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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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Room LOW S4.5 (in camera), Louise Weiss Building,
Strasbourg

RESULTS

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The meeting started at 09:32 hrs and closed at 11:00 hrs. In the Chair: Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair in the absence of Mr Thomas Händel.

Present

EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
EPP	Mr Heinz K. Becker, Vice-Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Ulrike Trebesius, Deputy Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Also present

Ms Agnes Jongerius, 4th Vice-chair

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in German, English and Italian.

1.2 Consequences of Ms Weber's group change

The Chair informed the Coordinators, that Renate Weber had left the EPP Group to join the ALDE Group. The EPP had subsequently 15 seats (previously 16), and ALDE 6 (previously 5).

Practical consequences:

The EPP Group has to appoint one of its members to the EGF Working Group.

The D'Hondt tables (seats on delegations, speakers at events etc.) have been updated accordingly.

Points system: The Coordinators decided that in the event of a change of political affiliation by a Member the point system be continued with the original allocation of points, i.e. 16 x 2 points for EPP and 5 x 2 points for ALDE, and that the change in relative strengths would be reflected only when a fresh round of points would be allocated to all the groups.

1.3 Place and time of Coordinators' meetings

The Coordinators

- *Bearing in mind that they had decided on 23 October 2014 to hold their regular meetings in Strasbourg¹*
- *Took note of the wish of **the majority** of groups to hold coordinators' meetings in Brussels*
- ***noted that certain coordinators had requested interpretation into their mother tongue***
- *Considered various options as to the place and time of Coordinators' meetings*
- *Instructed the secretariat to submit options for holding Coordinators' meetings **in Brussels.***

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

2.1 **Conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled – EMPL/8/01807 – 2014/0297(NLE) –COM(2014)0638 (MM)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinions: CULT, JURI, FEMM

¹ The Coordinators decided to hold their regular meetings during Strasbourg sessions on Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., on the understanding that additional meetings may be convened in Brussels if necessary.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201410/20141029ATT92203/20141029ATT92203EN.pdf>

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group*

2.2 **Commission Communication on a Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy – EMPL/8/01436 – COM(2014)0446 (ZP)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinions: DEVE, INTA, ECON, ENVI, ITRE, FEMM

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the Greens/EFA Group*

2.3 **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 – EMPL/8/01430 (CO)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion(s):

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group*

2.4 **Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty – EMPL/8/01433 (MM)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion(s):

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group*

2.5 **Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation in combatting unemployment – EMPL/8/01437 (PR)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion(s):

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group*

2.6 **The labour and social dimension of TTIP – EMPL/8/01771 (MK)**

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion(s):

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *noted that EMPL's request for an own-initiative report on the labour and social dimension had been withdrawn owing to the strong resistance of the INTA Committee which had offered other committees the possibility to give opinions to its report based on Rule 108, and in the light of the orientations given by the Conference of Presidents and the TTIP monitoring group;*
- *Instructed the Chair to request to have it recorded in the CCC minutes of 25 November 2014 that the withdrawal of the EMPL own-initiative report on 'Labour and social aspects of the TTIP' was conditional on receiving the closest possible association offered by INTA to any other committee on its Rule 108 report on the TTIP.*

- *agreed that the Greens/EFA Group should be allowed to submit a proposal for an own-initiative report*

Opinions

2.7 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Innovation in the Blue Economy: realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth – COM(2014)0254 (MM)

Resp.: ITRE

Opinions: EMPL, TRAN, REGI

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EFDD Group

Documents received for information

2.8 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility — 2013 – COM(2014) 639 (ZP)

Resp.: EMPL

Opinions: BUDG, ECON

Decision:

- 1. Request authorisation to draw up an implementation report.*
- 2. Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group*

Possible additional decisions

2.9 Communication from the Commission on an EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work – COM(2014) 332 [MK]

Resp.: EMPL

Opinion:

Decision:

- 1. Request authorisation to draw up an own-initiative report.*
- 2. Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group*

3. European Youth Event – speed hearing in EMPL on 2 December

(ZP - DG COMM)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *Held an exchange of views*
- *Agreed that the political groups should appoint 16 speakers (5 EPP, 4 S&D, 2 ECR, 1 each for ALDE, GUE, Greens, EFDD and non-attached Members) by the end of the day (27 November end of business).*

4. EMPL Committee studies and workshops for 2014-2015

(CO)

Decision:

The Coordinators

Took note of the following list of proposals

1. Precarious employment contracts in Europe: types, patterns, trends. (Proposed by S&D and EFDD, endorsed by EPP, GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA)
2. The impact of the economic crisis on the labour market with respect to force and skills shortages. (Proposed by EPP and EFDD, endorsed by ALDE)
3. Anticipating the future needs of the workforce in the context of the Digital Agenda. (Proposed by EPP and ALDE)
4. The impact created by subcontracting as a practice circumventing the labour and social rights of employees. (Proposed by GUE, endorsed by S&D)
5. How to mainstream the social scoreboard into macroeconomic surveillance. (Proposed by S&D)
6. Comparative study on the availability and the use of assistance for entrepreneurship to young people. (Proposed by ALDE, endorsed by ECR)
7. A comparison across member states on how different member states have encouraged young people to study STEM subjects. (Proposed by ECR)

8. Member States use of the opt-out (from the Working Time Directive). (Proposed by ECR)
9. Evolution of collective bargaining in Troika programme and post-programme MS. (Proposed by GUE/NGL)
10. Study on Active Inclusion: how MS are implementing the 2008 Recommendation? (Proposed by Greens/EFA)
11. The level of effectiveness and the efficiency of the European Social Fund financed policies and measures addressed to unemployed, especially during the financial and social crisis. (Proposed by Greens/EFA)

Decided that

- The authorisation for Studies 1-8 be sought today, whereas the first requests to be commissioned with external contractors would be
 - Proposal 2 (The impact of the economic crisis on the labour market with respect to force and skills shortages)
 - Proposal 6 (Comparative study on the availability and the use of assistance for entrepreneurship to young people)
 - Proposal 7 (A comparison across member states on how different member states have encouraged young people to study STEM subjects)
- Proposal 8 would be done by Eurofound (Member States use of the opt-out from the Working Time Directive)
- The remaining 3 subjects could be requested at a forthcoming coordinators' meeting
- an additional suggestion by Ms Jongerius would be submitted in writing for the next Coordinators' meeting.

5. Organising exchanges of views with stakeholders

5.1 Exchange of views with stakeholders – Seafarers

(ZP)

Decision: The Coordinators confirmed the proposal made by the Rapporteur.

5.2 Exchange of views with stakeholders – EURES

(BM)

Decision: The Coordinators confirmed the proposal made by the Rapporteur and agreed to invite one additional speaker from a border region (EURES Maas-Rhein).

6. Experts for the Governing Board of the European Training Foundation (ETF)

(BM)

Decision: *The Coordinators took note of the candidatures received² and decided that the vote on the candidates (by secret ballot) would take place at the committee meeting on 21/22 January 2015.*

7. Delegation to Denmark, 16-18 March 2015 (PR/AC)

(PR, AK)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *Noted that the proposed d'Hondt based allocation of available seats per political group would be as follows (preliminary figures):*
 - *The Chair: hors quota; EPP: 3, S&D: 2; ECR: 1; ALDE: 1; GUE/NGL: 1*
- *Noted that*
 - *the EPP would only use 1 of its 3 seats*
 - *GUE/NGL would renounce to its seat*
 - *EFDD would be interested to use its seat (position 16 on the d'Hondt table) to join the delegation*
 - *in line with past practice, EMPL Members elected in Denmark may accompany the delegation at their own expenses "hors quota".*
 - *additional proposals to the programme would be made by other Members elected in Denmark*
- *Agreed that additional information as to the allocation for seats and the programme would be circulated by the Secretariat*
- *Agreed that the arrangements for the EMPL delegation to Portugal in July 2015 be discussed in due course and with the involvement of EMPL Members elected in Portugal. (MK, CO)*

² - Ms Edit BAUER from Slovakia (sponsored by EPP group)
- Mr Jan ANDERSSON from Sweden (sponsored by S&D group)
- Mr Jean-Francois MEZIERES from France (sponsored by the ALDE group)
- Ms Sara PARKIN from the United Kingdom (sponsored by the Greens group)

8. Public hearing on "Reform of educational systems in Europe as a way to fight youth unemployment" (together with CULT Committee)

(CO)

Decision:

The Coordinators held an exchange of views and

- *agreed in principle, on the date of 26 February and communicate it to CULT Committee.*
- *agreed to propose to CULT Committee that each of the two committees should nominate 2 speakers at the hearing, according to their respective competencies.*
- *Agreed that the title be adjusted as follows: ""The reform of educational systems in Europe as a way to fight early school leaving, child poverty and youth unemployment""*
- *Instructed the chair to initiate a joint EMPL-CULT letter to the President requesting the title change.*

9. Request from President Schulz to Presidents of the European Commission and European Council to include the EMPL Chair as an observer to the Tripartite Social Summit

(CO/MK)

Decision:

The Coordinators held an exchange of views and

- *agreed to mandate the Chair to write a letter asking President Schulz to send a new letter to the new Presidents of the European Commission and the European Council, recalling the first letter and reiterating the request to include the EMPL Chair as an observer to the Tripartite Social Summit, at all future meetings.*

10. Promotion of Employee Financial Participation – ALDE proposal for an oral question with debate

Decision:

The Coordinators:

- *Held an exchange of views on the proposal*
- *Agreed on the principle that an oral question on employee financial participation be tabled in the plenary*
- *Decided to set a deadline for modifications on the proposed text by Coordinators: 4 December 2014 with a view to agreeing on compromises and to adopting a text of no more than 25 lines at the committee meeting on 21-22 January 2015. [NOTE: The final Oral Question must not be longer than 25 lines in Times New Roman 12 point]*

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The remaining items on the agenda were postponed owing to a lack of time.

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11. Date of next Coordinators' meetings

- *On Monday, 1 December 2014, from 18:00 to 18:30 in room PHS 3C050 to conclude unfinished business.*
- *On Thursday, 18 December 2014, 9.30-11.00 am, in Strasbourg.*