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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 1 December 2014, 18.00 - 18.30

Room PHS 3C050 (in camera), Paul-Henri Spaak Building, Brussels

RESULTS

3.12.2014

The meeting started at 18:00 hrs and closed at 18:40 hrs. In the Chair: Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair in the absence of Mr Thomas Händel.

Present

EPP	Mr Jeroen Lenaers, replacing the EPP Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator

Also present

Ms Agnes Jongerius, 4th Vice-chair

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in German, English, Dutch and Danish.

2. The 300bn Euros package ('Investment Plan for Europe')- next steps in EMPL

The papers for the meeting included:

- a letter of 7 November 2014 from President Juncker and Vice-President Timmermans to the Commissioners
- The Commission Communication entitled “An Investment Plan for Europe” (COM(2014) 903 final)¹

Decision:

The Coordinators held an exchange of views and

1. *mandated the Chair to write to President Juncker (a) to insist on the inclusion of Ms Thyssen as a 'main participant' in Cluster 1 on Jobs, Growth and Investment and (b) to request that the Employment Committee be kept abreast of the works of Cluster 1;*
2. *regarding the options for possible follow-up to the plenary debate on 26 November on the Commission Communication 'Investment Plan for Europe';*
 - *decided that EMPL shall draft a formal contribution in form of a report or an opinion², with a timetable that should enable to influence the decisions related to the investment package;*
 - *agreed to take the decision on the EMPL contribution at the next meeting.*

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/jobs-growth-investment/plan/docs/an-investment-plan-for-europe_com_2014_903_en.pdf

² Opinion on ECON own-initiative report 'Bridging the investment gap' (rapporteur: Mr Udo Bullmann) and/or opinion on the future legislative report on the expected Commission proposal ("The legal proposal⁵ necessary for the European Fund for Strategic Investments should be dealt with in fast-track procedure by the European Parliament and the Council, as the EU legislator, to be in force by June 2015."; "The legal instrument is likely to be a Regulation based on Articles 172, 182, 175(3) and possibly 173 TFEU." - source: COM(2014)903 p. 6)

3. Motions for Resolution (Rule 133)³ - decisions on procedure

3.1 B8 0245/2014 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on deaths at the workplace in Italy – by Mara Bizzotto

The Motion for Resolution can be found at annex to these notes.

Decision: Not to follow up the matter since on Oral Question on Health and Safety at work had been discussed in the plenary on 24 November.

3.2 B8-0242/2014 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the rise in youth unemployment in Italy – by Mara Bizzotto

The Motion for Resolution can be found at annex to these notes.

Decision: Not to follow up the matter since this had already been the object of recent EP resolutions and debates

³ Rule 133 : 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. The motion may not comprise more than 200 words.

2. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be adopted.

It may combine the motion for a resolution with other motions for resolutions or reports.

It may adopt an opinion, which may take the form of a letter.

It may decide to draw up a report under Rule 52.

3. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.

4. The report shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

5. Opinions in the form of a letter addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded by the President.

6. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under Rule 123(2), 128(5) or 135(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.

7. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author, authors or first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 2, to draw up a report on it.

Once the motion has been thus taken over by the committee, only the committee shall be empowered to withdraw it up until the opening of the final vote.

8. A withdrawn motion for a resolution may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it.

Committees have a duty to ensure that motions for resolutions tabled under this Rule which meet the requirements laid down are followed up and duly referred to in the resulting documents.

4. Petitions (MM)

4.1 Petition 1912/2013 by Antonio Valenciano Sal (Spanish), on salaries in Spain

Decision: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write back to PETI along the lines set out in the notes, emphasising that the quoted EP resolution is not a binding legal instrument. The letter will be verified by the Coordinators before being sent.*

4.2 Petition No 1961/2013 by Edward Marnell on behalf of Cammel Laird strikers, on unjust treatment of Cammel Laird strikers

Decision: *To wait for the Commission's reply regarding the compatibility of such actions with the EC Treaty in force at the time as regards the recognition of the rights of Trade Unions and the rights to strike; and to decide on the basis of this reply on the main lines of the letter to be sent to PETI.*

4.3 Petition 1467/2013 by Sandra Fajardo Wetzel (Spanish) on unemployment of persons above 50 years of age in Spain

Decision: *Not to take any action. The petition had been forwarded to EMPL for information only.*

4.4 Petition 1534/2013 by Jose Manuel Martin Alvarez (Spanish) on providing basic income support to unemployed persons in Spain and care for addicts in the Canary Islands

Decision: *Not to take any action. The petition had been forwarded to EMPL for information only.*

4.5 Petition 1573/2013 by Jose Ramon Gil Benito (Spanish) on the unpaid work on Sundays and public holidays in Spain

Decision: *Not to take any action. The petition had been forwarded to EMPL for information only.*

5. Points for information

5.1 Timetables

Draft Report for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on seafarers amending Directives 2008/94/EC, 2009/38/EC, 2002/14/EC, 98/59/EC and 2001/23/EC (Elisabeth Morin-Chartier)

Deadline to send to TO/translation	18 December 2014
Consideration of draft in committee	21-22 January 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs</i>	<i>29 January 2015 at 12h00</i>
Consideration of AMs	26 February 2015
Vote in EMPL	24 March 2015
Plenary estimate	April II / May I 2015

Draft Opinions Discharge 2013 (Marian Harkin)

Deadline to send to TO/translation	14 November 2014
Consideration of draft in committee	1-2 December 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs</i>	<i>9 December 2014 at 12h00</i>
Consideration of AMs	21/22 January 2015
Vote in EMPL	29 January 2015
Plenary estimate	April II 2015

Draft Opinion on the review of the economic governance framework: stocktaking and challenges (Anne Sander)

Deadline to send to TO/translation	18 December 2014
Consideration of draft in committee	21/22 January 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs</i>	<i>30 January 2015 at 12h00</i>
Vote in EMPL	26 February 2015
Plenary estimate	March 2015

Draft opinion on the The EU Strategy for equality between women and men post 2015 (Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz)

Consideration draft Opinion	21-22 January 2015 (tbc)
Send text to TO/Translation	19 December 2014 (tbc)
Debate(s) in Committee	
Deadline AMs	28 January 2015 (tbc)
Send AM to TO	29 January 2015 (tbc)
Consideration of AMs tabled	26 February 2015 (tbc)
Consideration of Comp AMs and Vote	
Vote EMPL	24 March 2015 (tbc)
Vote lead committee FEMM	30-31 March 2015
Plenary estimate:	

5.2 Joint Public Hearing on the Employment and social aspects of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

The final programme of the EMPL-INTA joint hearing is annexed to these notes.

5.3 Outgoing letters

The following letters sent by the Chairman are annexed to the Coordinators' notes:

- Invitation to an exchange of views with the EMPL Committee - to Morten Kjaerum, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Appointment of the EMPL committee members to the STOA Panel - to Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President responsible for STOA
- Situation in the Square de Meeûs Building - to Stefano Guccione, Chair, Staff Committee
- Request to apply the procedure of associated committees (Rule 54 of the EP's Rules of Procedure) with the JURI committee on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on single-member private limited liability companies - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL request to apply the procedure of associated committees with the JURI committee on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on single-member private limited liability companies (COM(2014)0212 - 2014/0120 (COD) - Reply by the Chairman of the JURI Committee - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL-CULT joint hearing on "The reform of educational systems in Europe as a way to fight youth unemployment " - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL own-initiative report on "Creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21st century: matching skills and qualifications with demand and job opportunities, as a way to recover from the crisis" - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL own-initiative report on "Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation in combatting unemployment" - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL own-initiative report on a Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy - (EMPL/8/01436), to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL own-initiative report on "Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty" - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL implementation report on the implementation, results and overall assessment of the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations - (EMPL/8/01909), to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs
- EMPL own-initiative report on "The labour and social dimension of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)" - to Jerzy Buzek, Chairman, Conference of Committee Chairs

- Statements to be made in Parliament by the European Commission regarding the Commission proposal COM(2014)0611 - 2014/0283 (NLE) of 2 October 2014 - to President Martin Schulz, European Parliament
- Member in charge of implementing gender mainstreaming in the work of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs - to Iratxe García-Pérez, Chair, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Request for authorisation for the reimbursement of the travel expenses of experts
- implementation of the provisions of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission and specifically in the context of expert groups meetings taking place for the preparation and the adoption of delegated acts - to Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility - to Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
- Opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the case EGF/2014/008 FI/STX Rauma (COM(2014)630 final) - to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- Opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the case EGF/2014/005 FR/GAD (COM(2014)662 final) - to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- Opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the case EGF/2014/010 IT/Whirlpool from Italy (COM(2014)672 final) - to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- The German public broadcaster ARD recently reported (on 26.10.2014) a case of alleged abuse of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), seemingly in the context of the Delphi case - to Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
- Request to apply Rule 54 to the ECON Committee Own-Initiative Report entitled "Bridging the investment gap in the EU for sustainable growth and jobs" (D (2014)52414)

5.4 Documents for information

The following documents can be found annexed to the notes:

- Letter by Pavel Svoboda regarding the EMPL request for rule 54 on the single-member private limited liability companies
- Letter by Jerzy Buzek regarding the authorisation of the INI report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination
- Letter by Jerzy Buzek to Martin Schulz regarding the state of play on delegated and implementing acts
- Letter by Michel Barnier to Thomas Händel regarding the results of the study on the "Promotion of Employee Ownership and Participation
- Letter by László Andor to Marita Ulvskog about the impact assessment studies concerning the Working Time Directive

The Coordinators:

- *discussed the reply of the JURI Chair Pavel Svoboda asking EMPL to withdraw its request for the application of Rule 54 (procedure with associated committees) on the proposal on single-member private limited liability companies.*
- *decided to maintain the request for application of Rule 54 on this procedure and mandated the Chair to meet the Chair of the JURI Committee so as to find a solution within the deadline set by the CCC.*

6. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

The Coordinators

- *held an extensive exchange of views on recent contradictory decisions on the venue of their meetings and on the role of Co-Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators in this respect;*
- *agreed to decide on the time and place of their future meetings at their next meeting on Thursday, 18 December 2014, 9.30-11.00 am, in Strasbourg.*