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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS

FINAL RESULTS - v1-00

Meeting of 23 January 2024 16.45 - 18.15

Room: ANTALL 6Q2 and via Interactio remotely

Present

EPP: Dennis RADTKES&D: Agnes JONGERIUS

RE: Sylvie BRUNET

Greens/EFA: Sara MATTHIEUECR: Elżbieta RAFALSKAID: Dominique BILDE

- The Left: Nikolaj VILLUMSEN

1. Allocation of reports and opinions

1.1. Legislative Opinions

- 1.1.1. Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU Talent Pool (COM(2023)0716 2023/0404 (COD))
 - Coordinators allocated the opinion to S&D.

2. The Future of the EU Social Agenda – La Hulpe process. The Inter-institutional declaration content and process

- Coordinators endorsed the following steps in the preparation of EMPL input to the Interinstitutional Declaration and La Hulpe process:
 - o request President Metsola to mandate the EMPL Committee to design the EP input to the Inter-institutional Declaration;
 - o prepare written input to the Declaration in the form of: (a) a cover letter containing 5-6 main priorities for the future of the EU Social Agenda, and (b) an annex to the

- letter revised 'Summary or proposals of the EMPL Committee on the future of the EU Social Agenda La Hulpe process';
- o request the Belgian Ministers coming to the EMPL Committee to present their expectations in relation to the EMPL input to the Inter-institutional Declaration and La Hulpe process;
- o schedule a meeting between EMPL Coordinators and Belgian Presidency once the first draft of the Inter-institutional Declaration is ready.
- Coordinators agreed to prepare the consolidated EMPL input (letter and annex) to the Inter-institutional Declaration in a written procedure, to be followed by discussion and approval by the Coordinators, by the end of February 2024 at the latest.

3. Coordination of Social Security Systems

- Coordinators held an exchange of views with the Rapporteur Gabriele Bischoff (S&D).
- Coordinators endorsed Rapporteur's recommendation according to which the Chair is mandated to write together with the Rapporteur, on behalf of the committee, to the Belgian Presidency indicating that Parliament cannot accept a decoupling of the provisions of the revision of the Social Security Regulation as the revision is a well-balanced package.
- Coordinators mandated the EMPL Secretariat to start administrative preparations for a possible adoption of Parliament's first reading position, but to leave the decision on how to proceed to the Rapporteur and negotiating team following discussions with the Belgian Presidency and to inform the Coordinators of negotiating team's decision on the way forward in writing.

4. Equality bodies proposals (2022/0400(COD) and 2022/0401(APP)): next steps

- Coordinators agreed to send a joint EMPL, LIBE & FEMM Chairs' letter to the CCC to state the three Committees' wish not to raise a conflict on the consent file, and decided not to issue an opinion on this file, without prejudging future possible reopening of the competence issue on this topic.
- Coordinators agreed to exceptionally work in EN only in order to adopt the report in the shortest possible time, if the file is referred to EMPL.

5. EMPL input to the ECA Work Programme 2025

- Coordinators decided to submit on behalf of EMPL the following suggestions for the ECA work programme 2025+:
 - 1. EU support for the integration of Roma children an analysis of the targeting, use and impact of the EU money,

- 2. The integration of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) in the labour market, including through vocational education and training an analysis of the use of EU funding in the area,
- 3. Strategies for older persons an analysis of use of the EU funding for preventing the age discrimination.

6. EMPL end-of-term reflection session

- Coordinators provisionally endorsed, with comments, the proposed concept for the end of term reflection session, including the main topics and choreographies to address them, and decided to prepare the programme of the session in a written procedure.

7. Follow up of the 1st EP "Disability Rights Week" (DRW)

- Coordinators shared their political evaluation of the 1st EP DRW, and agreed to continue organising DRWs in the future order to be able to already start administrative preparations for the 2024 DRW (subject to final confirmation at the beginning of the next term).

8. Petitions

8.1. Received for opinion

- 8.1.1.Petition No 0924/2023 by M. G. (Irish) on fair wages for garment and footwear sector employees
- Coordinators decided not to draw up an opinion.
- 8.1.2. Petition No 0742/2023 by Tomás Cobo Castro (Spanish), on behalf of the 'Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Médicos' (General Council of Official Doctors' Associations), on the working conditions of doctors in the public health service in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla (Spain)
- Coordinators decided not to draw up an opinion.

8.2. Received for information

- 8.2.1. Petition No 0736/2023 by I. A. (German) on protection against bullying in the workplace
- 8.2.2. Petition No 0780/2023 by Fotios Batzios (Greek) on workers' rights in Greece
- Coordinators took note of the above-mentioned petitions.
- 9. Recommendation of the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly on youth mobility schemes, student exchanges, school trips and touring artists

- Coordinators decided to send any observations or comments to the recommendation, to be prepared in a written procedure, in the form of a letter from the EMPL Chair to the D-UK Chair.

10. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings

- Next Coordinators' meeting: 14 February 2024 (tbc)

11. Any other business

11.1. Follow-up to the EoV on working conditions in the Amazon warehouses

Coordinators decided, following repeated refusal of Amazon to attend EMPL hearings, to: (a) task the secretariat to gather information on the procedure to request Parliament authorities and governing bodies to withdraw access badges to Parliament's premises, and report back to Coordinators, and (b) send a letter to President Metsola to that effect in respect of Amazon representatives

11.2. Forthcoming revision of the European Works Council Directive

- Coordinators decided to start the examination of the Commission proposal on the revision of the European Works Council Directive in a speedy manner, and to decide on the procedure to be followed after the proposal has been presented.

Annex 1 - Other non-legislative documents received for information

- Effective legal protection and access to justice Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. 2023 annual report - COM(2023)0786
- Amending Regulation (EC) No 1467/97 on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure - 2023/0137(CNS) - Council's request for consultation
- Amending Directive 2011/85/EU on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States - 2023/0136 (NLE) - Council's request for consultation
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission by Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1177/2003 and (EC) No 577/98 COM(2023)0789

Annex 2 - Timetables

1. European Disability Cards for third country nationals

26 January 2024
1 February 2024, 18h
14 February 2024
Week 6-7 (5-15 Feb)
16 Feb 2024, 12:00
19 February 2024, 12:00
20 February 2024
22 February 2024
Feb II 2024 (TBC)
April II*

^{*} Under corrigendum procedure, i.e. on raw agreement, no DLA checking, Committee vote and plenary approval on final text in autumn, Council votes on final text possibly under Hungarian Presidency

2. Budget 2025

14/15 February 2024	Presentation by COM in EMPL on ongoing PP-PAs
March Plenary (11 - 14 March)	Adoption by the EP plenary of the resolution on the general guidelines for the 2025 budget (Section III)
12 March - 12h	First deadline (outgoing members) for submitting PP-PAs proposals to EMPL Secretariat for pre-assessment
19 March - 12h	First deadline (outgoing members) for EMPL Committee tabling PP-PA proposals for pre-assessment by the Commission
12 June (TBC)	Presentation of the Commission's Statement of estimates 2025 in BUDG
14 June (TBC)	1st round of PP-PAs back from Commission's pre-assessment
28 June	Deadline for re-assessment of PP-PAs by the Commission
10 or 17 July (TBC)	Adoption of Council's position on DB in Coreper

For information, to be revisited in the next legislature:

11 July	Circulate of the EMPL draft opinion on EP resolution
II July	·
22 July	1st round of PP-PAs back from Commission's re-assessment
24 July - 12h	Second deadline (incoming members) for submitting PP-PAs proposals to EMPL Secretariat for pre-assessment
24 July - 12h	Deadline for amendments in EMPL:
	- to the draft opinion (in AT4AM)
	- budgetary amendments, including PP-PAs (by email)
25 July - 17h	Second deadline (incoming members) for tabling PP-PA proposals
	for pre-assessment by the Commission
Early September	2nd round of PP-PAs back from Commission's pre-assessment
2/4 September	EMPL vote on draft opinion + budgetary amendments
5 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments:
	- by individual members to BUDG

	- and by Committees and MEPS (36 signatures) to Plenary
12 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments by groups to Plenary
13 September	Formal adoption of CSL position
7 October (Strb) (TBC)	BUDG vote on budgetary amendments
Week 40	Draft report on the resolution available
14 October (TBC)	Adoption of budgetary resolution - all sections in BUDG committee
Week 42 - EP	Trilogue - Payments meeting - NGEU meeting
October II Plenary (21-24 Oct.)	Adoption of Parliament's reading
Tuesday 29 October	Start of the 21-day conciliation period
Monday 18 November	End of the 21-day conciliation period
November II Plenary (25-28 Nov.)	Plenary vote & budget adoption