

EMPL COORDINATORS

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A. Chair's announcements

1. Interpretation languages [JK]

Interpretation is provided in :
FR DE IT EN PL

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
	Peter-Hansen	
ECR (5)	Elżbieta Rafalska	
The Left/NGL (4)	Nikolaj Villumsen	

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

B. Exchanges of views/Decisions

1. Cooperation pursuant to Rules 56+/57/58 - state of play [MM/TV; SM]

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

Title	Procedure n°	State of Play / Next steps
Commission proposal for a Regulation establishing a	2021/0206(COD) COM(2021)0568	On 20 October, the CoP decided the following as regards the attribution of competences: Lead: EMPL & ENVI (rule 58)

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

Social Climate Fund		<p>Rule 57: BUDG with shared competences on those aspects of the proposal that directly concern the MFF, the own resources and the Union budget, taking into account the implications of the proposal on the design of the EU's budget. The BUDG Rapporteur/Chair is to be invited to all meetings and negotiations when Union revenues/own resources are discussed.</p> <p>Rule 56+: ITRE, TRAN,</p> <p>Rule 56:REGI</p> <p>See section B.3</p>
Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery product	COM(2021)0202 – 2021/0105(COD)	<p>The issue was referred back to the CCC for the final decision, after IMCO coordinators refused to give any ground to EMPL request for a Rule 57 on this COM proposal, offering instead Rule 56+ (this decision by IMCO coordinators followed a rather more promising exchange of opinions between IMCO and EMPL committee Chairs, which in its own turn followed numerous exchanges of letters between IMCO and EMPL as well as a few staff level meetings).</p> <p>EMPL seeks to get shared (and in one case - exclusive) competence on health and safety at workplace aspects of the COM proposal for a new Regulation on Machinery Products, particularly when it concerns heavy machinery as well as the so called “cobots” and the AI.</p> <p><i>Awaiting CCC recommendation</i></p>
ITRE/CULT own-initiative report on “the New European Bauhaus		<p>On 12 October 2021, the ITRE and CULT Committees requested the authorisation to draw up a non-legislative own-initiative report on “the New European Bauhaus”, which would address the Commission communication “New European Bauhaus, Beautiful, Sustainable, Together” (COM(2021) 573 final).</p> <p>Among other things, this initiative aims at the integration of sustainability with social inclusion. The communication thus addresses EMPL-related aspects such as social and affordable housing, social economy, and social inclusion. In light of the social aspects of this initiative, ITRE and CULT have involved EMPL in their joint activities regarding the Bauhaus in the last</p>

		<p>months, as illustrated by the active participation of three EMPL representatives to the joint ITRE/CULT Coordinators meeting on the matter (14 April 2021) and one EMPL representative to the hearing organised on 16 June 2021 (where EMPL was granted the status of “invited Committee”).</p> <p>To build on the involvement of EMPL in the social aspects of this initiative, ITRE, CULT and EMPL have reached an agreement on the application of “Rule 56+²” to EMPL opinion to this own-initiative report.</p> <p>However, the file is currently blocked as REGI has asked for the application of Rule 58</p>
FEMM INI report “Enhancing gender equality through common European action on care”		<p>On 13 September, EMPL Coordinators decided in written procedure to request the application of Rule 57, with exclusive competence on general matters concerning pay, pensions and care. S&D requested in addition exclusive competence on work-life balance as well as on workers’ rights and working conditions. The EMPL request following these lines was sent to CCC on the same day.</p> <p>FEMM Committee asked for the extension of the original deadline of 1 October for finding an agreement.</p> <p>Contacts between the two Chairs are ongoing (a meeting is planned for week 43).</p>

Decision:

Coordinators took note of the state of play.

² ‘Rule 56+’ contains the following elements of additional cooperation compared to Rule 56: systematic invitation of the Rapporteur for opinion to attend all exchanges of views, workshops and hearings scheduled in the lead Committees as well as meeting with the lead Committees shadow Rapporteurs; bilateral meetings between the Rapporteur for opinion regarding their specific interest and concerns and/or other elements agreed on an ad-hoc basis.

2. Follow-up of previous Coordinators' decision

2.1. Programme of hearings, delegations and events with national parliaments for the 1st Semester 2022 [EC]

Decision:

- **Hearings:**

EMPL Coordinators confirmed the request for EMPL to be associated to the hearings on:

- Improving the protection and lives of people with disability as well as dependent elderly and other dependent persons (DROI);
- Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (DROI);
- Impact of restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 crisis on the free movement of professionals and way forward (IMCO);
- Proportionate and commensurate corporate due diligence in practice (JURI).

As regards the EMPL hearing "Social justice and employment: state of play, challenges and opportunities of the Green Deal and the 'Fit for 55' package" Coordinators agreed to offer that:

- ENVI selects one speaker;
- ENVI Chair and Rapporteur for the Social Climate Fund are given speaking time and to clarify the scope (focus on social and employment aspects).

As regards EMPL hearing on "A European Care Strategy: How to improve caregivers' and caretakers' lives", Coordinators decided, after a debate, that gender-related aspect would not be discussed during the hearing and that FEMM should not be involved in the hearing.

- **Delegations:**

Coordinators took note of the request that EMPL Members can join the CONT delegation to Rome, Italy and IMCO delegation to Navarra, Spain³.

2.2. Update- EMPL delegation visit to Slovakia, 3-5 November 2021 (AB/JB)

Decision

Coordinators took note of the state of play.

³ Pursuant Article 4(1)(a) and (c) of the Bureau decision of 2 October 2000.

3. Allocation of reports and opinions

3.1. Decisions on new reports and opinions

Reports

3.1.1. *Social Climate Fund Regulation (2021/0206(COD)) [TV; MM]*

Decision

This item was postponed.

Opinions

3.1.2. *ITRE/CULT own-initiative report on “the New European Bauhaus” (Rule 56+)
[JB/TV]*

Decision

Rapporteur to be appointed by the EPP group.

If possible, the opinion will be issued in the form of amendments to the draft report (Rule 56(4)).

Other

3.1.3. *The Left request on AI [MP]*

Decision

After a debate, Coordinators decided that the topic “Artificial intelligence” would be on the list of possible topics for future INLs.

4. A.O.B

Coordinators hold a short debate on the upcoming adoption of a EU COVID certificate in the EP.

Coordinators hold a short debate the drafting of the minutes of EMPL Coordinators meeting and agreed that the decision would be taken in a written procedure.

C. Points for decision without debate

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

1. Request to put Platform on Combatting Homelessness on the EMPL agenda [TV/EC]

Decision:

Coordinators endorsed the proposal to invite Commissioner Schmit to the EMPL committee to provide an update on the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness (EPOCH).

2. Timetables

2.1. Pay transparency – 2021/0050(COD) - updated timetable [JB/LS]

Joint EMPL-FEMM Hearing	22 April 2021
Draft report to be sent to translation	1 September 2021
Consideration of draft report	30 September
Deadline for AMs	8 October, 12.00
Consideration of AMs	15 November
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings	November, December, January (tbc)
Vote	February 2022, exact date tbc
Vote in Plenary	tbc

2.2. Amending Directive 2013/34/EU, Directive 2004/109/EC, Directive 2006/43/EC and Regulation (EU) No 537/2014, as regards corporate sustainability reporting (2021/0104(COD)) [ABR]

Consideration of draft opinion	1-2 December
Deadline for AMs	Tuesday 7 December, 12:00⁴
Availability of amendments in all languages	
Consideration of AMs	13 January 2022
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 2 - 4 (2022)
Vote in EMPL	Week 5
Vote in JURI	Mid-March 2022

⁴ The deadline was subsequently postponed to **Thursday 9 December, 12:00**

2.3. Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive (2021/2005(INI)) - updated timetable [ABR]

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
Vote in EMPL	25 October 2021 18 November 2021
Vote in Plenary	December

Decision:

Coordinators endorsed the timetables.

D. Items for information

Coordinators took note of the information provided in this section