



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 8 January 2015, 9.30 - 11.00
Room ASP 1G1 (in camera), Altiero Spinelli building, Brussels

RESULTS

8.1.2015

The meeting started at 09.35 hrs and closed at 10.30 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 Agnes Jongerius, replacing the S&D Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Apologies

EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
	Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

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

In line with the Coordinators' decision of 18 December, the 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, had been prepared and was circulated for signature.

1.3 Flags of convenience in aviation (RS)

The Chair informed the coordinators that in line with the Coordinators' decision of 18 December, a joint letter from the EMPL and TRAN Chairs to Commissioners Thyssen and Bulc was under preparation.

1.4 Minutes of Coordinators' meeting of 18 December 2014

Decision

The Coordinators

1. Deleted a sentence¹ from the draft minutes of 18 December 2014.

2. Agreed on the following approach, based on three principles:

- The EMPL Secretariat (acting under the authority of the rapporteurs) shall draw up clear timetables relating to each report and other complex file so as to prevent situations where voting lists arrive late at night.*
- As a general rule, feedback to the secretariat's voting list, such as requests for split votes and oral amendments, may be requested until 16:00 hrs (sharp) of the day before the vote.*
- The Chair remains the authority for settling possible disputes relating to voting lists (cf. Rule 174(2) and (3) as regards the order of voting; Rule 174(4) as regards the admissibility of compromises; applicable to committee votes by virtue of Rule 209)*

¹ That sentence read: "The Coordinators also decided that the final voting lists shall be sent out by the secretariat on the day before the vote at 15:00 hrs at the latest."

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

none

Opinions

2.1 Investment for jobs and growth: promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union (KS)

EMPL/8/02308
2014/2245(INI) COM(2014)0473

Responsible: REGI - Tamás Deutsch (PPE) **Opinions:** ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, CULT

Decision:

1. Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2. Request the application of Rule 54.

2.2 Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality (RS)

EMPL/8/02333
2014/2252(INI) COM(2013)566 and COM(2014)506

Responsible: JURI - Sajjad Karim (ECR) **Opinions:** EMPL, TRAN, REGI, PETI, PECCG, LIBE, ITRE, INTA, IMCO, FEMM, ENVI, ECON, DEVE, CULT, CONT, BUDG, AGRI, AFET, AFCE

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the ECR Group.*

2.3 The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2013-2014) (MM)

EMPL/8/02353
2014/2254(INI)

Responsible: LIBE –

Observations: LIBE Committee drafts regularly own-initiative reports on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union. The last resolution on this subject was adopted by Parliament on 27 February 2014 and the reporting period covered the year 2012. EMPL had drawn up an opinion to that LIBE report (rapp: Kósa, EPP) in 2013, while in the preceding years EMPL did not prepare any opinion.

The current LIBE report will cover the years 2013 and 2014. LIBE has appointed Ms Laura Ferrara as rapporteur.

Decision: *No opinion.*

Documents received for information

none

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

Decision

The Coordinators

- *appointed Mr Kósa to represent the Parliament in the EU Framework for promoting, protecting and monitoring the CRPD*
- *appointed Ms Blinkeviciute as a substitute representative should Mr Kósa be unable to attend EU Framework meetings.*

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

The papers for the meeting included the annexes with the CVs of the proposed experts.

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *bearing in mind that the joint EMPL – CULT hearing on "The reform of educational systems in Europe as a way to fight early school leaving, child poverty and youth unemployment" would take place on 26 February in the afternoon and that it had been agreed that each of the two committees should nominate two speakers for the hearing, according to their respective competencies*
- *decided to invite Mr Lars Thiers and Mr Christian Morabito as EMPL experts*
- *agreed that Dr Harald Weber should be invited as the third EMPL expert provided that the CULT committee would not raise any objections to this.*

5. Use of Parliament's Chamber by the "Confédération des Maisons de Jeunes et de la Culture de France" (CMJCF) (CO)

The papers for the meeting included:

- a letter of 12 September 2014 from the "Confédération des Maisons de Jeunes et de la Culture de France" (CMJCF) requesting to hold its national convention in October 2015 in the Chamber of the European Parliament
- a letter of 12 December 2014 from CULT Chair Ms Costa supporting the use of the Chamber by the CMJCF

Decision

The Coordinators

- *took note of the above letters*
- *agreed to support the use of the Strasbourg Chamber by the CMJCF on Saturday 24 October 2015*
- *instructed the Chair to write to the President so that the Bureau may take the final decision.*

6. Own-initiative reports – update of waiting list

Decision

The Coordinators

- *noted that on 23 October, they had decided that the remaining items on the waiting list for own-initiative reports shall be:*
 - 7. Workers representation on board level in Europe (GUE/NGL)*
 - 8. Reform of educational systems in Europe as a way to fight youth unemployment (EPP)*
 - 9. Social dumping in Europe (S&D)*
 - 10. How best to harness the potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), which are an important contributor to growth and employment in the EU? (ECR)*
- *noted that following the withdrawal of the request to draft a report on “The labour and social dimension of TTIP” they had agreed on 27 November that the Greens/EFA Group should be allowed to submit a proposal for an own-initiative report.*

- *held an exchange of views*
- *decided to place the proposal of the Greens/EFA Group on the waiting list*
- *agreed that the proposal from the Greens/EFA Group should be put on the same place in the ranking order (as "item 6.", i.e. before "item 7." above) as the previous Green/EFA proposal "The labour and social dimension of TTIP", which had been withdrawn owing to INTA's opposition, and agreed that this was by no means an 'automatic' decision.*

7. Implementation reports

The item was postponed owing to lack of time.

8. EMPL Committee studies and workshops for 2014-2015

The item was postponed owing to lack of time.

9. Composition of delegation to Denmark, 16-18 March 2015 (PR/AC)

At their meeting of 17 September 2014 the Coordinators decided to send a delegation to Denmark with as main themes tackling youth unemployment and addressing the skills mismatch.

Decision

The Coordinators endorsed that

- *the delegation shall be composed of the following Members:*

*EPP
Danuta Jazłowiecka (delegation chair)*

*S&D
Jan Keller
Brando Benifei*

*ALDE
Ulla Tørnæs (hors quota)
Martina Dlabajová*

*GUE/NGL
Rina Ronja Kari (hors quota)*

- *the working language of the delegation is to be English with interpretation DK-EN only.*

10. Use of translation reserve - request by the EMPL rapporteur for the Annual Growth Survey, Mr Gutiérrez Prieto (KS)

Action proposed:

The Coordinators

- *noted that*
 - *Mr Gutiérrez Prieto had requested 4 additional pages from the committee's reserve for his non-legislative report on the Annual Growth Survey*
 - *the entire committee had a reserve of 45 pages per year*
 - *the standard length for non-legislative reports was 4 pages (6,000 characters) for the draft resolution plus 7 pages (10,500 characters) for the explanatory memorandum*
- *held an exchange of views*
- *invited Mr Gutiérrez Prieto to shorten his draft further and to grant him up to 2 full additional pages.*

11. Motions for Resolutions - decisions on procedure (Rule 133) (MM)

11.1 B8-0276/2014 – Motion for a resolution on misuse of parking spaces for people with disabilities by Mara Bizzotto

The Motion for Resolution was included in the papers for the meeting.

LIBE Committee is the main committee regarding this motion for resolution. LIBE Coordinators decided not to follow-up this motion for resolution. This Coordinators' recommendation will be announced for approval before the LIBE Committee on 8 January 2015.

Decision:

1. No action needed.

2. Letter to author of motion for resolution.

11.2 B8-0235/2014 – Motion for a resolution on the establishment of a single European system for access to the teaching profession, continuous training and performance assessment by Aldo Patriciello

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

Decision:

1. Not to follow up considering that each EU country is responsible for its own education and training systems, so EU policy is designed to support national action and help address common challenges. Furthermore European Parliament resolution of 22 October 2013 on Rethinking Education (2013/2041(INI)) addressed the problems of education.

2. Letter to author of motion for resolution.

11.3 B8 0324/2014 – Motion for a resolution on a common regulatory framework for the road haulage sector by Lorenzo Fontana

The Motion for Resolution was included in the papers for the meeting.

The main committee in charge of this motion for resolution is TRAN. TRAN Coordinators will take a decision on the procedure to be followed in January.

Decision:

Wait for the decision of TRAN.

11.4 B8-0365/2014 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the establishment of a monitoring mechanism for the EU-USA free trade agreement (TTIP), to protect the fundamental rights of workers – by Mara Bizzotto

The Motion for Resolution was included in the papers for the meeting.

Decision:

1. Not to follow up this motion for a resolution considering that INTA will draw up a report containing Parliament's recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and EMPL will prepare an opinion on this subject.

2. Letter to author of motion for resolution.

11.5 B8-0370/2014 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Eurostat: 122.6 million EU citizens on the verge of poverty – by Mara Bizzotto

The Motion for Resolution was included in the papers for the meeting.

Decision:

1. Not to follow up this motion for a resolution as the European Parliament resolution of 25 November 2014 on employment and social aspects of the Europe 2020 strategy (2014/2779(RSP)) addressed this issue.

2. Letter to author of motion for resolution.

12. Petitions (MM)

12.1 Petition 1934/2013 by Markus Stutzenberger (Germany) on mobbing at the workplace in Germany and the adoption of legislation on this matter at European level

Decision:

The Coordinators instructed the Secretariat to prepare and circulate a draft reply, taking account of the comments made during the meeting and mandated the EMPL Chair to write back to PETI on that basis.

13. Points for information

13.1 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

13.2 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>

13.3 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)

13.4 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.

13.5 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 are included in the papers for information.

13.6 Letter from Commissioner Thyssen to Marita Ulvskog regarding meetings of expert groups involved in the preparation of delegated acts.

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

13.7 Timetables

Reports:

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

Draft sent to TO/translation	9 January 2015 (at the request of the rapporteur)
Consideration of draft	21/22 January 2015
Deadline for AMs (EN only)	28 January 2015 at 12h00
Consideration of AMs - TBC	Extraordinary EMPL meeting in week 6 or 7 - TBC
Vote in EMPL	26 February 2015
Plenary	March I 2015

International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995, of the International Maritime Organisation (Sofia RIBEIRO)

Draft report sent to TO/translation	4 February 2015
Consideration of draft	26 February 2015
Deadline for tabling AMs	5 March 2015 at 12h00
Vote in EMPL	24 March 2015
Plenary	April II 2015

Creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21st century (Martina DLABAJOVÁ)

Draft report to translation	23 March
Consideration of draft Report	16 April
Deadline AMs	4 May at 12h00
Consideration of AMs tabled	28 May
Adoption in EMPL	15 June
Vote plenary	TBD

Opinions:

Personal Protective Equipment (Laura AGEA)

Draft opinion sent to TO/translation	5 February 2015
Consideration of draft	26 February 2015
<i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i>	<i>3 March 2015 at 12h00</i>
Consideration of AMs	24 March 2015
Adoption in EMPL	1 March 2015
Plenary	Tbc

13.8 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 Ignatio 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
- Thank you to Ignatio Garcia Bercero, DG Trad., European Commission - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Thank you to Tom Jenkins, ETUC - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Thank you to Luisa Santos, Business Europe - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP

- Thank you to Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Thank you to Ralph Kamphöner, SME Europe - public hearing on the Employment and social aspects of TTIP
- Thank you 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
- Request for authorisation for INI EMPL implementation report on the European Progress Microfinance Facility – 2013 - to Jerzy Buzek, Chair, Conference of Committee Chairs
- Request to withhold the authorisation request for an own-initiative report by FEMM Committee on "Women domestic workers and carers in the EU" - to Jerzy Buzek, Chair, Conference of Committee Chairs
- Petition No. 1912/2013 on low salaries in Spain - to Antonio Valenciano Sal, specialist in Labour Law, Madrid, Spain

14. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

- Thursday, 5 February, from 9:30 to 11:00 (date outside committee meeting)