead Committee JURI

A : Opinion / Others

Coordinators representing the majority agreed to request the application of rule 57, with Exclusive competence on **Article 19b Sustainability reporting standards, 2, b).**

The Chair will first approach bilaterally the JURI Chair ahead of the CCC request.

The file will be allocated to a group at a subsequent EMPL meeting.

• 3.1.3 Small-scale fisheries situation in the EU and future perspective [SM]

- No formal EMPL opinion
- EMPL contribution: letter to the PECH Chair, with a summary of the key points adopted in the recent opinion (Rapporteur; J Duda, EPP), as EMPL input.

In practice, this letter would be prepared by the Rapporteur for the opinion “Fishers for the Future” (Mr Duda, EPP) with the support of the EMPL Secretariat. It would be finalised in a written procedure with the shadow Rapporteurs and would subsequently be sent by me, on behalf of EMPL, to the PECH Chair and Rapporteur.

- **3.1.4 Islands and cohesion policy: current situation and future challenges**

- No formal EMPL opinion
- EMPL contribution: letter to the REGI Chair

- **3.1.5 Challenges for urban areas in the post-COVID-19 era [TV]**

- No formal EMPL opinion
- EMPL contribution: letter to the REGI Chair

- **3.1.6 Reaching women's economic independence through entrepreneurship and self-employment [MM]**

- No formal EMPL opinion
- EMPL contribution: letter to the FEMM Chair

- **3.1.7 Cohesion policy as a means of promoting equal access to healthcare and cross-border healthcare**

- No EMPL opinion

- **3.1.8 Cohesion policy and digitalisation of SMEs [MP]**

- No formal EMPL opinion
- EMPL contribution: letter to the REGI Chair, with a summary of the key points adopted in the recent opinion “A new strategy for European SMEs” (Rapporteur Alieva Veli, RE), as EMPL input.

- **3.1.3. Foreign subsidies distorting the internal market [MM]**

EMPL/9/05996 - 2021/0114(COD) - lead Committee: INTA

A : Opinion / Others

- No EMPL opinion

4. Expertise budget 2021 [PolDep A]

The Policy Department will clarify the situation in relation to the expertise budget in writing.

Note: expertise requested for 2020-2021.

Expertise requested 2020-21	Delivery
1) The impact of teleworking and digital work on workers and society -Study	Published April 2021
2) The digitalisation of social services (Presentation by Eurofound)	19 April 2021
3) Fighting poverty and social exclusion, incl. through minimum income schemes - Study	June 2021
4) Ageing policies: Access to services in different Member States- Study	July 2021
5) Youth in Europe: Effects of Covid-19 on their economic and social situation- In-depth analysis (in-house)	July 2021
6) Policies for carers (both recent and longer-term issues) - In-depth analysis	September 2021
7) Revaluation of working conditions and wages for essential workers -Study	October 2021
8) Occupational health and safety: Adjusting provisions in the light of Covid-19	To be launched

5. Expertise budget - arrangements for the presentation of studies [PolDep A]

(point postponed from the Coordinators meeting of 13 April 2021)

Once the travel restrictions will be lifted, remote presentation of studies will be the default option, with the possibility for experts to present them in person.

6. FRA opinion on Equality in the EU 20 years on from the initial implementation of the equality directives [MM]

Coordinators decided that a representative of the Fundamental Rights Agency will be invited to present the opinion “**Equality in the EU 20 years on from the initial implementation of the equality directives**” in an upcoming EMPL meeting (see also point 7.3 below).

7. Follow-up of previous Coordinators decisions

7.1. Decent working and employment conditions in the aviation sector (Question for oral answer O-000019/2021)

Coordinators confirmed their wish to table again the EMPL Oral question in case it is not included in the June Plenary agenda (if possible jointly with TRAN OQ).

7.2. Public Hearing on various aspects of women in poverty following the COVID impact [MM]

Coordinators took note of the state of play as regards this hearing and welcomed the good cooperation with FEMM.

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

Coordinators took note of the cooperation arrangements on hearings planned for the 2nd semester that were agreed with other Committees ahead of the CCC meeting of 27 April.

The majority highlighted that racism and xenophobia are still relevant topics and a growing issue within the EU and are not only a LIBE issue. Thus, they noted the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan includes a part on "Employment, education, health and housing", (4 pages out of 26), addressing inter alia employment, Skills Agenda, VET, Erasmus+, Youth Guarantee, housing.... Coordinators therefore reiterated their support to the proposal made on 26 April as regards the proposed EMPL involvement in the LIBE hearing on the 'Implementation of the European Union anti-racism agenda with a focus on the implementation of the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan 2020-2025'².

Coordinators also took note of the possibility that LIBE requests an ad-hoc hearing on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application '**the Racial Equality Directive**' and the **Employment Equality Directive**'.

- Should it be confirmed, they agreed to request to co-organise this hearing (viz. selection of half of the speakers by EMPL; half of the speaking time for EMPL Members; co-chairing by EMPL and LIBE Chairs).
- Should LIBE not request this hearing, they agreed that EMPL will then request such a hearing.

In any case, Coordinators agreed that a representative of FRA should be invited (see also point 6).

8. Possible EMPL resolution on the social emergency - suggestion by the Left group [MM]

Coordinators endorsed the following:

- Oral question only, prepared under the leadership of the Chair, as proposed by the Left (with in addition one 'co-sponsor' to be appointed by each group) ;
- Title and scope to be fine-tuned in a written procedure;
- Target date: June plenary, if possible.

9. Motions for Resolutions - decision on procedure [ABR]

None

² Detail of the request:

- EMPL Committee shall select one of the experts to be invited to the hearing. the EMPL Chair (or her representative) and
- one EMPL Member shall be invited to the hearing

10. Petitions received for decision (see annexes): [MP/NH]

None.

11. Hearing “Amazon attacks on fundamental workers' rights and freedoms: freedom of assembly and association and the right to collective bargain and action” (27 May 2021)

Ad-hoc discussion

EMPL invited Jeff Bezos, the CEO of Amazon, or another high-level representative from Amazon S-team, to the Hearing “Amazon attacks on fundamental workers' rights and freedoms: freedom of assembly and association and the right to collective bargain and action.

Coordinators deplored that neither Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon, nor another high-level representative from Amazon’s S-team, took part in the Hearing “Amazon attacks on fundamental workers' rights and freedoms: freedom of assembly and association and the right to collective bargain and action”, held on the same day³.

Coordinators discussed different options how to react to this, in particular to 1) inform President Sassoli about this, 2) bring the matter to the attention of the CoP and 3) consider whether to issue a resolution. They also underlined the importance of close cooperation with ECON. Coordinators agreed to wait with the decision on the follow-up until after the Hearing.

³ Amazon indicated that it would welcome the opportunity to host an EMPL Committee visit to one of its sites when travel restrictions are eased.

C. Points for decision without debate

12. Targeted consultation meeting 29 June 2021 on micro credentials with Commissioner Gabriel and Commissioner Schmit [LS]

Coordinators took note of the information (in particular of the ongoing public consultation) and endorsed the proposed meeting.

Deadline for groups to appoint their representatives: **8 June cob**

13. Timetables

Timetables of reports:

Oral Question and Motion for a Resolution on the introduction of a European Social Security number with a personal labour card (Rapporteur: Nikolaj Villumsen)⁴

Oral question to the Commission

Coordinators' decision	18 March 2021
Send draft to translation	11 May 2021
Consideration of draft OQ in EMPL	3 June 2021
<i>Deadline for comments from the groups to the EMPL Secretariat, in ENGLISH only</i>	11 June, 12.00
Technical or Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	tbc
Vote in EMPL	Week 43 2021, exact date tbc
Vote in Plenary	tbc

Motion for a resolution

Coordinators' decision	18 March 2021
Send draft to translation	11 May 2021
Consideration in EMPL	3 June 2021
<i>Deadline for amendments</i>	11 June, 12.00
Technical or Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	tbc
Vote in EMPL	Week 43 2021, exact date tbc
Vote in Plenary	tbc

⁴ EMPL subsequently decided on 3 June to amend this timetable (deadline for amendments was postponed to 25 June)

INI Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive. (REVISED timetable)

Timetable

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	23 January 2021
Presentation of the proposal in EMPL	
Draft report ready	10 June 2021
Consideration of draft report	1 July 2021
Deadline AMs	Monday 12 July, 12:00
Consideration of AMs	End of August / September
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings COMPs	Weeks 35 - 40
Vote in EMPL	End of October
Vote in Plenary	November

Employment and social policies of the euro area 2021 - rapp: Ms Gálvez Munoz

Send draft report to translation	21 June 2021
Consideration of draft report	1 July 2021 (draft report available only in EN)
Deadline for AMs	14 July 2021, noon, only in EN
Availability of amendments in all languages	tbc
Consideration of AMs	1-2 September tbc (EMPL meeting date not confirmed yet)
Shadows meetings	Weeks 35, 36, 37
Vote in EMPL	30 September tbc (EMPL meeting date not confirmed yet)
Vote in Plenary	Oct I 2021 tbc

D. Items for information

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

14. President Paper “rethinking Parliamentary democracy [EC]”

15. Porto Social Summit, 7-8 May 2021 [MP/ABR]

Porto declaration [Social Partner Civil Society](#) and [EUCO declaration](#).

16. Conference on the future of Europe [ABR/MP]

17. Child Guarantee [MP]

18. Update from RRF WG [TV]

19. Blue Card agreement [SM]

(Second reading) [adopted text](#).

20. Solidarity corps agreement [ABR]

(Second reading) [adopted text](#)

21. Hearing 3 June 2021 of designated EU-OSHA director Juan Menéndez-Valdés [CK/LS]

22. 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)

23. proposals submitted to BUDG and sent for pre-assessment [EC/NH]

24. Petitions received for information [MP/NH]

(see annexes)

- [Petition No 1317/2020](#) by E.G.R. (Spanish) on improper use of interim and fixed-term contracts by the Spanish authorities
- [Petition No 1325/2020](#) by J.N.F. (Spanish) on improper use of fixed-term contracts by the Spanish authorities
- [Petition No 1439/2020](#) by Aldo Esposito (Italian), bearing two signatures, on recognition of the practical experience acquired by temporary teaching staff in Italian schools
- [Petition No 1451/2020](#) by Filomena Pinca (Italian) on failure to recognise the employment record of teachers in ‘scuole paritarie’ (accredited private schools) for the purpose of determining their pay grade
- [Petition No 1464/2020](#) by A.M.F. (Italian), on behalf of 271 Italian nationals, bearing three signatures, on the repeated renewal of fixed-term contracts for public service workers in Sicily (Italy)

25. Joint ECON-EMPL exchange of views on the Spring European Semester package

26. Documents for information [ADs concerned]

26.1. Activities of the Committee of the Regions - May 2021 [EC]

26.1.1. European Court of Auditors audit on High-quality European statistics [TV/EC]

26.2. [COM\(2021\)0236 final](#), SWD(2021) 102 final - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030 [SM]

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(Linguistic corrigendum only)

- 26.4. C(2021)3329 - Rectificatif au règlement délégué de la Commission du 4 février 2021 complétant le règlement (UE) 2019/1700 du Parlement européen et du conseil en précisant le nombre et l'intitulé des variables pour l'ensemble de données dans le domaine de l'éducation et de la formation (C(2021) 511 final) [SM]**

(Linguistic corrigendum only (CZ language))

- 26.5. Interinstitutional Meeting on Payments of 13 April 2021 - Additional documents [EC/NH]**

27. Staffing situation in EMPL Secretariat - update[EC]

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 June-July 2021

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) 14.00 - 14.15

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

Week 35

01/09/2021 (Wed) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

02/09/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:45 - 15:15 (Coordinators)

Week 39

30/09/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00

Week 41

11/10/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

Week 43

25/10/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

26/10/2021 (Tue) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:15 (Coordinators)

Week 46

15/11/2021 (Mon) 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

18/11/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00

Week 48

01/12/2021 (Wed) 09:00 - 12:00, 13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

02/12/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:45 - 15:15 (Coordinators)

Week 49

09/12/2021 (Thu) 09:00 - 12:00

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	JB	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	CK	Protecting workers from asbestos
1227225	15/04/2021	RE	Motion for a resolution	3975	2,65	Multiple	MP	European Child Guarantee
1228710	11/05/2021	PA	Suggestions	798	0,53	Kanev		Protection of persons with disabilities through petitions
					0,00			
					0,00			
					0,00			
					0,00			
					0,00			
Total:				13005	9,20			

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: Monday 3 June evening or Monday 14 June afternoon**