



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 18 December 2014, 9.30 - 11.00
Room LOW S4.4 (in camera), Louise Weiss Building, Strasbourg
RESULTS

8.1.2015

The meeting started at 09.33 hrs and closed at 11.01 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 Mr Heinz K. Becker, Vice-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 Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 EGF Working Group – new EPP Member

Jeroen Lenaers had been appointed by the EPP Group to fill the vacant post of EPP in the EGF Working Group, following Renate Weber's departure for the ALDE Group.

1.3 D'Hondt delegation table following group change of Ms Weber

Decision

The Coordinators held an exchange of views and confirmed that the breakdown of the 27 places for external delegations would remain unchanged: EPP 9, S&D 8, ALDE 2, ECR 2, GUE/NGL 2, non-attached Members 2, Greens/EFA 1, EFDD 1, total: 27.

1.4 Dates of Coordinators' meetings in 2015

Decision

The Coordinators held an exchange of views on the various options and agreed to hold meetings on a trial basis in Brussels. The first meeting shall take place on Thursday, 8 January, from 9:30 to 11:00 hrs.

1.5 Follow-up on the proposal for a Directive on Single-member private limited liability companies (SUP) (BM)

Decision

Upon proposal by the Chair, the Coordinators agreed to co-sign a letter to the Chair of the CCC, Mr Buzek, as well as to President Schulz, urging them to agree on the application of Rule 54 to this report.

1.6 Invitation to the International Labour Organisation (RS)

Decision

The Coordinators agreed, upon proposal by the Chair, to invite an ILO representative (name tbd) to the EMPL meeting on 29 January a.m, for a presentation of a research paper on the employment impact of the Investment Plan presented by President Juncker.

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

none

Opinions

2.1 Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy (ZP)

EMPL/8/02143

2014/2208(INI) COM(2014)0398/final 2

Responsible: ENVI – Sirpa Pietikäinen (PPE)

Decision: Draftsperson to be nominated by the EFDD Group.

2.2 Green growth opportunities for SMEs (CO)

EMPL/8/02148

2014/2209(INI) COM(2014)0440

Responsible: ITRE – Philippe De Backer (ALDE)

Decision: No opinion

2.3 Family Businesses in Europe (CO)

EMPL/8/02153

2014/2210(INI)

Responsible: ITRE – Angelika Niebler (PPE)

Decision: Draftsperson to be nominated by the ECR Group.

2.4 The urban dimension of EU policies (MM)

EMPL/8/02159

2014/2213(INI) COM(2014)0490

Responsible: REGI – Kerstin Westphal (S&D)

Decision: Draftsperson to be nominated by the S&D Group.

2.5 An EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region (MM)

EMPL/8/02164

2014/2214(INI) COM(2014)0357

Responsible: REGI – Ivan Jakov i (ALDE)

Decision: No opinion

2.6 New General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections (ZP)

EMPL/8/02199

2014/2224(BUD)

Responsible: BUDG –

Decision: No opinion

2.7 Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) (MK)

Responsible: INTA – Bernd Lange

Decision: Draftsperson to be nominated by the ALDE Group.

2.8 Cohesion policy and marginalised communities (ZP)

Responsible: REGI –

Decision: Draftsperson to be nominated by the EPP Group.

Documents received for information

2.9 Draft joint employment report from the Commission and the Council accompanying the Communication from the Commission on the Annual Growth Survey 2015 (KS)

COM(2014)0906

Responsible: EMPL –

Opinions: ECON, ITRE, FEMM

Decision: Decision already taken at the October meeting.

2.10 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - An Investment Plan for Europe (KS)

COM(2014) 903 final

Decision: Opinion pursuant to Rule 54 on the ECON INI “Bridging the investment gap in the EU for sustainable growth and jobs” (ECON rapporteur: Mr Udo Bullmann) to be drawn up by the Greens/EFA Group.

3. European Parliamentary Week (EPW) (MK/KS)

This year's European Parliamentary Week, comprised of the European Semester meeting with national Parliaments and the Conference under Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU (Fiscal Compact) will take place on 3 – 4 February 2015. The preliminary draft programmes of both events can be found annexed to these notes.

As part of the European Semester event, the EMPL, ECON and BUDG committees will organize parallel Interparliamentary Committee Meetings (ICM), which will take place on 3 February at 11h15 – 13h30. The draft agenda of the 2014 ICM can be found in the annexes.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- ***Took note of the draft programme of the European Parliamentary Week to be held on 3-4 February 2015 in Brussels***
- ***Decided that in the view of EMPL's previous work on the EU2020 Strategy and on the social dimension of the EMU it should be requested that the 'European Parliamentary Week' session on 'The review of the EU2020 strategy and priorities for the 2015 European Semester Cycle' should be co-chaired by the Chairs of EMPL and ECON***
- ***Decided that the following two topics should be put on the agenda of the EMPL interparliamentary committee meeting:***
 - ***Employment and social indicators' scoreboard in the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure (MIP), taking account of youth unemployment***
 - ***Impact of the Commission's Investment Plan (including the objectives of the European Fund for Strategic Investment and the youth employment targets) on job creation***

4. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (MM)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *Noted that the following candidates had been put forward by the political groups (alphabetical order)*
 - *Ms Blinkeviciute (S&D proposal)*
 - *Ms Harkin (ALDE proposal)*
 - *Mr Kósa (EPP proposal)*
 - *Ms Lopez Bermejo (GUE/NGL proposal)*
- *Agreed to take the final decision on the EMPL representative in the 'EU Framework for promoting, protecting and monitoring the CRPD' at their next meeting.*

5. Joint EMPL - CULT Hearing – proposals of experts (CO)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *Took note of the names put forward by the political groups*
- *Took note of the agreement with the CULT committee that EMPL and CULT would nominate two experts each and considered nevertheless that three experts should be invited by the EMPL Committee so as to enable also the smaller groups to nominate one expert*
- *Invited the political groups to submit CVs for each of their candidates*
- *Agreed to take the final decision on the two experts to be appointed by the EMPL committee at their next meeting.*

6. Invitation to chairs of EMCO and SPC (KS)

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to invite the Chairs of the EMCO and of the SPC to the EMPL meeting taking place on 21-22 January.

7. Initial appraisal of the Commission's Work Programme for 2015 (RS)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *Noted that Vice-President Timmermans had approached the Chair with the suggestion to address the EMPL Committee in February or March*
- *Took note of an email of 17 December from CCC Chair Mr Buzek, inviting all committees to inform him by letter by Tuesday 6 January 2015 of their position on the Commission Work Programme for 2015*
- *agreed that the matter could not be addressed by the committee coordinators at such short notice.*

8. Own-initiative reports – update of waiting list

Decision: *The Coordinators invited the Greens/EFA Group to submit the title of their fresh proposal for an own-initiative report replacing the withdrawn request on the TTIP.*

9. Implementation reports

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *heard a representative of Policy Department A presenting the various option for assistance by PolDep A and DG EPRS in the context of possible implementation reports*
- *postponed the decision on implementation reports to their next meeting.*

10. Flags of convenience in aviation (RS)

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *mandated the Chair to write to Commissioners Thyssen and Bulc expressing concerns about recent developments in the abuse of flags of convenience in aviation, if possible together with the Chair of TRAN,*
- *decided to hold an exchange of views about this issue during a future EMPL meeting, inviting the social partners, researchers and the Commission.*

11. Reallocation of budgetary appropriations as a consequence of the investment package (ZP)

The Coordinators instructed the secretariat to draw up a note examining how budgetary appropriations would be reallocated as a consequence of the presentation of the investment package.

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Owing to lack of time, the remaining items were postponed.

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12. Points for information

12.1 International Labour Organization: Global Wage Report 2014/15 - Wages and income inequality

The report is made up of the following 3 parts and is available at the link below.

Part I. Major trends in wages;

Part II. Wages and income inequality;

Part III. Policy responses to address wages and inequality.

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/WCMS_324678/lang--en/index.htm

12.2 OECD Working Paper: Trends in Income Inequality and its Impact on Economic Growth

The Working Paper finds that rising inequality significantly hurts economic growth. The document is available at the below link.

<http://www.oecd.org/social/inequality-hurts-economic-growth.htm>

12.3 Briefing on the state of EU-Switzerland relations in the EMPL areas of responsibility

This Policy Department A briefing for the EMPL Committee gives an overview on the current relationship between the EU and Switzerland in the EMPL remit. After giving a background on the relationship, namely the agreement on the free movement of persons, the repercussions of the referendum to introduce quotas of February 2014 are discussed. Finally, the note specifies which negotiations with Switzerland are on-going, such as on the Croatia protocol and the new institutional framework between the EU and Switzerland. The briefing is available at the following link:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2014/536313/IPOL_BRI\(2014\)536313_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2014/536313/IPOL_BRI(2014)536313_EN.pdf)

12.4 Letter from Commissioner Thyssen to Marita Ulvskog regarding the allegations by ARD on the implementation of the EGF

Commissioner Thyssen's reply can be found annexed to these notes, amongst the documents for information.

12.5 Letter from the Secretary-General of the European Commission, Ms Catherine Day, transmitting a list of international conferences in 2015

The letter and the list were included in the papers for information.

12.6 Timetables

European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2015 (Sergio GUTIERREZ-PRIETO)

Draft sent to TO/translation (EN only)	8 January 2015
Consideration of draft	21/22 January 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs (EN only)</i>	<i>28 January 2015 at 12h00</i>
Consideration of AMs - TBC	Extraordinary EMPL meeting in week 6 or 7 - TBC
Adoption in EMPL	26 February 2015
Plenary	March I 2015

12.7 Outgoing letters

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

- Application of the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities - to Martin Schulz, President, European Parliament
- Inclusion of Commissioner Marianne Thyssen in the Commission's thematic ad-hoc group on Jobs, Growth and Investment - to Martin Schulz, President, European Parliament
- Reiteration of request - EP Participation - Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment, ahead of the Spring / Autumn European Council - to Martin Schulz, President, European Parliament
- Request for authorisation - joint hearing 'TTIP' - to Martin Schulz, President European Parliament
- Invitation to Ignacio Garcia Bercero, DG Trad., European Commission - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Invitation to Tom Jenkins, ETUC - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Invitation to Luisa Santos, Business Europe - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Invitation to Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Invitation to Ralph Kamphöner, SME Europe - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Invitation to Marva Corley-Coulibaly, ILO - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Opinion on EGF/2013/014 FR/Air France from France (COM(2014)701) – to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- Opinion on EGF/2013/006 PL/Fiat Auto Poland S.A. (COM(2014) 699 final) – to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- Opinion on EGF/2014/013 EL/Odyssefs Fokas from Greece (COM(2014) 702 final) - to Jean Arthuis, Chair of the Committee on Budgets
- Motion for resolution on deaths at the workplace in Italy (B8-0245/2014) - to Mara Bizzotto, Member, European Parliament
- Motion for resolution on the rise in youth unemployment in Italy (B8-0242/2014) - to Mara Bizzotto, Member, European Parliament

13. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

Decision: Thursday 8 January from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (venue to be confirmed)