



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 22 January 2015, 15.00 - 15.15
Room 6Q2 (in camera), József Antall building, Brussels

RESULTS

22.1.2015

The meeting started at 15.03 hrs and closed at 15.31 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 Lynn Boylan, representing the Co-Coordiators
Greens/EFA	Ms Terry Reintke, representing the Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in all languages, except Maltese, Estonian and Croatian.

1.2 European Parliamentary Week (KS)

The Chair informed the Coordinators of the arrangement for the annual European Parliamentary Week (EPW), notably

- That the EPW would take place on 3 and 4 February 2015.

- That, as part of the event, the EMPL committee would hold an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on 3 February at 11h15 – 13h00, the draft agenda of which would be finalized and circulated in the coming days.
- That EMPL still had no official role in the "*Plenary session: The review of the EU2020 strategy and priorities for the 2015 European Semester Cycle*"
- That the EMPL Chair had written to President Schulz to request a formal role for the EMPL Chair in this session.

1.3 Amendments to CULT report on "Follow-up to the implementation of the Bologna Process" (European higher education area) (BM)

The Coordinators

- *noted that CULT would adopt its report on 24 March, i.e. just before the meeting of the "Bologna Follow-up Group" which shall be held in Athens in April*
- *noted that that timetable would not allow for an EMPL opinion to be adopted in good time*
- *agreed, on an exceptional basis, that EMPL Members would be invited to table amendments directly at the CULT committee. (CULT deadline for amendments is 27 February.)*

1.4 EMPL mission to Washington D.C. (MK, RS)

The Coordinators

- *bearing in mind that, on 17 September 2014, they had decided to send an EMPL delegation, composed of up to 9 Members, to Washington DC in the turquoise Week of 7 April, but that the 114th Congress (elected in November 2014) would not be in session during that week*
- *noted that following a change in the regulatory framework (Bureau decision of 15 December 2014), delegations to third countries may only be authorised as ad hoc delegations, composed of up to 7 Members, see Article 21 of the Rules on Delegations,¹*
- *agreed to modify the initially envisaged date (week of 7 April) since Congress would not be in session that week and that, therefore, subject to authorisation, the programme would start on 17 June p.m. and would last until Friday 19 June.*
- *noted that the draft programme would be further refined and adjusted in cooperation with the political groups.*

¹ http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.4/1.4.1/422560-v2014-12-03-net_en.pdf

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

2.1 Changes of Council decisions establishing the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee - Parliaments consultation reports adopted by the April II plenary at the latest (RS)

Responsible: EMPL

Decision

The Coordinators

- *noted that, regarding changes of Council Decision 2000/98/EC of 24 January 2000 establishing the Employment Committee and of Council Decision 2004/689/EC of 4 October 2004 establishing a Social Protection Committee, the Latvian Presidency had expressed the wish that the Parliament adopt its legislative resolutions by the April II plenary at the latest*
- *decided to appoint the 1st Vice-Chair (Acting Chair) as the rapporteur for both reports, for which Coordinators agreed to act as shadow rapporteurs.*
- *decided that, on the assumption of a fast official transmission of both draft Council decisions to the Parliament, the timetable for the reports shall be as follows:*

Appointing of the Vice-Chair (Acting Chair) and coordinators as rapporteur / shadow rapporteurs for both reports by coordinators	22 Jan 2015
Send texts of the EMPL draft reports to translation	6 Feb
Presentation of draft reports in Committee	26 Feb
Deadline AMs	3 March 12:00 h
Meeting of shadow rapporteurs in view of compromises	Week 12
Adoption EMPL	24 March
Plenary	April II

Opinions

2.2 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the **European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 (KS)**

2015/0009 (COD) COM(2015)10 final

Decision:

The Coordinators

- *decided that the rapporteur for opinion shall be appointed by the EPP Group;*
- *agreed on the following timetable*
 - *First exchange of views (possibly without document or just with EN only working document) 29 January a.m.*
 - *Consideration of draft opinion: 5 March*
 - *Deadline for amendments (EN only): 6 March, 12h00*
 - *Adoption of opinion: 24 March*
- *Noted the wish of the Greens/EFA Group that the legislative report and the non-legislative ECON Committee Own-Initiative Report entitled "Bridging the investment gap in the EU for sustainable growth and jobs" should advance simultaneously; and that the EMPL rapporteur for opinion, Monika Vana, would be prepared to work at the same pace as the one imposed by the fast-track timetable for the legislative report; further noted that the ECON own-initiative report had not been authorised yet.*

3. Additional EMPL meeting on Thursday 5 March a.m.

Decision

The Coordinators

- *noted that the agenda of the EMPL meeting of 26 February was completely full*
- *noted that the timetables for a number of opinions (where EMPL was not the master of the timetable) required timely discussion in early March*
- *authorised an additional EMPL meeting on Thursday 5 March a.m. (9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.)*

4. EMPL position on FEMM implementation report on Parental Leave Directive (ZP)

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter from the FEMM committee and
- the answer from the EMPL committee.

Decision

The Coordinators

- *Noted that the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality had requested authorisation for on implementation report entitled "Report on the application of Council Directive 2010/18/EU of 8 March 2010 implementing the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC"*
- *Bearing in mind that EMPL had opposed the request since European parental leave legislation had fallen under the remit of the EMPL committee since the proposal for the original Directive on parental leave in 1996.*
- *Decided to request authorisation for an EMPL implementation report about the application of the parental leave Directive to which the FEMM committee could prepare an opinion*

5. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

Thursday, 5 February, from 10:00 to 11:30